

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 12TH June 2023 7pm at the Club and via Zoom**

**Present:** Andrew Jackson (Chairman), Steve Gray, Maureen Bush, Mike Oliver, David Figgis, Jo Wyles, Dickie Ledger, Robert Govier Fef Griffin & Philippa Bloice.

Guest member Aimee Moore.

**Via Zoom:** Terry Davis.

**1 Apologies for Absence** –None

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 15th May 2023** - Approved unanimously.

**3 Matters Arising from Previous meeting:**

**DBS checks –** It was agreed in this instance until the AGM Flag officers (mandatory) and members of any club committee who would like a DBS check can contact JW who will arrange an enhanced DBS check with the WYA at no cost to us. A DBS check is recommended for our own security safeguarding ourselves. This

will be included in MB review of the club rules. **ACTION JW**

**Allegation of incident** – A serious allegation has been made against a member of the club. Immediate suspension is enforced while a formal investigation takes place.

**ACTION AJ**

**Aimee Moore** Joined the meeting at this point.

Welcome. Aimee introduced herself and offered to help with marketing and communications.

**Membership category figures**- MB has several meetings with Chris Jarratt figures will go out later. **ACTION MB**

**Rule Changes** – MB **COMPLETE**

**Stroud Shed** – An Architect/Surveyor has been approached to provide a structural report. **ACTION MO**

**Notices on Stroud Shed** – MB put up notices **COMPLETE**

**Broken slabs on walkway-** MO reported the elevated precast slabs had become a trip hazard, he would organise a group of strong people to compact them down. **ACTION MO**

**Repair cellar floor** – New concrete cellar floor is booked in for October. **COMPLETE**

**4 WOFC Update** –TD reported on the process of beach negotiations.

**5 Online Subs System.**

RG suggested this required two parts, an online membership form with new membership categories then how payment would be taken. More research was required looking at different software providers and payment methods. **ACTION RG**

MB felt that this was a complicated process and would look into the payment system the bar was using and liaise with RG. **ACTION MB**

AJ required this to be tested and in place before the next membership renewal.

5i **New Website**

AJ proposed a new club website for next year to include membership payments.

AJ to specify what is required and talk to our present website designer. **ACTION AJ**

**6 Office and membership report** –Presented by MB



**7 Sailing Report** – Received from SG

The spring series has seen a mix of weather with turnouts largely reflecting the wind

strength. As of June 9th, 12 of the planned 14 races have been completed. In the Lasers 32

boats have started at least one race with an average turnout of 10.4. The handicap fleet has seen 33 boats start at least one race with an average turnout of 6.3.

Summer Series**:** In order to encourage participation of cadets and catamarans in the summer series we will trial the following format:

1. All-in handicap and Laser starts for all races
2. Additional 3rd Cadet start for June 24th, July 15th, Whitstable Week and Sept 2nd.
3. Shorter lap races for all classes, targeting 4 laps in 45 minutes for Lasers/All-in handicap (fewer laps for cadets, more for fast cats).
4. Lasers to sail triangle/sausage courses.
5. All-in handicap to sail triangle courses on Saturdays and windward/leeward courses on Sundays.

WYC major events: Whitstable Week, Town regatta and the August regatta will have a single start per race (and cadets in Whitstable Week) to make racing as fair as possible.

Topper Coastal Champs had over 100 entries. Racing on Saturday was cancelled due to wind/sea conditions, but some excellent racing took place on Sunday. Huge thanks to the volunteer team for putting on an event which received much praise from ITCA officials, parents and competitors.

The Club Champs took place over the Spring bank holiday with two days of windy racing followed by a cancellation on Monday due to wind/sea conditions. Congratulations to Rick and Sarah Perkins, 2023 WYC club champions.

Discover Sailing, WYC’s open day is next Saturday June 17th – we need to promote and more volunteers are required.

Other events: Preparation is underway for Laserfest in early July and the Dart/B14 open at the end of September. The social programme for Whitstable Week has been agreed and NoR and SI’s will be published shortly. SG to share WW programme with local clubs.

Male Changing Rooms**:**  due to a concern raised from a member, the SC recommends that all males wear swim trunks in the showers and wherever possible in the changing room.

It was unanimously agreed that all members when using the male and female changing rooms are now required to wear trunk/costumes. New signs in both the male and female changing rooms and an email to all members informing them of the new requirement. **Action MB/Office**

**7 House Report** – **No report received**

MO verbally reported nothing was planned other than already recorded in section 3 matters arising.

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

Weather is bringing members out. Bar is running well.

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

Courses

Two Powerboat courses have taken place in the last month, still always popular.

Adult level 2 course taken place over a very windy weekend, but the clients coped well in difficult waves.

Improver sessions proving popular with 10 people taking part most sessions, already booked up for this week.

School sessions have started this week. St Marys School on Tuesdays from 4.15 – 6.45pm and the Endowed School on Thursdays. With us for 7 weeks and should obtain their stage 1 by the end. Windy& wavey start this week so used wanderers for first session to give them a taster and joy rides in the rib. All enjoyed it.

Cadet Sessions

Cadet sessions going well with 64 different cadets having taken part so far this year, over 7 sessions. Now the weather has warmed up I’m sure there will be more next week.

During half term we had 22 cadets taking part in either stage1, 2, 3 courses, again windy conditions, but they managed to get out each day in difficult conditions.

Topper National Champs

A good weekend was had by all participants, unfortunately racing was cancelled on the Saturday after a postponement, as the swell and wind was too much. Sunday we were able to run 3 races off Whitstable, with all the Tankerton boats being trollied down on Saturday. ITCA were happy with the club and would like to come back at sometime.

Discover Sailing / WYC Open Day

Happening this Saturday! Volunteers are still needed to help out. We have 40 people booked in so far as of Monday morning.

**10 AOB**

FG congratulated the rolling system of training instructors that enabled the cadets to sail in harder weather.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 10th July 7pm at the Club or via Zoom

Meeting closed at 20.25.

**Chairman………………………………………………**