



HEL福德 RIVER SAILING CLUB

Minutes of a General Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on
Monday 6th July 2015 at 1930 hrs.

AND

Election of new Members on 3rd August 2015 at Falmouth Week General Committee
Meeting.

Present

M. Buckley, M. Gregory, S. Hewett, C. Symes, V. Richardson, G. Ruscombe-King, A. Biggs,
J. Lake, D. Brandreth, C. Hosken, J. Bolitho, J.C. Skewes and N. Gough (co-opted)

Apologies

P. Scannell

Minutes of Last Meeting

It was proposed by Giles Ruscombe-King and seconded by John Bolitho that the minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 1st June be adopted as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

As a matter arising Sue Hewett said that none of the persons on the list of people qualified to teach Yacht Masters is available and further enquiries are being made.

Commodore

Mark Buckley reported that the L'Aber Wrac'h Evening was attended by about 150 people and had been very successful. The race went well and he thanked Nick Gough for starting the race. Repairs to the pontoon finger are now underway. The Q20 could not be used at present. Further investigations have been undertaken and some new parts fitted with no real improvement. This prompted discussion because the boat needs to be used for the coming weekend, and it was agreed that the Club should proceed immediately to have further repairs undertaken. Safety boat replacement was also discussed again and it was agreed that any Club expenditure be used to replace the Committee boat as a priority. The Commodore said he was concerned that the shower rooms are still being left untidy particularly after junior sailing on Friday nights.

Vice Commodore

Sue Hewett reported on discussions with the South West Ambulance Service regarding the provision of a defibrillator in the Club. It was agreed that a unit be leased on a four year agreement for £1800 to include training. Summer opening hours were discussed with a suggestion that the Stewards should receive an increased bar percentage at say 2.5% in addition to the contractual arrangements to compensate for staff costs for the extended period. This was agreed. Work on the shower cubicle extensions is in hand. A request had been

received from the organisers of Helford Village Regatta for the loan of a Club boat, and after discussion this was agreed subject to the provision of adequate regatta insurance as this would not be a Club event.

Rear Commodore Sailing

Chris Symes said he had now received instructions for the COGS race and he required two starters and for the finish. He reported that one chain on the pontoon pillar was broken and required urgent attention. A request for additional PY racing had been received and is being looked into.

Rear Commodore Amenities

John Bolitho reported that work on the jetty steps would start next week. The continuing use of the honesty box on the pontoon was considered by members attending. Although it continued to provide some income for the Club there are arguments that its continuing use is inappropriate. It was proposed by John Bolitho and seconded by Chris Symes that 'the box be removed from the pontoon with immediate effect'. The Commodore put the proposal to the vote with the following result – 7 in favour of the proposal, 1 against and 5 abstentions. Finally he confirmed that the work on the slipway wall will be undertaken in the autumn at the end of the season.

Honorary Treasurer

John Lake gave the account balances as follows: current account £28,284.98 and Scottish Widows £86,337.85. He said that financial priorities will be given to boat replacement and pontoon repairs and we must treat sailing as a priority.

Honorary Secretary

Mark Gregory reported on a meeting he and the Commodore had had with Tony Harris on 11th June last regarding the foreshore lease, and said that in his view negotiations with Cornwall Council regarding the dinghy pen were becoming unnecessarily protracted. He said that it would be very helpful if any member could enquire informally of Gallants and Royal Fowey Yacht Club as to their arrangements with regard to pontoon rents. Finally he said that five Members had defaulted on subscription payments and their names had been deleted from the membership list, proper notification and procedures having been followed.

Captain Yachts

Nick Gough said that in addition to matters referred to by the Commodore in his report, a date for the Albia Regatta needed to be fixed. After consideration of other events it was agreed that this should be on Sunday 6th September at HRSC.

Captain Dinghies

Andy Biggs reminded members that the Club Dinghy Regatta would be an all day event on Saturday this week. He said that safety boat drivers are urgently required. He sought

approval to use Club merchandise for some prizes. This was agreed. Help with boats is needed if the Q20 is not available. All other arrangements are in hand.

Captain Moorings

Giles Ruscombe-King said that the finger berth had now been cut off and he hoped repairs will be completed in the next two weeks. He asked that all using the pontoon be reminded to put buckets on propellers to avoid damaging other boats. As there still remain a number of unmarked dinghies on the pontoon, those not complying with the warnings given will be removed to the dinghy pen. Further maximising the use of the pontoon berths was discussed. Finally he said that the bridge timbers are to be replaced.

Captain Juniors

Dom Brandreth reported on the recent RYA inspection that had taken place. The Club had passed with several recommendations regarding kill cords, grab bags and use of Members' boats to complement Club boats. He said that up-to-date risk assessments are to be prepared and this was discussed. RYA administration work will be dealt with in the Club office and this will be explained to Penny. A radio is to be fitted to the Funyak. Finally Junior Helm day is to be arranged.

Captain Social

Virginia Richardson reported that the Club has insufficient glasses as some in addition had to be borrowed for the L'Aber Wrac'h Party. It was agreed that the music provided was inadequate. She expressed her thanks to the Hewett family who had helped. Dinner Dance deposits are now due for the hotel and the band. Treasure Hunt planning for the 16th August is underway. The event will be for small outboard type boats and will cover the river. A date is to be agreed for the talk by Mr. Richard Hall in the autumn.

Captain Safety Boats

Chris Hosken reported that the boats were working well at present. Grab bag purchases have been made and the radar reflector fitted.

Captain Amenities

J. C. Skewes provided an estimate for the manufacture of dinghy racks and safety rails in galvanised steel on the wall with capacity for 10 racks. The cost of £2,799 plus VAT was approved. An estimate for work in the showers is being obtained. The coffee machine bracket has been delivered and will be fitted shortly.

POFSA

The Commodore reported on the meeting last week and everything is now in hand for Falmouth Week.

Membership

The following had applied for membership:
Elected on 6th July 2015

Captain Paul Wright MIS

Mr. Martyn Warner MIS
Mr. Cyprian Heckstall & Ms Justine Chinn MIJ
Colly Heckstall MJF
Isabella Heckstall MJF
Mr. Matthew Palmer & Dr. Nicola Butler MIJ
James Palmer MJF
Harriet Palmer MJF

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

Elected on 3rd August 2015

Rowan Skingley MJF
Mr. & Mrs. Stirling MIJ
Miss H. Moore MIS

It was proposed by Sue Hewett and seconded by Giles Ruscombe-King that they be accepted for membership. All in favour.

Any Other Business

1. Chris Symes asked the Honorary Secretary to minute a special note of thanks to Carol Lawrence, John Jane and Rob Hewett for their help with the arrangements for L' Aber Wrac'h.
2. The next meeting in August will be limited to Falmouth Week arrangements and election of new Members only.

Date of Next Meeting(s)

- a) Monday 3rd August 2015 at 19.30 hrs as referred to above AOB 2.
- b) Full meeting Monday 7th September 2015 at 19.30 hrs

There being no other business the Commodore closed the meeting at 21.33 hrs.

SignatureCommodore