



HEL福德 RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 2nd March 2015 at 1930 hrs.

Present

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

Apologies

C. Symes, A. Biggs, J. Bolitho, J.C. Skewes

Minutes of Last Meeting

It was proposed by Virginia Richardson and seconded by John Lake that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

Mark Buckley said that he had written to the Commodore of Culdrose inviting him to the Club. The budget meeting had been postponed. In view of the closeness of the season further work on the Development Plan has also had to be postponed until after the summer. Pontoon repairs are being looked into. Because of the continuing vacancy for Captain Yachts, Chris Broad, Beccy Kestin and Phil Badger had agreed to cover the 707s in the interim. The Commodore then invited discussion on the up-to-date position with the office computers. A particular package tailored to the work of sailing clubs was available and had been tried and tested successfully elsewhere. It was proposed by Sue Hewett and seconded by John Lake that 'the computer function of the Club's business be outsourced at an initial cost of £1,000 for installation and £500 p.a. for backup with Medusa'. All agreed. Mark Buckley said he would be attending two POFSA meetings this coming weekend. The family friendly email received from a Member was then discussed. In summary it was agreed that a children's corner would be provided using a corner of one of the new rooms. Board and card games, colouring books and pencils and some toys will be provided. Children's meal portions will be available for purchase from the children's menu but parents who wished their children to use children's cutlery would be required to bring their own. There are to be no free meals for children. It was pointed out that it is the responsibility of parents or other adults who bring children into the Club premises to look after them and be responsible for them at all times. The position regarding a balcony gate rests with the Fire Officer as this access/exit cannot be obstructed as it constitutes a fire exit.

Vice Commodore

Sue Hewett reported on a successful meeting recently with the Club's insurance brokers attended also by the Honorary Treasurer. The more salient features are that the policy will cover seven instructors at one time and ten Members as volunteers. All the moorings are included. Public Liability is at £5,000,000 and Principal Officers' indemnity continues. The many other aspects of this important matter are available on request. In conclusion she said that a sailing supper had been arranged for 8th April.

Rear Commodore Sailing

In the absence of Chris Symes the Commodore reported that the marks are ready for evening racing and the Q20 is ready and will be in the water during the last week of April.

Rear Commodore Amenities

In the absence of John Bolitho Sue Hewett reported that the jetty steps will be repaired soon. The necessary work for the cubicle extensions in the shower rooms is in hand. The oil tank is to be raised on a plinth. The Honorary Secretary agreed to send a reminder to John Bolitho regarding outstanding items on the snagging list.

Honorary Treasurer

John Lake gave the balances on the accounts as current account £33,559.43 and Scottish Widows account as £91,241.25. He said he wished to ring fence an amount of £50,000 for expenditure this year and this will be considered further at the budget meeting. Insurances are a significant expenditure.

Honorary Secretary

Mark Gregory reminded members that contributions for the spring newsletter are still awaited and said that if not received within a few days the newsletter, like the yearbook, will be late this year. An email from Roy Buckley was considered and in the special circumstances it was agreed that although he had not suspended his membership as required by the rules, he should be allowed to re-join the Club without paying another joining fee. The Secretary is to write appropriately to him. The Honorary Secretary reported on the up-to-date position in his negotiations with Cornwall Council regarding the dinghy pen lease renewal. After discussion it was agreed that as the Council has agreed to hold the slightly increased rent for a period of 6 years, all other terms remaining the same, this may now proceed. Further drying moorings in the river had become available. It was unanimously agreed that the 6 available in front of the clubhouse be acquired and Mark Gregory was asked to deal with the licences. For the record those available in Penarvon Cove were considered unsuitable for Club purposes. He read a letter from Heather Ibotson requesting permission to hold a birthday party with entertainment in the clubhouse on Saturday 13th June. It was agreed that provided the Club remained open for Members as usual this be granted. Reporting on membership numbers he said that the office was still chasing 25 defaulting subscriptions and current membership is down at 1012. The Post Office outreach facility is looking for a new location in the area because of the untimely closure of Down by the Riverside café. As it only requires about 3 hours per week and at no cost to the Club, then for the benefit of the village and local residents and Members, the Committee agreed that the Club could be offered. The Secretary was asked to proceed with this subject to the insurers accepting it under the Club's public liability insurance.

Captain Yachts

Position vacant

Captain Dinghies

No report

Captain Moorings

Giles Ruscombe-King said that requests for chain are being dealt with. Acquisition of a fire box for fuel storage is in hand. The pontoon and bridge will be pressure washed for the

season. The bridge is to be inspected and any worn slats replaced. The bearing plate for the roller will be examined and replaced if necessary.

Captain Juniors

No report

Captain Social

Virginia Richardson said that the quiz night last Saturday had gone well and the food was good and the next one will be on 28th March. The Coastwatch talk is arranged for 13th March. There will be a wine tasting on 21st March. Arrangements for the Easter Bunny visit are in hand for 5th April subject to suitable tides. A sailing supper is arranged for 8th April. On Friday 17th April there will a talk by Tom Smith on the subject of fireworks. The Secretary is to arrange a talk by Sailaday and the Vice Commodore a talk by Air Ambulance for the autumn calendar. The New Members evening will be on 9th May and the L'Aber Wrac'h Champagne Recovery party will be on 25th June, both events timed at 7.00pm. The Susanna May event will be on 8th August and the Club's Falmouth Week day on 9th August. Finally a Boat Treasure Hunt will be arranged for 16th August.

Captain Safety Boats

Chris Hosken reported on preparations underway on the boats and said that he intended to improve arrangements for security of boat keys and fuel. A radar reflector is to be purchased.

Captain Amenities

No report

POFSA

See report of Commodore above.

Membership

The following had applied for membership:

Mr. M. Harper MIS

Mr. P. Watson (Mrs. A. Watson already a Member)

It was proposed by Chris Hosken and seconded by John Lake that they be accepted for membership. All in favour.

Any Other Business

1. Chris Hosken sought the Committee's approval to his undertaking a power boat instructors course at Level 3. This was agreed.
2. Sue Hewett said that she had had a re-think about the Club loyalty card scheme and had addressed issues arising with the new till. As a result the scheme is to be withdrawn. It was agreed that she write to all card holders. It is to be terminated on 31st March 2015 and there is to be no refund to card holders.

Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 9th April 2015 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the Commodore closed the meeting at 21.55 hrs.

SignatureCommodore

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