

**Notes of the General Committee held on 20 July 2020 at 5.00pm via Zoom**

Present: Kelvin Tolson (Chairman), Maureen Bush, Terry Davis, David Figgis, Richard Ledger, Richard Maltby, Martin Muirhead, Mike Oliver, Jo Phillips & Ian Wild

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

Apologies were received from Robert Govier.

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 15 June 2020**

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

**3 WOFC**

Kelvin Tolson reported on the current situation and further action was discussed.

**4 Covid 19 Update**

Limited racing had recommenced and gone quite well. It was important that competitors booked in beforehand. It was possible the changing rooms could reopen at the end of the month but the showers would remain closed. This would be discussed at the next Covid meeting.

**5 Fees and Subscriptions 2020/21**

It was unanimously agreed that these should remain at the current level. There was no scope or significant justification for any rebate because of the disruption caused by the current crisis.

**6 Bar Membership Cards**

Dickie Ledger had submitted a report. These would complement the new till in that it would be possible to track use of the bar and usage. It would also enable a flexible pricing system that could benefit members.

He recommended that 1,000 cards be purchased and the system be introduced with the membership renewals in October. It may prove possible to get appropriate sponsorship for the cards. This would be discussed further at the next meeting.

**7 Office & Membership Report**

Maureen Bush had submitted a written report. Some staff had been unfurloughed completely and the remainder partially. Money from the Government had been received on time.

All properties and loans had finally been transferred to the current Trustees.

The General Committee recorded its thanks to Jill Fagg who was standing down as one of the Club’s original Child Protection Officers. A replacement would need to be found.

It was agreed that it was still not practical or probably necessary to rearrange the AGM. This could be reconsidered if circumstances changed or there was a request from members. Kelvin would do a note from the Commodore to members updating them on current issues.

Similarly, the disciplinary that had been put on hold at the outbreak of the pandemic could not yet be reconvened.

The list of new members was approved.

**8 Finance**

Martin Muirhead had circulated the results for the 9 months up to 30 June just prior to the meeting. The current crisis had had a major impact and the figures were not comparable with the previous year. It was difficult to foresee how the remaining three months, when expenses were high, would go.

**9 Sailing Issues**

Whitstable Week was likely to be limited to two races a day from the Club line. There would not be a social programme.

**10 House Issues**

Mike Oliver reported that there were a number of minor issues that were being sorted out.

**11 Bar, Catering and Social Issues**

Dickie reported that the bar cellar chiller was beyond use and needed replacing.

The bar was now open for a limited period on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and would open daily from 12noon to 8.00pm from August. Draft beer had been reintroduced. Stock would be kept to a minimum. The new till was producing useful information.

**12 Training Issues**

Richard Maltby had circulated a comprehensive written report. Limited training and cadet activity had recommenced and was going well.

**13 Date of Next Meeting**

This would be via Zoom on Monday 10th August 2020 at 6.00pm

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

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