

# HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 at 1930 hrs.

## **Present**

M. Buckley, M. Gregory, G. Ruscombe-King, V. Richardson, S. Hewett, C. Symes, J. Lake, J.C. Skewes, C. Hosken, A. Biggs

## **Apologies**

None received

## **Minutes of Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Sue Hewett and seconded by Chris Symes that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

## **Commodore**

Mark Buckley welcomed John Lake, Giles Ruscombe-King, Virginia Richardson and Chris Hosken to the Committee. He reported that we are still without a Captain Yachts and that this will be discussed later this week at the sailing and 707 meeting, a possible solution being a shared duty. The ceiling lights in the clubhouse are to be replaced with LEDs. Mark Buckley said the new stewards are doing well and becoming more involved and the emails sent out are appreciated by Members. Reporting on a recent meeting of the development committee he said that the following works are planned: new windows and cladding on the south side of the clubhouse, moving the office upstairs to the front of the building and the existing laundry to the office. There are to be double doors on the lobby and alterations to the bar area. A projected cost is £36,000 - £40,000 plus VAT and estimates are being prepared prior to tender. After discussion it was agreed that radio controlled yacht racing is to be progressed. The present situation with Dean Quarry development was also discussed and it was decided that the Club should not become involved. Finally the Commodore thanked those who had left the Committee – Heather Ibotson, Paul Greensmith and David Blanning - for their contributions to the running of the Club.

## **Vice Commodore**

Sue Hewett reported on progress with the provision of a ceiling mounted projector and screen for the training room. The cost is approximately £800 plus VAT with a 3 year guarantee. This was agreed. The existing projector is to be sold. The stocktake went well and the next will be on 20<sup>th</sup> March. There has been a meeting with the Club's wine supplier and a sale or return scheme is to be proceeded with. A wine tasting is to be organised. A defibrillator is to be provided in the Club. The provision of a door to the balcony steps at ground level is to be looked into with the Fire Officer, the object being to discourage children from playing in the car park. The position of the coffee machine in the entrance is to be raised so that children cannot have access to it. Sue said she was looking into new software systems for the office and after discussion it was agreed that some professional advice should be sought.

### **Rear Commodore Sailing**

Chris Symes said that a Captain Yachts is required. He had prepared a draft sailing programme and the Albia Regatta is scheduled for June 2015. An OOD list has not yet been drafted. The race marks are to be prepared and new chain and anchors or blocks will be required. There will be a working party arranged soon. The bay marks still have to be looked at. The Q20 will be prepared and the engine serviced by Robin Curnow. He said that he wanted to improve its anchoring arrangements for the coming season. Emails are to be sent out for weekend working parties when the weather improves.

### **Rear Commodore Amenities**

No report.

### **Honorary Treasurer**

John Lake said he was pleased to join the Committee and was in the process of the handover from Sue Hewett. The balance on the current account is £20,314.23 and Scottish Widows account is £91,220.79. Finances appeared to be in a healthy state looking into matters generally. He said he was also considering the aspects of the development plan.

### **Honorary Secretary**

Mark Gregory reported on the negotiations for the foreshore lease renewal having met with the Trustees and corresponded with the landlord's agents and the Club's solicitors. There is presently a large disparity in rent being sought and rent offered of about £4,000. Most of the other proposed terms were acceptable. Yearbook contributions are still awaited despite reminders from the office and because of this and the designer's holiday it will be late this year. Figures for additional moorings to be purchased are awaited from Simon Walker, and depending upon survey, the Club has secured first refusal. A letter had been received regarding the dinghy pen lease which is due for renewal. After discussion it was agreed that this should be proceeded with subject to the rent being sought. During the absence of a social secretary two opportunities have arisen for presentations from Nare Point Coastwatch and Sailaday OK and it was agreed that these should be followed up for the middle of March and middle of April, if possible for a Friday evening. Committee standing orders were re-issued.

### **Captain Yachts**

Position vacant

### **Captain Dinghies**

Andy Biggs said that preparations for the 2015 season are in hand and he will have more information for the next meeting.

### **Captain Moorings**

Giles Ruscombe-King said that he had not yet done the handover from Dave Blanning. An inspection of the pontoon is to take place. He will have discussions with Chris Symes regarding the provision of chain, anchors and weights for the marks. The Honorary Secretary will continue to pursue the purchase of the five new moorings.

### **Captain Juniors**

No report

### **Captain Social**

Virginia Richardson said that quiz nights had been arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> February and 28<sup>th</sup> March. She had ideas for a boat treasure hunt probably in August and she will liaise with the Honorary Secretary regarding the talks to be arranged. She is looking at bands for music events. A wine tasting evening is already being arranged to include a competition element. There was discussion regarding the budget to be fixed and the possibility of reintroducing the dinner dance.

### **Captain Safety Boats**

Chris Hosken said there will be a follow up inspection of the boats and that he was arranging a professional service of the Zodiac controls which required adjustment, and an appraisal made regarding its replacement. The Funyak is an excellent boat for its purpose. The replacement of fuel cans was agreed.

### **Captain Amenities**

J C Skewes said that tree pruning is in progress. The triangle sign is to be replaced.

### **POFSA**

No report.

### **Membership**

The following had applied for membership:

Mr. & Mrs. C. Olsen MIJ

It was proposed by Sue Hewett and seconded by J C Skewes that they be accepted for membership. All in favour.

### **Any Other Business**

1. Those attending the meeting were invited into the kitchen where the steward explained that some items of equipment were in need of replacement. It was agreed that trays, pans and the fryer should be replaced before the season starts and the serving counter be moved. Further investigation is required into replacement of the oven and Chris is to look into the possible purchase of some second hand items. The proposed expenditure was approved.
2. The New Members Evening will be arranged for after Easter.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the Commodore thanked all those attending and for their patience during a long meeting which closed at 22.17 hrs.

Signature .....Commodore

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