

HEL福德 RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 7th December 2015 at 1930 hrs.

Present

M. Buckley, M. Gregory, S. Hewett, C. Symes, C. Hosken, J.C. Skewes, A. Biggs
and P. Scannell (co-opted)

Apologies

G. Ruscombe-King, J. Lake, N. Gough

Minutes of Last Meeting

It was proposed by Chris Symes and seconded by Sue Hewett that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

Commodore

Mark Buckley said that the Club would benefit from the services of a temporary chef pending an appointment of new stewards and he had spoken with Dan King. Gavin Hatton has also applied for temporary work. Chloe Marsland is also interested, and after discussion it was agreed that she should be approached on a more formal basis. The Commodore was pleased to report that the RYA situation had now been resolved and the Club remains as a training centre. The electricity supply to the Club premises had been further considered at a recent meeting with the result that the first stage will be to monitor the power required and the matter will be reviewed in January.

Vice Commodore

Sue Hewett said that an advert for the Stewards' vacancy had been placed in the Publicans Morning Advertiser and responses were coming in. Copies of the advert were available for members' perusal. Kevin will be working behind the bar in the interim on a temporary basis and a system of stock control was in place. An inventory had been taken when the stewards left and the final stocktake was satisfactory.

Rear Commodore Sailing

Chris Symes said that the bringing in of the remaining marks will be looked into with replacement costs for those missing. The Q20 will come in soon when it can be prepared for sale. He already had some dates for next season: 23rd July 2016 is proposed for the COGS Race, Falmouth to Fowey Race will be on 16th April 2016 and Fowey to Helford Race will be on 17th April 2016. He said our duty is to finish the race at Helford and offer liberty boats. The Penzance Race will be on 23rd July 2016 and our duty is to start the race early because of the length of the race. The L'Aber Wrac'h Race will be on 24th June 2016.

Rear Commodore Amenities

No report

Honorary Treasurer

John Lake had sent a report to the meeting which was read out by the Honorary Secretary. The current balances are £33,430.18 for the current account and £28,468.78 with Scottish Widows. The rather high current account figure arises because of money transferred to pay for the new Committee Boat and a payment due of £4,000 for the jetty steps. The RS Visions have also to be paid for. He requested estimates for replacing any missing buoys in case this is an insurance claim (see report of Rear Commodore Sailing above).

Honorary Secretary

Mark Gregory read out an email received from a Member who had resigned which expressed concern at the loss of the children's room. This prompted discussion and it was agreed that facilities for children in the clubhouse should be reinstated at an early date. He confirmed that the stewards had left, the keys returned and that with the Commodore, the flat had been inspected and all was in order. The deposit is being returned. He drew attention to the need to investigate and repair, as a matter of urgency, areas of damp entering the lounge area of the premises. The present position on negotiations for the new lease was outlined and members' questions answered. The Club surveyor had reached agreement with the surveyor for the Landlords on an annual rent of £6,000 per annum exclusive of VAT for a 20 year lease to commence on 25th March 2015 with a 5 year mutual break clause. The matter was discussed and other terms considered. It was proposed by Sue Hewett and seconded by J.C. Skewes that the Club's solicitors be instructed to proceed with negotiations for the new lease on the agreed terms. Mark Gregory said that personally he was concerned about the Club's finances and annual expense estimates. The £50,000 ring fenced sum for the completion of the Development Plan did not appear to be ring fenced in view of money now in the current account, and he asked where is the £10,000 special deposit for pontoon replacement. We owe rent for the foreshore lease although no demand for the new rent has been received yet and the new rent will be due in advance in March 2016. Adding to this concern is a fall in membership with 33 cancellations to the date of the meeting, giving rise to a loss of income of £2,956. Finally he invited any further observations on the proposed Rule revision as set out in the newsletter just published. There were none.

Captain Yachts

Pat Scannell said that the recent prize giving evening combined with the dinghy prize giving had been successful, and was well attended.

Captain Dinghies

Andy Biggs agreed with Pat Scannell regarding the prize giving. The Vision dinghies will be on Club premises as soon as conditions allow because they are coming by water. The Commodore thanked all those involved with the sailing activities of the Club for what had been done in 2015.

Captain Moorings

In the absence of the Moorings Officer Sue Hewett said he had spoken with her and he is preparing some ties for the buffs on the pontoon fenders and the necessary repairs to the pontoon are in hand.

Captain Juniors

No report

Captain Social

Sue Hewett said that she had made arrangements for Christmas carols this coming Saturday with some dancing afterwards. The decorating of the clubhouse for Christmas was in hand, and the Christmas trees had arrived. Rooms at the Tregenna Castle for the Dinner Dance would be priced at £60 per couple.

Captain Safety Boats

Chris Hosken said that all is in hand.

Captain Amenities

The Commodore thanked all those who had attended the recent working party and had cleared up the Club premises. J.C. Skewes said that the adjustments to the interior doors in the clubhouse would be done soon.

POFSA

The AGM minutes had been circulated.

Membership

No applications.

Any Other Business

No matters arising.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4th January 2016 at 19.30 hrs.

There being no other business the Commodore closed the meeting at 20.58 hrs.

SignatureCommodore

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