



## HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 at 1930 hrs.

### **Present**

J. Samuel, M. Buckley, H. Ibotson, S. Hewett, J. Bolitho  
M. Gregory, D. Brandreth, C. Dudley, P. Greensmith

### **Apologies**

A. Biggs, C. Symes, D. Blanning

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Mark Buckley and seconded by John Bolitho that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

### **Commodore**

Julian Samuel said that the Club timetable is now well in motion. A L'Aber Wrac'h meeting has taken place and prizes are being arranged. Plans for Falmouth Week are well on the way and an Extraordinary Meeting is taking place next week to deal with issues that have arisen. The Vice Commodore will attend this meeting as some important decisions may have to be made.

### **Vice Commodore**

Mark Buckley reported on the visit from St. Mawes Sailing Club on 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> May which had been very successful, and some boats stayed for breakfast on the Sunday morning. A house meeting is to be arranged with the stewards within the next 10 days. He said whereas there had been compliments there had been some complaints and these will be addressed. For the L'Aber Wrac'h party we have a new sparkling French wine to try. Arrangements for disposal of Club waste are now in hand and appear to be working.

### **Rear Commodore Sailing**

No report

### **Rear Commodore Amenities**

John Bolitho said that the roof and gutters had now been cleared of debris. The tables are to be sanded on Monday when the Club is closed and this was agreed. He had made arrangements for the pot holes in the Club driveway to be professionally repaired and this was agreed. The steps on the jetty and the fence will be done soon. The car park end of the balcony is to be attended to immediately and before the Club becomes too busy.

### **Honorary Treasurer**

Sue Hewett reported on the present balances on the Club current account at £23,378.97 and the Scottish Widows account at £41,135.48. The electricity supply has been rearranged with Scottish Power as a very competitive quote on a two year agreement had been received. The next stocktakes have been

arranged for 21st June 2014 and 9th August 2014.

### **Honorary Secretary**

Mark Gregory said that the stewards had requested that a small safe be purchased for their use. This was discussed and a recommendation is to be made at the next house meeting that a safe large enough to take the till drawer be installed as a more convenient alternative. It was agreed that with immediate effect Members with any unpaid finger berth fees at the end of May would forfeit their right to the finger berth offered, and in view of the long waiting list, the berth be immediately offered to the next name on the list. A request received from Manaccan School to park the school minibus on Club premises on Thursday afternoons during term time between 13.30 hrs and 15.00 hrs when the school sails with HRCST was unanimously agreed. The Secretary also drew attention to the fact that cans of engine fuel were now being stored in the boat shed. A communication received from a Member regarding the untidy way some Members and others using the pontoon were leaving the hosepipes on the end of the pontoon was discussed. As the hosepipes have now been shortened and as most boats taking water carry their own hoses, it was considered no further action is necessary.

### **Captain Yachts**

Clive Dudley reported that there are presently six 707 class boats on the water but there was no sign of the handicap fleet yet. Arrangements for the Albia Regatta are being discussed and details will go out this week.

### **Captain Dinghies**

No report.

### **Captain Moorings**

No report. The Commodore said that Dave Blanning had informed him that all is now in order.

### **Captain Juniors**

Dominic Brandreth said that the juniors' orienteering activity will take place this week. This is a popular activity and he was looking at other ways to try and stretch the juniors' syllabus. There will be a First Aid course on Sunday which Paul Greensmith has agreed to run.

### **Captain Social**

Heather Ibotson said that for the Albia Regatta a Beer Festival will also be arranged. John will present the prizes. The event is to be marketed soon. The bar opening hours are to be reconsidered at the next house meeting and thereafter new notices will be put up. Consideration is now being given to the winter programme.

### **Captain Safety Boats**

Paul Greensmith reported on several issues with the Zodiac and Falmouth Yacht Brokers will come soon and attend to these and also service the new engine on the Funyak.

### **Captain Amenities**

No report

### **POFSA**

Clive Dudley said that a Rules Course is to be run in July but places are limited to twelve so early application is advised.

**Membership**

The following had applied for membership:

- Mr. & Mrs. R. Buchanan MIJ
- Betty Buchanan MJF
- Edward Buchanan MJF
- Mr. S. Crafts MIS

It was proposed by John Bolitho and seconded by Clive Dudley that they be accepted for membership. All in favour.

**Any Other Business**

1. A question was raised regarding a better use of the facilities on the head of the arms on the pontoon to accommodate tidal variations. After discussion it was suggested that the west arm should continue to be used for yachts and the east arm should be available for dinghies. This was unanimously approved. The signs will require changing.
2. A query was raised regarding updating of the Club database. The Honorary Secretary said that he was not aware that any updating was required but agreed to look into this.
3. There are still some items of clothing and other items remaining in the office. It was agreed that these should be sold off. The polo shirts at £10 and the T shirts at £5, the remaining burgees at £10, the ties at £5 or a burgee and tie for £12.50. This will be advertised in the clubhouse.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the Commodore thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 20.30 hrs

Signature .....Commodore

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