

**Notes of the General Committee held on 9 November 2020 at 6.30pm via Zoom**

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

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

Apologies were received from Richard Ledger.

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 12 October 2020**

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

**2.1 Matters Arising – Item 10 Training Report**

Ian Wild said he had not been aware that the Club had acquired the University windsurfing kit and he was now happy that there were suitable boards for training adults. Maureen Bush said the ownership issue was still to be clarified.

**3 WOFC**

Kelvin Tolson reported on the current situation regarding the beach lease.

**4 Covid 19 Update**

With the second lockdown, the Club was back where it had been in March with most areas closed. Robert Govier drew attention to the slight problem of differentiating between public and closed areas of the Club.

**5 Office & Membership Report**

Maureen had submitted a written report. It was a busy time for the receipt of fees and subscriptions. The membership bar cards had been generally well received. All information was with the accountants for the preparation of the 2019/20 figures. Arrangements and funding had been agreed with the film company and filming was imminent. They had donated a significant amount of surplus timber to the Club. She was negotiating possible future film work. Most bar staff had been furloughed. Sally and Ruth would not be furloughed. The cleaner had resigned but then offered to carry on in the short term.

The covering note proposed for the accounts would be redrafted.

The list of new members was approved.

**5.1 Disciplinary Issues**

Ian reported on the ongoing disciplinary issue.

**6 Finance**

Martin said he had nothing to add. The draft accounts were being prepared.

**7 Sailing Issues**

Robert had circulated the proposed 2021 programme. It was a full programme that could be amended if necessary. The decision taken at the last meeting that adverts would not be included was confirmed.

**8 House Issues**

Mike Oliver reported that a number of items had been cleared. Repairs and redecoration to the front of the Club were progressing. Windows would be replaced in No 4. The film crew had rescued the Club burgee from the flagpole.

The three year plan would be reviewed after the current lockdown.

**9 Bar, Catering and Social Issues**

The bar was now closed.

**10 Training Issues**

Richard Maltby reported that the RYA inspection had gone well. The Club was the only one in Kent that had been able to offer both youth and adult training over the summer. He was asked to draft a press release on the success of the youth sailing with photographs.

The Club was about to be recognised by the RYA as a British Youth Recognised Club. It was agreed he could approach the class associations of the youth boats sailed at Whitstable with a view to getting coaching from 2022. It was also agreed he should explore the possibility with Topper of expanding the fleet or Topaz’s to six but he should not commit to any expenditure. He was also asked to review the fleet of training boats in view of the insurance costs.

He and Ruth had produced a youth development plan which was with the Commodore.

The Committee congratulated Richard and Ruth on the success of the RYA inspection.

**13 Date of Next Meeting**

This would be on Monday 14 December 2020 via Zoom at **5.30pm**

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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