

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 9th October 2023 7pm**

**held at the Club and via Zoom**

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

Maureen Bush MB, David Figgis DF, Jo Wyles JW, Dickie Ledger DL,

Fef Griffin FG. Guest member - Amy Moore AM.

**Via Zoom:** Robert Govier RG

**1 Apologies for absence** –Terry Davis.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 14th August 2023** - Approved unanimously.

**3 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

a) Club Development plan – this was discussed in detail with each of those responsible for their area reporting. Meetings ongoing.

Those leading:

On water activities SG

 Training & Young people JW

 Marketing & Communications SG/AJ

 Bar & Social DL

 Membership & Community AJ/AM

 Property & Assets MO/TD

 Administration & Finance MB/CJ

Actions arising from discussions:

i) Sink & toilet requested for Rigden training office Action: MO

ii) Bar staff lone working – cctv in bar? DL and Magda to research how other pubs etc. manage in the town so that a specification can be drawn up for MO to implement.

MB then to document for bar staff training manual. Action: DL and Magda Venning

iii) Bar staff have Tshirts for events with Bar Staff on them so that they can easily be identified.

iv) Club visitors need to be signed in. AM suggested a tablet in bar. Action: RG

v) New members induction. AM made several suggestions. Meeting to be arranged with MB, FG and Sally Gostelow -membership secretary - so that AM is aware of current procedures. Action: MB

b) Budget for 2024 – MB requested that any decisions are carried over in light on ongoing discussions regarding the beach lease. Action: MB

c) Maximum number of persons in club for an event? Action: MB

**4. Commodore AJ advised that he will be resigning at next AGM**.

i) All current members requested to advise if they intend to stand at next AGM.

ii) Recommendation for new members to joining General Committee required.

**5. WOFC update - nothing to report - discussions ongoing**

**6. Office report: MO**

a) BIG THANK YOU TO:

1. Robert Govier – online membership form now working brilliantly.
2. Glenn Cook – Dart18/B14 excellent meeting – Glenn kept smiling despite Bookwhen hiccups and other admin issues.
3. Mike Oliver – rigging up microphone for meetings and keeping properties in working order.
4. Chris Jarratt – help with the end of year accounts.
5. Club program 2024 – Fef has started and will meet with Andy and Steve to progress.

Westbere disability sailing to be included. o/s MB

1. Website update – AJ and SG discussing with RG o/s
2. Accounts - year end information should be with accountants by Friday 13th October.

Anticipated profit for 2022-23 c. £20,000. Action: MB

1. Club insurance – there is a 3 year contract with Towergate. This is the last year. Cost to 30.9.2024 = £11,514 - paid. Full review scheduled for June 2024 o/s MB
2. Budget 2023-24. All but essential items on hold until next GC meeting. o/s MB
3. New telephone system being installed 17th October.
4. Email to go to all members re a maintenance support group and a social support group

Action: MB

**Membership report submitted by Sally Gostelow**

It was noted that there are 10 new Water Users and 2 Social Families. Several water users looking for boats. This is very positive for the club.

1. **Sailing report: SG**

**Major events**

Town regatta Aug 19/20: 35 starters vs 48 last year - no visitors from TBSC

August regatta Aug 26/28: 52 starters vs 38 last year – 6 races sailed

Wanderer nationals/cruise Aug 30/Sept 3 – 7 starters

KSSA regatta Sept 16: 68 registered, won by Finn Crockett, 16 WYC boats raced

Dart 18 & B14 open meeting Sept 30/Oct 1: 22 Darts, 7 B14’s – superb weekend

**Summer series:** Both Saturday (8/14 races) and Sunday (9/15 races) series are now completed and show improved numbers over 2022, particularly Sundays due to Toppers.

**Wed evening series**: 7/9 races completed, won by Richard Ledger.

**Autumn series:** underway with 4/4 races completed, and 2 more this weekend.

**Prizegiving**: Oct 22nd 5.30PM

**2024 programme:** Provisional dates:

Easter regatta: Mar 29/April 1 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

**Under discussion**:

Topper SE regional training/open Dart 18’s Cruising and Kayaking

1. **House report: MO**

**Completed:**

1. Electricity smart meters requested but having difficulties.
2. Matt Young now doing weekly fire alarm and fire extinguisher checks.
3. Helen Lucas doing water temperature checks and descaling showers.
4. Architects report for Stroud shed commissioned and received.
5. Various minor electrical works (Rear light No2. Replace veranda LED floodlights. New double socket outlets Office No 3.)

**Booked for October/Nov:**

1. New cellar floor - £3600
2. Veranda rotten timbers replacement c. £500 - Jayme carpenter
3. Office 2 new sash window required £702 - Jayme carpenter.
4. Replace rotten timber balustrade to seaside of No 1. £1,664. - Jayme carpenter.
5. Fire Risk Assessment review being carried out 12th Oct. - c £300 Vestas Fire.
6. Bar climate control unit – awaiting engineers visit.
7. **Bar report: DL**

a) reported that October will be ‘Octoberfest’ with guest lagers etc.

b) Kellie has advised office of 2024 social dates.

1. **Training report: JW**

**Courses**

This year to date we have had 23 cadet courses for RYA Stage 1 – 4, including Sailing with spinnakers, Day sailing and Race training courses.

136 cadet certificates been given out with 58 being stage 1.

Adult courses have been 19 in total mainly weekends at Rya Level 1,2 &3

65 Adult certificates been given out.

Last cadet course of the season being held during October half term at Westbere lake for stage 2 /3 fully booked.

Still a couple of powerboat courses planned for October (weather depending)

Pack away day is planned for 11th November. Cadet laying up supper planned for 17/18th November.

**Cadet Sessions**

Cadet sessions going well, 20 sessions so far, 3 more before we finish for the season. Have been splitting them into groups for different training, depending on abilities. 35 cadets and 27 boats out on Saturday afternoon.

Cadet Fest went really well with over 40 cadets taking part during the week. Great cruise to Leysdown on the Tuesday, which for most of the cadets was the furthest they had ever sailed.

KSSA regatta went really well with 65 boats taking part, great weather for it, biggest number of entrants they had this year.

Improvers still very popular we’ve help 13 sessions this year, with some on Sundays as well as Wednesday nights. Best turnout in one session 17 boats.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm