

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 13TH November 2023 7pm**

**held at the Club.**

**Present:** Andrew Jackson (Chairman) AJ, Steve Gray SG, Mike Oliver MO,

Maureen Bush MB, David Figgis DF, Jo Wyles JW, Dickie Ledger DL, Philippa Bloice PB.

**Via Zoom: No Zoom required.**

**1 Apologies for absence** –Terry Davis, Fef Griffin, Robert Govier.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 9th October 2023** - Approved unanimously.

**3 Correspondence-**

The lord mayoress sent out an invitation to members of the Yacht Club to join her on

‘a taste of Whitstable’ event on Thursday 30th November. All profits to Pilgrims Hospice. Tickets £25 each.

A request received from Nick Stephens to rejoint the club. AJ to invite him to reapply and we’ll take it from there. Action AJ

**4 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

(a) Maximum numbers allowed for an event

A request to hold a New Year’s Eve party with live music for club members was discussed. No maximum numbers were agreed. A subcommittee consisting of AJ, MB, DL and party organisers to meet by 24th November to agree guest numbers, security and guests list. This will be a test bed for future numbers allowed at an indoor event.

**(**b) CCTV camera installation

It was agreed in principal that CCTV to be on all entry and exit doors acting as security for lone working and an additional layer of security for the club. This will only show who has entered the building. No cameras on the bar. Action MO

(c) Electronic visitors sign in

Going ahead Action RG

**5 Budgets 2023-24 MB**

All information for year-end 30.9.2023 given to accountants and drafts be available for December GC meeting.

Chris Jarrett working with MB finalising 2023-24 quarterly budgets. Any capital commitments to be carried forward to the next GC meeting.

Training School having a demo Argo boat on test next week if all goes well, we will purchase two.

**6 WOFC update - Nothing to report - discussions ongoing**

**7 Office report: MB**

Insurance quote awaited so that club music equipment may be taken off WYC premises.

New telephone system being installed 30th November – will be cheaper than existing one – thanks to Robert who monitors our BT account.

Online membership renewals working well, 80% money in for subs. Thank you to Sally and Robert for implementation. Requests made to pay membership in 2 instalments - agreed.

Membership renewal reminders to be sent out to individuals by the end of November. Any unpaid by mid-December will have their bar cards blocked and membership marked as ceased.

**Membership report submitted by Sally Gostelow** It was noted that there are 3 new Water Users and 2 Social individuals.

**8 Sailing Report SG**

Autumn series: 10/12 races completed, AiH won by Joe Barton, Lasers by Charlie Campion.

Winter series: underway with 1/2 races completed, and 5 more scheduled.

2024 programme:

Draft programme nearing completion – will be circulated to GC/SC and other stakeholders following SC meeting Nov 20.

Provisional dates:

Easter regatta: Mar 29/Apl 1

Topper SE regional training/open: Apl 27/28

RNLI ‘All Hands on Deck’ pursuit race: May 6

Club champs: May 25/27

Discover sailing: June 8

Merlin/Tasar open: June 22/23

Laserfest: July 6/7

Whitstable week: 31 July/4 Aug (Wed-Sun)

Aug regatta: 24/26 Aug

All training/cadet/improver/transition to racing dates included

Dart 18’s under discussion

Cruising and Kayak dates under discussion

A Club development progress report was requested for each GC Meeting.

SG to produce the report for December’s meeting. ACTION SG

**9 House report: MO**

Completed:

1. Architects report for Shroud shed commissioned and received.
2. 2. Various minor electrical works (Rear light No2 Replace veranda LED floodlights. New double socket outlets Office No 3.)
3. Fire Risk Assessment review carried out 12th Oct by Vestas Fire. Various action points to be carried out. Most importantly is the escape route from the rear of Rigdens across and out of Dingy store yard when gates are locked! Gates and wall owned by Canterbury City Council.

Booked for Nov:

1. New cellar floor - £3600 quotes from Baxter Builders- tried to contact for a firm commitment date BUT no success. We shall have to find another contractor to quote for these works. Unlikely now to be carried out until Feb/March 24!

2. Veranda rotten timbers replacement c. £500

3. Office 2 new sash windows required £702. Jayme carpenter

4. Replace rotten timber balustrade to seaside of No 1. £1,664. Jayme carpenter

5. Bar climate control unit- awaiting engineers visit. Difficulty in obtaining firm commitment from contractor!

6. All coded locks and padlocks code numbers to be changed at end of November and early January. Appropriate members will be advised by Sally.

To be discussed at next GC – priorities for expenditure 2023-24

Shroud shed upgrade

A) Floor + timber repairs + rear access stairs c £25,000

B) Roof c. £15K = c £40,000

New veranda awning c £15k

CCTV in bar area. Consider members views

**10 Bar report DL**

Dicky reported the bar is Bar running well.

**11 Training report: JW**

Last cadet course of the season was held during October half term at Westbere lake for stage

2 /3 with 10 cadets. We were very lucky with the weather for the first two days at Westbere and the third day we were able to come back to Whitstable to sail.

All the training boats were packed away and turned over on Saturday, we had a good amount of help from parents and cadets to make the job easier, all equipment now in the classroom to be sorted out.

We have lost two Fevas this year, as they have splits in and cannot be repaired, We have been selling off some of the spare sails for them, as we now only have one. The three 420’s are also getting beyond economic repair. We are borrowing a demo Argo from topper next week, as we think this would be a suitable boat for training adults and young people in. Its also has a spinnaker and trapeze options.

We have our cadet laying up suppers next weekend, which is a bring and share, Friday and Saturday evening for parents, cadets and siblings.

Ruth and I are attending a London & SE Watersports Centre Meeting on Tuesday 14th November at The Ahoy Centre.

Ruth and I are working on the training programme for next year, beginning to look like another busy one!

For the development plan we are planning some transition to racing sessions and cadet race starts with main racing. Looking at the role of the cadet committee and whether to change it to get families more involved within the club.

**Date for AGM Sunday 24th March 2024 after sailing.**

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Date of next meeting Monday 11th December 2023