

# Wivenhoe Sailing Club

Wivenhoe Sailing Club, Walter Radcliffe Road, Wivenhoe, Essex, CO7 9WS

## Minutes for General Committee Meeting, Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 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 the July 21<sup>st</sup> GC meeting were agreed with the following changes. Proposed by Carole Newman and seconded by Nigel Cook

Item 7.2 Amendments to the Constitution The drafted proposals from the Constitution Review Group were discussed and approved, including a proposal that the Sailing Secretary post should no longer be a club Officer. Proposed By Daniel Stoker Seconded by Chris Wood

Item 9 Mr & Mrs Smith's membership should have been proposed by E Strudwick

Item 10 To add a minute... It was agreed that both gig clubs should be offered an alternative option of access to the river using the club's Old Hard, but with no provision for storage of the gig, a trailer or any equipment at fee of £150 p.a. (to include use of water to wash down the gig).

Item 11 The note saying that the CCTV had been installed was factually incorrect, it had only been partially installed on those days.

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

**4. Correspondence** Correspondence to the Commodore, dealt with under item 10.

**5. Finance & Treasurers' report**

**5.1.** Accounts update The Hon Treasurer presented a report on the accounts. After several months without much income, we had recently received monies for dinghy hard standing, moorings and bar income. The annual insurance premium (£5,300) had recently been paid and would appear in the August update.

**6. Vice-Commodore**

**6.1.** Sailing Committee minutes The Vice Commodore presented minutes of the Sailing Committee, July 27<sup>th</sup>. In reply to questions, the VC confirmed that the suggestion of "putting pontoons back on their moorings as soon as possible to maintain the precedence for having them" was the opinion of one member and not SC policy. The VC also confirmed that the proposal to install electricity to the pontoon was no longer being considered as it would be too expensive and a suitable electric water pump had not been found.

**6.2.** Resumption of organized sailing events. Now that the RYA is supporting organized sailing events, the GC asked the SC to bring forward proposals.

**6.3.** Near Miss Report, collapsed lifting hoist written report. The report was accepted.

**7. AGM Proposals & Amendments to the Constitution**

**7.1.** Approve draft agenda. The AGM agenda was agreed with the following alterations

- a. Item 3. Include Commodore's report as an appendix. Correct spelling of Fiona Emms
- b. Item 7 It was reported that a nomination as a GC member was coming from Derek Greenham
- c. Item 8. It was agreed that a prefacing paragraph be included outlining the strategy guiding the proposed changes to the Constitution
- d. Item 8. It was noted that there was a numbering discrepancy to be corrected.
- e. Item 8.1 A change to the rationale was agreed.
- f. Item 8.5 A change to the rationale was agreed.
- g. Item 8.7 A change to the rationale was agreed.

**8. Members' Pontoons**

**8.1.** It was agreed to amend the club rules to make TPL (or Marine Liability) insurance on all members' pontoons a condition of the mooring agreement. Proposed by Chris Wood, seconded by Martin Standley.

**9. Membership Applications** The following membership applications were approved.

Applicant	Proposed by	Seconded by
Miranda Campbell	Amy Craske	Daniel Stoker
Ian Davies	David Souch	Nick White
Jason Sumich and Afia Afenah	Mike Bailey	Nigel Cook
Camilla & Joseph Emanuele	Mark Emanuele	Nigel Cook

## **10. Coastal Rowing Proposal**

**10.1** Daniel Stoker reported that he is currently drafting a Risk Assessment for use of the Whitehall Skiff, including Covid issues. He reported that the skiff is being used by a small group of members via TeamApp.

**10.2** He also reported that discussions had continued with both gig clubs. The alternative offer of launch and recovery from the Old Hard has been communicated to both clubs. A three way Zoom meeting to scope out aims and objectives took place without Wivgigs as they had no one able to attend. WSC subsequently sent copies of the aims and objectives to both clubs.

The Commodore reported that he had received letters from 5 WSC members, who are also Wivgig members, complaining about the proposed merger and perceived lack of consultation with WSC members. The letters were all quite similar and the Commodore sent the same reply to each complainant, setting out where and how the complaints were unsubstantiated.

**10.3** There followed discussion about a proposal from Wivgigs, "WivGigs proposal for an alternative arrangement for rowing August 2020" received August 15<sup>th</sup> 2020. Various points were raised, including where the proposal fell short of the requirements for WSC.

A motion was agreed:- "WSC cannot accept the proposal as written but confirms the offer of use of the Old Hard to launch and recover their gig." The commodore agreed to communicate the decision to Wivgigs

**11. CCTV Proposal** Completion due August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**12. Bar & Clubhouse Opening** Update Discussion was not possible as there were no drafted proposals. The Commodore agreed to progress this issue asap.

## **13. Communications.**

**10.1** WSC Alerts

**10.2** Facebook page

**10.3** Website

## **14. Membership software**

**14.1.** Martin Standley confirmed that from the date of the AGM, he will no longer be updating or maintaining both the club website and CiviCRM (new membership record system)

## **15. Health & Safety (standing Item)**

**15.1.** Welfare (Safeguarding) Officer

**15.2.** Annual Review of H&S documents

## **16. Members feedback (standing item)**

## **17. Any Other Business.**

Carole Newman asked if the club would provide some materials for a MacMillan tea party that took place earlier in the day. Agreed.

Marie asked if a bar IOU could be repaid by bank transfer. Agreed

This being the last meeting before the AGM, the Vice Commodore proposed a vote of thanks to the Commodore and Hon Sec for their contributions to the club.

The Commodore thanked all GC members for their support for the last two years.

Meeting ended 22:23

Next meeting date?

Sept 29th

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