

**Notes of the General Committee held on 11 January 2021 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, Jo Phillips & Ian Wild

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

There were no apologies

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

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

**3 WOFC**

The WOFC response was due at the end of the month/early February.

Kelvin would check the position regarding the Forge Licensing appeal.

**4 Covid 19 Update**

Whitstable was now in Tier 4.

Whilst the Club would not encourage it, members could still sail/windsurf provided they followed Government guidelines but they could not use Club facilities.

**5 Office & Membership Report**

Maureen Bush reported that the TV Company would be filming and that they would be responsible for cleaning the areas used.

Last year’s accounts would be ready by the end of the month so a Zoom AGM could go ahead before the end of March.

All staff were to be furloughed.

Kelvin reported that a former member had asked for all his personal data to be removed from Club records.

It was noted from the membership report that 45% of members had taken the 20% discount offered when renewing and that around 84% had rejoined compared with the same period last year. Given the uncertainty, this was considered good. Depending on the course of the pandemic, it may be necessary to draw up a contingency plan for the long term future of the Club.

Ian Wild reported on an ongoing disciplinary issue.

**6 Finance**

Martin Muirhead had submitted a written report for the quarter to end of December. There was a drop in the surplus compared with last year. A budget would be prepared once the 2019/20 Accounts were finalised but would be difficult as there were so many unknowns. All non essential spending would probably have to stop.

The implications arising from the WOFC lease dispute would be discussed at a separate meeting.

**7 Sailing Issues**

Robert Govier reported that the Sailing Programme was progressing in a reduced format.

**8 House Issues**

Mike Oliver reported on the issues that were in hand. The contractor had confirmed the new boiler would be adequate and it would be installed by the end of March.

A grant application would be submitted for the roof insulation of Nos 1 & 2.

A good quote had been received for repainting the flagpole.

**9 Bar, Catering and Social Issues**

There was no report.

**10 Training Issues**

Richard Maltby was planning an April week end event with the Topper Class Association. They would be providing coaches who would be driving Club RIBs. Parking would need to be arranged for their camper vans. The British Youth Sailing Scheme which the Club had joined was now the hub of the RYA’s youth system.

Consideration was still being given to adopting a local primary school.

**13 Date of Next Meeting**

This would be on Monday 8 February 2021 via Zoom at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

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