

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 17th April 2023 7pm at the Club and via Zoom**

**Present:** Steve Gray (Chairman), Maureen Bush, Mike Oliver, David Figgis, Jo Wyles,

Fef Griffin, Dickie Ledger & Philippa Bloice.

**Via Zoom:** Terry Davis.

**1 Apologies for Absence** -Andrew Jackson**,** Robert Govier

**2 Minutes of previous meeting 13th March 2023** - Approved unanimously.

**3 Correspondence received.**

It was agreed unanimously that the club would not respond to the beach safety assessment appeal.

**4 Matters Arising from Previous meeting:**

Membership categories – Possiblenew membership categories were discussed. Members would pay individually either as a water user or a non-water user.

Capture information on every member and partner over the next few years. Looking into the financial implications. DF asked for new membership category figures. **ACTION MB**

Block membership proposed for Whitstable RNLI and Whitstable Sea Scouts. Agreed unanimously.

Temporary social membership proposed to clients of Holiday Cottages. Agreed unanimously.

MB working with Chris Jarratt on Membership fees for October 2023.

Loan Repayment- It was unanimously agreed to repay £26,259.14, part of the outstanding loan as it not required for legal fees. Funds of £50K are available from members offering to make loans should the necessity arise. Further repayment of loan to be reviewed in July.

**4 WOFC Update** –TD reported that negotiations are continuing.

**5 Office and membership report** –Presented by MB.

8 New memberships received, 3 are returning members.

The music club is encouraging new social members.

**Membership discounts** - Existing members adding on additional facilities e.g., another boat/locker to be charged pro-rata for the remaining number of months.

**New member discounts** – New members joining April - June receive a 25% discount, those joining July – August receive a 50% discount. Joining in September is free with payment taken for the following year.

New members from Discover Sailing in June will receive a discount to be agreed at next GC. SG to give a paper at next meeting on proposed discounts for Discover Sailing. **ACTION SG/MB**

Rule changes agreed at AGM are being updated.

Outstanding staff employment contracts are being finalised.

Year on year membership currently shows a decline of !0%, as people start sailing It is hoped renewals will increase.

**6 Sailing Report** – Received from SG.

April Showers series: 5 races completed from 9, with 20 Lasers and 10 handicap fleet boats competing.

Easter Nip: 2 races completed from 4 with 25+ Lasers and 18 other boats competing.

Committee boat to return to mooring on April 21st. (done)

Thanks to team who returned the start pole to vertical – Mike Oliver, Peter King and Neil Reynolds.

Planning for upcoming events ongoing, especially Topper Coastal Champs, Laserfest and Dart/B14 open.

**7 House Report** –Received from MO

Completed works in last month:

1. Electric works – new socket outlets in Sea Room, rewire wall lights in Sea Room, new external distribution board and commando socket outlets by side of veranda. All these to upgrade to latest electrical safety standards. (A Breck electrician).

2. Front elevation of main club timber frames redecorated. (A D Grantham Ltd).

3. New pane of glass on front elevation bar area, following vandalism. Internal secondary glazed panels removed, redecorated, and modified to enable cleaning of glass.

4. Flat No 4. - New carpets to staircase and roof room. New vinyl flooring to kitchen. (Clarke Flooring).

5. No 1. - Replace part vinyl flooring to kitchen, following drainage repairs. (Clarke Flooring).

To complete.

No1 – front elevation ground floor timber frames and front entrance porch redecoration. (Grantham).

Replace 2 x electrical extract ventilators to front bar area. (A Breck).

Roof repair around chimney, front roof office. Scaffold to go up on pavement enabling redecoration of fascia and bunk window. (Wood Roofing)

**8 Bar, Catering & Social Report –**Presented by RL.

MB reported that bar figures October – March made a 6K profit. thanks to RL who had done a sterling job. Magda had taken responsibility for members party bookings. RL asked that members be aware of limited bar opening times for staff. Staff cannot extend their shift ad hock, if extended opening is required it should be arranged in advance.

RLadvised that the cellar floor needed urgent repair, MB activated the request MO to obtain quotes. **ACTION MO**

**9 Training Report** – Received from JW.

Courses

We have had our first two cadet courses of the season at Westbere Lake over the Easter holidays, first week was a stage1 & 3 course with 10 cadets, second week was a stage 1 & 2 course with 6 cadets.

Powerboat level 2 for 6 of our assistant instructors was also done over Easter. They also completed their sail training last week session last week, so are now able to start to help with cadet sessions and courses with an instructor.

Another PB2 course is being held this week, on Thursday / Friday.

Next weekend is the first adult level 2 course of the season, with 7 people booked on.

The second safety boat training place took place at the end of March, lots of people came along and hopefully we will have plenty of drivers this year to cover all the racing.

New boats

We have bought 7 x second hand Toppers from an activity centre in Surrey, we now have 11 Toppers in our fleet, which will mean we can have more cadets take part in the Topper champs in May.

Cadets

First cadet session took place on Saturday, with 17 cadets on the water, a breezy start but they all coped well with the conditions.

Vote of thanks to Angela E.M for stepping in with payment for the new boats as Maureen was away.

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**10 AOB**

John Boorman to be presented with a club burgee at his leaving drinks party Sunday 23rd April. (done)

**Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 15th May 7pm at the Club or via Zoom

Meeting closed at 19.50.

**Chairman………………………………………………**