

**2022/06/13**

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 13th June 2022 at 7pm at the Club**

Present: Andrew Jackson (Chairman), Robert Govier, Fef Griffin, Jo Wyles, Kelvin Tolson, Mike Oliver & Philippa Bloice.

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Maureen Bush, Martin Muirhead, Steve Gray, David Figgis & Terry Davis.

**2 Matters Arising**

The possibility of Mr Stephens reapplying for membership was postponed to the next GC meeting. MB, AJ

Installation of Movement sensors in Upper Rigdens shed to be followed up. MO

The RYA will be updating its Diversity and inclusion guidance for Trans people this autumn. Jo Wiles gave a written summary of the policy as it stands. This item to be kept on the agenda.

Membership categories and charging structures would need reviewing in time for the next AGM. AJ

A 5-year plan was required, ready to present to the members by the end of the year, this would include setting up focus groups. AJ

The membership survey highlighted the need to update the changing room facilities. Andy advised putting together a staged plan to include advice and design from a professional designer. AJ

A Social Media policy for the club was required. It would include a list of official groups that would be administrated by the club. AJ

**3 Correspondence**

An email was received from a club member stating that he felt the club was missing a Code of Conduct statement. It was agreed that Rule 35 covered this, therefore no additional ruling was required. A reminder on the web page and newsfeed regarding the ethos of the club and the importance of respect for others to be published. RG Andy to reply to the member. AJ

**4 Updating Club Rules**

It was agreed to go ahead with the proposed rule changes drafted by Robert regarding R5, R16k, R47 and R48. RG to publish**.**

**5 Whitstable Week Planning**

Andy reported the Programme for 2022 was being finalised.

**6 WOFC Update**

Kelvin updated the meeting by reporting on the latest developments:

WYC witness statements were in draft.

WOFC request for commencement of mediation had been acknowledged.

“Without prejudice” activity was ongoing – update by negotiators for sub team this week.

May need an additional GC meeting to consider the outcome.

Agreed a one month slip in all dates (not including the trial).

Counsel visit to site 16th June**.**

**7 Office & Membership Report**

No office report. Sally reported a healthy rise in new members especially from the Discover sailing day**.**

**8 Finance**

No report

**9 Sailing Report**

Steve Gray had submitted a written report including races and events completed. The updated Race Officer guide had now been published.

Steve highlighted that a replacement for David Figgis tractor would be required by August. The Sailing committee was asked to put together a plan for the replacement with the possibility of fundraising being involved. SG

**10 House Report**

No report

**11 Bar, Catering & Social Report**

Dicky reported the cellar floor was in disrepair and required re screeding, Mike Oliver to obtain quotes. MO

The bar was busier due to club events, the staff had coped well. Dicky requested that bar staff be given recognition by providing membership cards for bar discount. DL

A member had requested that the members space be reinstated at Keith’s coffee hut. MB

**12 Training**

Jo Wyles had submitted a written report that included the courses completed. The Discover sailing day had been very successful. There would be a RYA inspection on 5th July. A beach safety assessment was being organised.

**Date of Next Meeting**

This would be on Monday 11th July at 7pm and be live at the Club and via Zoom or earlier if required by the sub group.

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm

**Chairman……………………………………………….**