

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 10th July 2023 7pm at the Club and via Zoom**

**Present:** Andrew Jackson (Chairman), Maureen Bush, Mike Oliver, David Figgis, Jo Wyles, Dickie Ledger & Philippa Bloice.

Guest member Aimee Moore.

**Via Zoom:** Terry Davis, Robert Govier

**1 Apologies for Absence** –Steve Gray, Fef Griffin.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 12th June 2023** - Approved unanimously.

**3 Matters Arising from Previous meeting:**

**Allegation of incident** **update**- The Police have decided not to take any further action. A meeting is scheduled with the member concerned to find out if he would like to say anything. **ACTION AJ/MB/MO**

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

**New Membership category figures** - There are no changes to the membership categories other than terminology, a ‘sailing person’ will become a ‘water user.’ **Subscriptions and fees**- An Increase from October 1st 2023. 5% Subs and 3% fees was unanimously agreed. DF stated a good job had been done to keep the increases as low as they are.

**Online Subs System –** Discussions continuingto find an option achievable for this year. **ACTION RG/MB**

**4 WOFC Update** –TD updated us.Discussions are continuing,

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

MB to draft a contract/agreement for members parties held at the club. **ACTION M/B**

A complaint was made concerning noise levels. MO to purchase a decibel monitor, maximum levels of music to be agreed. **ACTION MB/MO**

We are in a position to pay off another part of the club loan. It was unanimously agreed to make payment of £7,600. To be reviewed in September. **ACTION MB** Two new rib engines and hydraulics are required.

Two major budget items for next year - Shroud shed and veranda canopy.

Congratulations to DL the bar is in profit.

Discover Sailing memberships totalled 23 – a record.  That’s 58 persons.

**6 Sailing Report** – Received from SG

**Summer Series:** Commenced with a great turnout on June 24th with 14 x handicap, 14 x Lasers and 11 x cadets – for once sunny conditions and gentle breezes helped the turnout.At the time of writing 3 races have been sailed on Sundays with windier weather and reasonable turnouts.

Further cadet races are planned forJuly 15th, Whitstable Week and Sept 2nd. Learning from June 24th is that cadets need a separate signing on/off sheet and Ruth will provide better guidance on how to complete the signing on process to make recording/results easier.

**Discover Sailing** was blessed with decent weather and proved a huge success 87 newcomers taking to the water and with 22 memberships sold which brought 48 new members. Well done to Jo, Ruth and their team of volunteers.

**Laserfest** took place July 2/3 and attracted 33 entries of which all but 3 were from WYC. This was down on 2022’s entry of 38 which had 6 visitors.

The sprint format went well with 5 short races with quick turn rounds being completed on both days, despite some windy weather on Saturday.

Congratulations to overall winner Charles Campion who won 6 of the 10 races and came 2nd in the others. Runner up was visitor Leo Yates from Island Barn in a radial, who became aware of Laserfest having competed in and won the Topper Coastal Championships.

**Whitstable week** is next up and John Boorman has confirmed he will be available to PRO the event. Full event planner has been recently circulated.

**Changing Rooms:**  wording for email and poster has been circulated and agreed.

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

MO verbally reported planks on veranda had been repaired but were rotten underneath, will need replacing.

Peter Jackson has been instructed to complete a structural survey on Shroud shed.

Benches ordered for men’s changing rooms.

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

Bar is running well. Air pump fitted to bitter beer.

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

RYA inspector Paul Outram coming Saturday 15th July approx. midday.

**Courses**

Just one Powerboat courses have taken place in the last month, more later in the year.

Adult level 1 with 8 people taking part over the Discover Sailing weekend. Good weather and conditions.

Adult level 2 course took place over laserfest weekend, so windy and wavey conditions but all went well.

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

School sessions. St Marys School on Tuesdays from 4.15 – 6.45pm and the Endowed School on Thursdays. Sessions continuing with 2 weeks left, everyone enjoying it, some afloat and ashore sessions.

**Cadet Sessions**

Cadet sessions going well, been combined session recently because of tides. But split into groups for different training depending on abilities. 30 out on Friday night in 24 boats, beautiful evening and conditions.

Cadet racing on 24th June went well with separate start, another one planned for 15th July.

**Discover Sailing / WYC Open Day**

All went well with great weather on the day. Big thank you to Dave Blakey (Hartley) and Fef Griffiths (Wanderer) for the loan of there boats on the day, wouldn’t be possible with out them and for all the volunteers who helped out on the day and rigged boats, talked to people and took them for a sail. Nearly 90 people went out on the day, we had 20 new memberships on the day and a few more since. The level 1 course was booked up by lunchtime which is great news and several others wanting a one to one.

2 Club fevers have come to their end, need to decide what we would like them replacing with.

**10 AOB** None

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**Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 14th August 7pm at the Club or via Zoom

Meeting closed at 19.50

**Chairman………………………………………………**