

HELFDOR RIVER SAILING CLUB

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

Present

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

Apologies

None received

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last Committee meeting held on Monday 5th October 2015 had been circulated before the meeting. It was proposed by Giles Ruscombe-King and seconded by Sue Hewett that the same be adopted as a true and accurate record. Brief discussion followed. The same were approved on a show of hands with one abstention.

Commodore

Mark Buckley reported on a meeting with some members of the Development Committee. Consideration had been given to the inadequacy of the present power supply for the new showers and wash room. A three phase supply is considered necessary for the Club premises as a whole and cost estimates in the region of £28,000 had been received. This figure includes necessary improvements to the shower rooms and re-tarmacing of the car park. In discussion it was suggested that to save some expense the car park could be repaired and the Club undertake the ground works. It was proposed by Chris Symes that the installation of a three phase supply be proceeded with and the car park be repaired, and that the Club be responsible for the groundworks. Seconded by Sue Hewett. All in favour. In answer to questions the Commodore said that quotes for further development work are still awaited. The race marks are still to come in and one is missing. Mark Buckley said that a Member had raised with him the formation of two Committees to run the Club with one specifically to run the business side. After discussion the meeting concluded that the present structure, which has been in place for many years, is adequate. The Commodore also said that the Club had been temporarily suspended as a training centre by the RYA, and he was giving this urgent consideration.

Vice Commodore

Sue Hewett reported on the up-to-date position regarding replacement Stewards. Those who had shown interest are no longer interested and this again raised the question of the format. Very lengthy discussion followed and whereas it must be accepted that some changes and flexibility in the arrangements may need to be incorporated, it was agreed that, as outlined at the previous meeting, the present formula is the best for the Club and should be followed. No replacement for Social Secretary had yet been found and cover to work behind the bar when the Stewards leave is being addressed.

Rear Commodore Sailing

Chris Symes said one Bay mark is in, Shag has disappeared, and arrangements are being made to bring the others in. River marks will come in when the dinghy park is clear. He proposed that this year there be a combined prizegiving on 4th December. All agreed.

Rear Commodore Amenities

John Bolitho said that work on the jetty steps will be finished soon.

Honorary Treasurer

John Lake gave the current account balance at £17,501.77 and the Scottish Widows at £66,406.11 at the date of the meeting. Some expenditure is coming up with a large bill from the brewery. The new computer database had been paid for and he was presently busy transferring records to Sailing Club Manager. Although this is slow progress he felt confident that this is a good tool for social media. The Commodore thanked him for what he has done.

Honorary Secretary

Mark Gregory asked the Committee to fix the date for the AGM because of the timetable set out in the Rules. He said he had received no notice under Rule 47 for amendment to the Rules. He reminded new members of the Committee that the year end accounts and report had to be approved by the Committee not less than 21 days before the AGM. The Vice Commodore invited the Commodore to exercise discretion to permit the addition of an item to the Notice of AGM to include a Notice of Motion for amendment of the Rules to include provision for electronic communication with Members to be valid under the Rules. She said this would include newsletters, notices of Annual General Meeting or any General Meeting and other items at the discretion of the Committee. This was discussed and the Commodore accepted the Vice Commodore's late request. The following proposal was put to the meeting 'at the discretion of the Committee all communications from HRSC shall be made electronically including notification of AGM or other General Meeting provided that individual Members signify agreement thereto to the Club'. Proposed by Sue Hewett and seconded by Andy Biggs. All in favour. The Honorary Secretary said this would now form an additional agenda item for the AGM for approval of a new Rule. The Honorary Treasurer said he will present the accounts to the AGM in place of the Club accountant. The Commodore fixed the date of the AGM for Friday 22nd January 2016 at 7.30pm. Mark Gregory reported on a meeting he had attended with the Commodore and Tony Harris on 19th October when the new lease for the foreshore was discussed. The landlord's Trustees had since postponed their October meeting when new proposals were to be discussed. There is no news from Cornwall Council Legal Department on the dinghy pen renewal. On office matters Penny was still urgently awaiting contributions for the newsletter which will be sent out shortly, and she required details of trophy winners for the 2015 sailing season. Finally the cost of temporary membership had still to be resolved. This provided protracted discussion revolving around Club membership generally both as to its extent, type, cost and terms relating thereto, and the eventual further Rule changes involved. More time was needed for discussion with no decision being reached at the meeting.

Captain Yachts

Pat Scannell said that in summary there had been a disappointing end to the 2015 season.

Captain Dinghies

Andy Biggs reported on a good end to the year and a very successful season. The purchase of the two RS Visions from HRCST was again raised following discussion at the September meeting and it was unanimously agreed that this be proceeded with. The boats are to be stored in the dinghy pen.

Captain Moorings

Giles Ruscombe-King said that he had visited Seahorse Marine and inspected the proposed new Committee boat. He explained its attributes and produced photographs for members' inspection. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that the price of £12,000 including VAT should be accepted to include the trailer and engine and that the purchase should proceed.

Captain Juniors

No report

Captain Social

Sue Hewett said that notice of the Dinner Dance had been sent out. A Quiz Night had been arranged for 5th December. Christmas carols will be on 12th December and 'Loose Change' has been booked. Other ideas are for a talk from the sail training ship 'Hardiesse' and she hoped John Lake may be persuaded to tell us about his experiences in the AZAB Race.

Captain Safety Boats

Chris Hosken said that the boats will be out this week.

Captain Amenities

JC said he was still awaiting the quote for waterproofing the balcony floor.

POFSA

The Commodore said he would attend the AGM on 7th November next.

Membership

The following had applied for membership:

Mr. L. Moore MIS

It was proposed by Giles Ruscombe-King and seconded by John Bolitho that he be accepted for membership. All in favour.

Any Other Business

1. Chris Hosken said that local planning applications are now to be dealt with electronically and asked for the Club's agreement to use its facilities for this purpose when necessary. This was agreed.
2. The Commodore thanked Giles Ruscombe-King for going to Hull and for his help in securing a new Committee boat.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th December 2015 at 19.30 hrs.

There being no other business the Commodore closed the meeting at 22.07 hrs.

SignatureCommodore

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