



Minutes for General Committee Meeting, 5th September 2019, 19.30 at the Clubhouse

Present: Nigel Cook, Bernie Hetherington, Dudley Lean, Carol Newman, Marilyn Standley, Martin Standley, Daniel Stoker, Eric Strudwick (from 9pm), Chris Wood

1. **Apologies for absence.** Bill Kippen, Jon Scales, Mick and Marie Scales, Nick and Julie Ann White
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** The minutes of the last meeting were not yet available so will be considered at the next meeting.
3. **Matters arising not included elsewhere in the agenda.** There were no other matters arising.
4. **Correspondence not included elsewhere in the agenda.** The VC commented on an increasing number of emails regarding boat hiring and requests to learn to sail. Daniel Stoker noted that WSC have agreed to host the inaugural meeting of the Harkers Yard rowing group on 27th September.
5. **Treasures Report and Finance**
 - 5.1 In the absence of the Treasurer, the Commodore presented the updated accounts previously circulated to the Committee.
 - 5.2 There were no major variances to record, and overall the Club is £900 ahead of the position at this point last year.
 - 5.3 Low revenue from the bar was noted in August, as is common at this point of the year.
6. **House Issues**
 - 6.1 The change to how the Club is handling lettings was noted and appears to be working well, with Marie Scales managing one off event bookings and the bar; and Eric Strudwick managing regular lettings. The Club's calendar is now almost full, and both were congratulated on this and for their efforts.
 - 6.2 A request for the Club to provide storage space to support regular lettings has been received. It was agreed that the Committee needs more information about this including and what would be stored, where it would be stored, for how long and whether there could be a charge before taking a decision.
7. **Bar Committee.** No further meetings have been held this month
8. **Vice-Commodores Report**
 - 8.1 Old Hard Hut works. Vice Commodore reported works on the Old Hard Hut have been completed and confirmed the plumbing solutions had been recommended by a professional plumbing company.
 - 8.2 Costs for "Dorothy" still awaited from WOD Association. The two on loan dinghies are still being evaluated.



- 8.3 Town Regatta Commodore confirmed the Club have been thanked by the Regatta committee for their support in providing safety boat etc. and a payment of £250 has been received. Consideration of a WSC stall was discussed but no conclusions reached.
- 8.4 Cadets. Vice Commodore to speak to Matthew to ensure Safeguarding requirements are all being met.
- 8.5 2020 Sailing Programme. Vice Commodore and membership secretary to work this up on receipt of tide spreadsheet from Eric Strudwick. Commodore and Vice Commodore to discuss how to publicise the improved ability to calculate height of water at scrubbing posts.
- 8.6 The minutes of the Sailing Committee were received by the GC

9. Membership

- 9.1 Four new family memberships were approved by the Committee (B. Crane; N. Dines; C. Mecklenburgh; S. Bloom).
- 9.2 A list of members who have not yet paid their subscription was presented to the Commodore for him to action.
- 9.3 Membership software/WebCollect – no more progress has been. The membership secretary undertook to ensure all necessary action would be completed in order to enable a go live date of mid December 2019.

10 Buildings and Maintenance

- 10.3 Following reports of a missing fire extinguisher from Petrol Store fire cupboard; and various reports of the building being left unsecured, and damage to kitchen/bar equipment through misuse a number of actions were agreed. The aim is to bring forward improvement options.
- 10.4 Martin Standley and Daniel Stoker will review the site and present options for security camera cover.
- 10.5 The Honorary Secretary will check what information about club access is and can be provided by the key fob system.
- 10.6 The VC will check who is using club boats, and how this information is maintained.

11 Communications

- 11.3 WhatsApp. The need to further publicise the WhatsApp groups was discussed and agreed. The VC will give Daniel Stoker Administrator rights to WhatsApp groups, who will recommend how to publicise their existence further. Options include providing information about access in Alerts.
- 11.4 Website. Martin Standley confirmed that photos on the website are now all from WSC sources. It was agreed more photos of Cruiser activities are required.

12 Group memberships

- 12.3 WCKC There were no items to discuss



- 12.4** Wivgigs. Most are now also members of WSC, and providing support in terms of cleaning the Hard etc.
- 13 WSC Strategy**
- 13.3** Marilyn Standley shared her draft summaries of the SWOT analysis and membership survey carried out earlier this year. She will email these to the Committee together with the detailed back up data for review.
- 13.4** The Commodore will send a site plan to the Committee, with a view to discussing improved storage/parking.
- 13.5** Further discussion will take place at the next GC meeting after which two groups will be formed to further consider water-based activities; and premises matter Report from meeting with Environment Agency
- 13.6** The Commodore updated the Committee on his recent meeting. It was noted that Priors has now ceased trading and the Commodore will investigate the potential impacts of this for WSC.
- 14 Preliminary discussion re nominations for GC AGM 2020.** Following a short discussion it was agreed that members will consider the requirement for nominations and discuss the matter again in the next GC meeting.
- 15 Health & Safety (standing item).** Commodore and Vice Commodore to review our Safeguarding policies
- 16 Members feedback.** It was agreed that this years social sailing programme has been a great success.
- 17 Any Other Business**
- 17.3** Winter activities to be added to the agenda for the next GC meeting
- 17.4** Review of on water training for safety boats to be discussed at next GC meeting
- 17.5** Annual Dinner in the calendar for 16th November 2019

Signed as a true record*Bernie Hetherington*..... October 3rd 2019