

**Notes of the General Committee held on 14 December 2020 at 5.30pm via Zoom**

Present: Kelvin Tolson (Chairman), Maureen Bush, Terry Davis, David Figgis, Robert Govier, Fef Griffin, Richard Maltby, Martin Muirhead, Mike Oliver & Ian Wild

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

Apologies were received from Jo Phillips.

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 9 November 2020**

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

**3 WOFC**

Kelvin Tolson reported on the progress of the lease renewal.

**4 Covid 19 Update**

It was unlikely Whitstable would come out of Tier 3 in the short term but the Covid Group would check whether the relaxed Christmas contact arrangements would have any implications for the Club.

**5 Office & Membership Report**

Maureen Bush had submitted a written report. She was congratulated on the money received from the TV Company which was a substantial and timely windfall. It was agreed that the letter chasing outstanding memberships should be sent in January.

The quarterly membership report to end of December had been circulated. It indicated that renewals were down which was understandable in view of the uncertainty. The proportion of members who had taken advantage of the 20% discount was noted

The list of new members was approved.

**5.1 Annual General Meeting**

It was agreed that the aim would be to have a meeting by Zoom before the end of March. Maureen said the Annual Accounts would be delayed and may not be ready because of Covid. The Sailing Programme should be ready by mid January. Kelvin would be sending out a Commodore’s Christmas message and would mention this.

**5.2 Membership/Training Package Proposals**

Kelvin had circulated a list of suggestions which were agreed in principle.

**5.3 Virtual Dinghy Show**

It was not clear how this would work and whether it would be necessary to have someone online throughout. There was plenty of content already available.

**5.4 Disciplinary Issues**

Ian Wild reported on the ongoing disciplinary issue.

**6 Finance**

There was no report.

**7 Sailing Issues**

Robert Govier reported that the last race of the season had been sailed successfully though the turnout had been low. About twenty races had been run over the season which was good in the circumstances. The Club had maximised what could be done in a very difficult situation.

Ruth Oliver was looking at the introduction of Duty Man.

It was noted that John Cooper was standing down and a replacement was needed to take over the Committee Boat management.

Although it was not a requirement of the insurers, Maureen was arranging an annual inspection of the ramp.

**8 House Issues**

Mike Oliver had circulated a comprehensive report on work completed and in progress. The boiler replacement was the biggest and most expensive project planned and was being scheduled for January/February. It was agreed this had to go ahead. He would ensure the hot water flow was adequate.

Fef Griffin drew attention to the favourable response the Club’s Christmas decorations had attracted on social media. Everyone involved was thanked.

**9 Bar, Catering and Social Issues**

There was nothing to report.

**10 Training Issues**

Richard Maltby had circulated a written report. The Training Plan was ambitious and the indications were that it would need to be revised for a later start in the year. Offering training for the younger cadets was a particular challenge. The aim was for it to be open and inclusive. He suggested the Club should consider adopting a local school. He was working with Topper and on the possibility of jointly holding an ITCA national event in 2023 with Tankerton Bay SC. It would require support from the City Council.

**13 Date of Next Meeting**

This would be on Monday 11 January 2021 via Zoom at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

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