

**Notes of the General Committee held on 12 October 2020 at 6.00pm via Zoom**

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

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

Apologies were received from Fef Griffin, Richard Ledger & Martin Muirhead.

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 14 September 2020**

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

**3 WOFC**

Kelvin Tolson reported on the current situation and the way forward was discussed.

The Club would write to the WOFC expressing concern that the trestles were still not marked with adequate hazard buoys.

**4 Covid 19 Update**

The changing room/toilet codes had been reset and the changing rooms and one shower in each had reopened. The signage needed adjusting.

The General Committee were pleased to record that the majority of members were co-operating very well with the current Covid restrictions and rules.

It was agreed that the limit of one guest per member could be relaxed. There was a need to keep the tables on the deck clear of clutter.

**5 Office & Membership Report**

Maureen had submitted a written report. The insurance had been renewed. She was negotiating with a film company who wished to use the use the outside of the Rigden’s shed as a set.

A generous anonymous donation had been received which would cover the purchase of a Feva. Richard Maltby would write a letter of thanks to be passed on to the donor.

The membership bar cards had been received and would go live from Friday 16th October.

The Sailing Committee was drafting a full sailing programme for 2021 which may be subject to change depending on the Covid restrictions at the time. It was agreed that adverts would not be included to save on printing costs. It would include an explanation and thanks to previous advertisers with a special thanks to Barton Marine and the Dinghy Store for sponsoring the bar cards.

The feasibility of introducing a “Duty Man” programme for volunteers for the 2021 season was being considered. Training courses could now be booked and paid for on line.

A Membership Report showing figures from 2014 to the present time had been circulated with a covering note explaining the impact of the membership restructuring that had taken place about 5 years ago.

The list of new members was approved.

**5.1 Disciplinary Issues**

Ian reported on progress.

**6 Finance**

Maureen reported that the draft accounts for 2019/20 were now finished and they showed a small surplus thanks to the grants that had been available.

**7 Youth Development**

Richard had circulated a schedule of the training activities that supported youth development. A number had been put on hold because of Covid.

The Club needed to capitalise on what was now a really good youth base and publicise it within the community. The General Committee needed to second someone with a marketing background.

The Club may need an Adventure Activities Licensing Authority licence.

**7 Sailing Issues**

Robert Govier had circulated a written report. The Tornado event had been a good test of the Open Meeting procedures in the current circumstances. The reduced sailing programme was continuing to get good turnouts.

**8 House Issues**

Mike Oliver had circulated a written report that indicated he was well on top of House issues.

**9 Bar, Catering and Social Issues**

Dickie Ledger had circulated a written report. Table service had been introduced. Consideration was being given to making the Sea Room more attractive without spending too much. It was essential to improve the footfall to keep the bar viable.

**10 Training Issues**

Richard Maltby had circulated a written report. There was discussion as to whether the Club should fund a windsurfing instructor course. This would come out of the training budget. It was agreed it could go ahead as long as there was a written commitment from the person sponsored. Ian said that the beginner boards, which had been bought from Wild Times when it closed, were only suitable for small adults and children.

**11 Date of Next Meeting**

This would be on Monday 9 November 2020