

Minutes for the General Committee Meeting, July 21st 2020, 19:30 by Zoom

Membership: Nigel Cook, Bernie Hetherington, Bill Kippen, Carole Newman, Amy Craske, Tia Reddish, Marie Scales, Mick Scales, Jon Scales, Marilyn Standley, Martin Standley, Daniel Stoker, Eric Strudwick, Julie-Anne White, Nick White, Chris Wood

1. Apologies for absence Jon Scales, Tia Reddish & Bill Kippen

2. Approve the minutes of last meeting The minutes of June 23rd were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Daniel Stoker and seconded by Martin Standley.

3. Matters arising; not included elsewhere in agenda. None.

4. Correspondence None

5. Finance & Treasurers' report

5.1. Accounts update The Treasurer reported that they were seeking a new account for the ~£11k from the Secure Trust account because the company no longer offered a suitable product. They reported that overdue payment for both dinghy storage and membership had been received from Sheldon Leader. It was explained that he had been very unwell and was in the process of giving the Wayfarer to his son.

5.2. Insurance renewal The Commodore and Hon Sec reported on their meeting with our insurance broker. We are starting the last of a 3-year agreement and next year would be a good time to review our options. The Hon Sec reported that we did not increase the rebuilding values this year and a professional appraisal would be needed in 2021.

The Commodore reported that more clubs were raising their TPL cover to £10M. It was agreed to carry on with £5M cover and review it again later.

6. Vice-Commodore

6.1. Sailing Committee minutes The Vice Commodore presented his report.

6.2. Resumption of organized sailing events. The Vice Commodore reported that the club would hold a Social Sail on August 15th, but there were no plans to start dinghy races yet.

6.3. Near Miss Report, collapsed lifting hoist. The Commodore had received reports from those involved and also Kevin Hosking, chair of the Lifting Section. It was found that no method statement exists for that item of equipment. This would be remedied asap and a written report produced.

7. AGM Proposals & Amendments to the Constitution

7.1. Timetable and procedure The Commodore & Hon Sec presented a timetable for the AGM process. This was agreed with the modification of providing some extra days for GC comments after the closing date for members' responses.

All with an email address would be asked to receive documents, comment and vote online, whereas a postal version would be used for the 8 other members.

7.2. Amendments to the Constitution The drafted proposals from the Constitution Review Group were approved. Daniel Stoker proposed that the Sailing Secretary post should no longer be a club Officer: agreed.

7.3. Nominations It was agreed that those nominations from March could go forward to the September AGM provided the nominees still wanted to stand.

8. Members' Pontoons

8.1. Progress & meeting with insurance broker. The Commodore reported that insurance was possible, provided that a satisfactory inspection report on the pontoon was available.

The Vice Commodore reported that of the four pontoons in question:-
One was not on a mooring and was no longer required.

A second was not on a mooring, was no longer required and was being sold to someone at Brightlingsea.

A third (the one that capsized earlier this year) was on the salting and would not be returned to a mooring until it was insured.

The fourth was on a mooring, but the owner had suffered a recent bereavement and would be asked to deal with it later.

8.2. Future steps The club rules should be amended to make insurance on any members' pontoons a condition of the mooring agreement.

9. Membership Applications The following membership applications were approved.

John & Glynis Smith Proposed by ? Seconded by Nigel Cook

Nicola & Henry Farnworth/McCourt Proposed by Marilyn Standley Seconded by Martin Standley

Lesley & William Wilson Proposed by JA White Seconded by Chris Wood

10. Coastal Rowing Proposal Daniel Stoker reported that Linnet was now ready for use and several WSC members had completed training and were capable of taking the boat out independently. Booking was via TeamApp. It was planned to have additional monthly training sessions to approve additional users. He also reported on the progress of discussions with Wivgigs & Corsairs. He stated that Zoom discussions were ongoing and that agreement with both parties should be made soon. He also reported that there would be no Harkers Yard gig series this year.

11. CCTV Proposal It was agreed to go ahead with the existing quotation and review its performance before committing further funds. (Now installed Aug 13th & 14th).

12. Bar & Clubhouse Opening The Commodore expressed his thanks to Marie Scales, David Souch and Carole & Paul Newman for getting the Sunday bar up & running. It was agreed to hold a meeting to prepare a RA and devise procedures to allow classes and other activities at the clubhouse.

13. Communications.

10.1 WSC Alerts

10.2 Facebook page

10.3 Website

14. Membership software

14.1. Martin Standley gave an update about his work on CiviCRM system for club membership records. He told the meeting that a trial version would be available soon.

15. Health & Safety (standing item) Nothing to report

15.1. Welfare (Safeguarding) Officer

15.2. Annual Review of H&S documents

16. Members feedback (standing item) Nothing to report

17. Any Other Business. None

Next meeting date? August 18th