



HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 4th January 2016 at 1930 hrs.

Present

M. Buckley, M. Gregory, S. Hewett, C. Symes, C. Hosken, J.C. Skewes,
P. Scannell (co-opted), G. Ruscombe-King, D. Brandreth, J. Lake, J. Bolitho

Apologies

N. Gough, A. Biggs

Minutes of Last Meeting

It was proposed by Pat Scannell and seconded by Chris Hosken that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 7th December 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour. There were two matters arising. First the Honorary Treasurer said that the ring fenced items referred to and particularly the separate account for the pontoon replacement will be set up in January 2016 when the subscriptions are paid, and secondly Chris Symes said it would be his recommendation that the COGS race be started early.

Commodore

Mark Buckley began by thanking all those leaving the Committee at the forthcoming AGM for all the work they had put in. Provisional dates for race events this year would be given by Rear Commodore Sailing in his report. The water leak in the flat will be attended to by J.C. Skewes.

Vice Commodore

Sue Hewett reported on the up to date position with potential new stewards by saying that interviews from a short list of candidates were now in progress. Job descriptions had been sent to six couples and to date three had responded. The terms are negotiable. In the interim Sunday lunches are being prepared by Chloe Marsland starting this Sunday 10th January and must be pre-booked. Kevin is doing a good job with the bar.

Rear Commodore Sailing

Chris Symes said he had prepared a draft calendar for yacht racing and this can be given to POFSA. These had been planned on the basis of a start with handicap to accommodate a start with a diminished fleet. Arrangements are still in hand to bring in the remaining marks. COGS races had been planned and contact to set up L'Aber Wrac'h should be done soon. The Albia Regatta had been taken out of the provisional calendar.

Rear Commodore Amenities

John Bolitho said he had nothing to report but later said he would help Giles with the urgent repairs required to the pontoon bridge.

Honorary Treasurer

John Lake produced copies of the draft accounts for members' consideration. The Visions and the new Committee boat had not yet been paid for. He said the last financial year had worked out well for the Club but the monthly cost of running it was now about £8,000. The account balances at the date of the meeting are Current Account £108,824 and Scottish Widows £28,456.78. After discussion the accounts were approved. All in favour.

Honorary Secretary

Mark Gregory said that nomination forms for the AGM were now on the board. No additional items of business had been notified under the rules. The new foreshore lease was now being prepared by the landlords' solicitors and two preliminary issues were explained relating to security of tenure and indemnity provision which will have to be looked at more closely when the draft arrives. There was still no response from Cornwall Council over the dinghy pen agreement. Repayment of the deposit to the outgoing stewards had now been authorised.

Captain Yachts

Pat Scannell said that he had not received any information from Nick Gough. The 707 fleet is likely to be depleted further for the coming season. A wash up meeting will be arranged very soon and Officer of the Day rota is to be prepared.

Captain Dinghies

No report.

Captain Moorings

Giles Ruscombe-King reported that the pile supporting the pontoon bridge had given way. For safety reasons access to the pontoon had been closed off and a warning sign was in place. He said he was considering a temporary repair and there will be further discussions regarding a re-alignment of the bridge and the structural costs involved. The new Committee boat should be available for collection in the next few weeks.

Captain Juniors

Dominic Brandreth said his successor is yet to confirm his willingness to stand for election. Some training money is left from the end of last season.

Captain Social

Position vacant. Sue Hewett said that so far 25 people had indicated a willingness to attend the Dinner Dance. 50 couples is the break even number and as the event had been very successful in the past it is to be promoted. The talk on 19th February on the sail training ship 'Hardiesse' is arranged and further social ideas will be discussed with a new Social Secretary after the AGM.

Captain Safety Boats

Chris Hosken said that the Funyak is still in the water as he is waiting for better weather to collect the Visions from the other side of the river. He was thanked for getting the Q20 out of the water, although the trailer is now unserviceable. The boat can now be cleaned and prepared for sale.

Captain Amenities

J.C. Skewes said that the lopping of some of the saplings will be done soon. He will look at and attend to the water damage in the flat.

POFSA

No report.

Membership

The following had applied for membership:

- Mr. J. & Mrs. A. White MIJ
- Jack White MJF
- Mr. W. Gilchrist MIS
- Mrs. G. Gilchrist MIS

It was proposed by Sue Hewett and seconded by Dominic Brandreth that they be accepted for membership. All in favour.

Any Other Business

1. The children’s room is to be reinstated soon.
2. The notice rack for the junior sailing needs to be replaced.
3. An outside shower on the slipway could be added to help keep the clubhouse showers cleaner.
4. Consideration for a rule change should be addressed in the New Year for the Club to employ a professional sailing instructor. This could be part of an overall development for a new class of Trial Membership to widen the Club’s appeal. Consideration could also be given to removing the geographical restriction on temporary membership.
5. The whereabouts of the fresh water shut off tap for the pontoon needs to be established.
6. A replacement for the Honorary Secretary needs to be found before the AGM as the present Secretary will have completed seven years and does not wish to stand for re-election.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 1st February 2016 at 19.30 hrs.

There being no other business the Commodore closed the meeting at 20.54 hrs.

SignatureCommodore

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