

**Notes of the General Committee held on 8 July 2019 at 7.30pm at Whitstable Yacht Club**

Present: Kelvin Tolson (Chairman), Maureen Bush, David Figgis, Robert Govier, Fef Griffin, Elizabeth Lambert, Martin Muirhead, Mike Oliver, Jo Phillips & Ian Wild

**1** **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Terry Davis & Richard Maltby.

**2 Commodore’s Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Kelvin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**3** **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 10 June 2019**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**4 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5 Land & Property**

**5.1 WOFC Appeal**

The scheduled dates were now 8th October for three days and 15th October for three days. Committee members were asked to indicate which days they could attend. Who should speak on behalf of the Club would be decided later.

It was understood the Beach Campaign were attending under Rule 6 which would enable them to question witnesses.

Robert Govier was congratulated and thanked for the BBC TV interview. Jo Phillips was thanked for arranging it.

It was agreed that an incident book should be maintained up until the hearing recording any incidents where boats had strayed into the danger area. **Action MB**

**6 Correspondence**

Incidents had arisen where a former safety boat member, who had been subject to a disciplinary hearing, had been seen on Club property. Kelvin would write to the member who was bringing him to the Club. **Action KT**

There was possibly an issue regarding the free storage of RIBs.

It was agreed there should be a list of authorised Safety Boat drivers.

**7 Office & Membership Report**

There was no report.

**8 Finance Report**

Martin Muirhead tabled a comprehensive report on income and expenditure up to month 9, June 2019, and comparative figures for the previous year. He also tabled a projected Profit and Loss to the end of the financial year.

The net surplus was up largely due to donations. Capital expenditure had been significant The cash position was much better.

Bar takings were down but the profit margin had improved. Training was up but there were significant pre payments.

The end of year projection was for an improvement on the previous year. This was largely due to not having the expense of a Club Manager.

Donations and bequests would be encouraged.

**9 “3 Year Plan – Development”**

Kelvin said the Plan was imminent. It was largely taken up with House and Safety issues. Fundraising and developing IT systems would also feature. There would be some trials of possible IT systems.

It was agreed that subscriptions and fees should be raised by 5% from October as discussed at the AGM.

**10 Sub Committee Reports**

**10.1 Sailing Committee**

. Robert reported that the Merlin/Tasar event had been a success. Bar takings had been hit by competitors going out to dinners.

The Laser Fest was scheduled for the coming weekend. A good turnout was expected and there was a full programme.

Whitstable Week was at the end of the month. A replacement RO was being sought.

**10.2 House Committee**

Mike Oliver reported that a large number of minor issues were being dealt with. There was a problem with the Race Office hut roof. Fire precautions were almost complete.

Maureen Bush was drawing up an induction programme for new bar staff that would cover fire and safety procedures.

**10.3 Bar, Catering and Social Committee**

No report.

Maureen reported that more outside organisations were using the Club.

**10.4 Training**

Richard Maltby’s written report was received.

It was confirmed that Club boats could not be hired to non or temporary members.

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**11 Any Other Business**

**11.1 Boat Hire**

There had been a recent incident where a club boat had been taken without proper authority. This was an issue for Training.

**11.2 Trustees**

Maureen reported that the paperwork for the change of Trustees was about to be completed.

**11.3 Donated RIB**

It was agreed that the Club would be pleased to host a family party to celebrate the handover of the new RIB.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be postponed to 7.30 pm Monday 19th August 2019

The meeting closed at 21.15 hrs.

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