

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 13th May 2024 7pm**

**at WYC and via Zoom**

**Present:** David Figgis DF (Chair), Steve Gray SG, Mike Oliver MO, Robert Govier RG,

Maureen Bush MB, Jo Wyles JW, Dickie Ledger DL, Fef Griffin FG, Amy Moore AM,

Philippa Bloice PB.

**Via Zoom:** Terry Davis TD.

**1 Apologies for absence** – Andrew Provan (AP), Jane Davidson (JD).

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 8th April 2024** - Approved unanimously.

**3 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

G Burton Membership reapplication – MB received an email asking why his reapplication has been refused by the GC. MB replied that the club do not have to divulge why.

Club Safety Manual – SG reported work in progress.

Whitstable week social programme – All evening events organised.

Saturday Commodores cocktails with live band - a black tie, posh frock event.

MO to organise a projector for Cadet night.

**3a** **Correspondence**

East Kent Yachting Association keen to get us involved in meetings - no real interest in this.

Whitstable Community paper want to know if we would like to submit an article – yes, we would. **Action SG**

**4 WOFC update: TD**

Terry reported ongoing negotiations.

**5 Office report: MB**

1. Trustees – discussions ongoing and succession planning discussed. **Action MB**
2. Club rules updated post AGM – being proofread and will then be posted on web.
3. Filming - stage 2 weeks commencing May 13th. Paid £4,500
4. Talk – Whitstable Maritime 19th April was well attended.

No 1 Sea Wall in a poor state of repair. Ongoing discussions with letting agent and tenant. **Action MB**

A structure for booking social events to be drawn up confirming the requirements of holding an event at the club. **Action MB**

Discover sailing special offer to anyone signing up on the day- MB to confirm discount. **Action MB**

Quarterly budget report received - puts together a clearer way of going forward.

**List of new members:**

3 new water user individuals, 1 new water user family and 1 new social family.

**6 Sailing Report: SG**

Topper weekend completed - training great success, open a little windy for the 41 entries. Thanks to Andy Jackson for stepping in as RO.

RNLI pursuit race won by Rick and Sarah Perkins and raised nearly £60.

**Holidaycottages.co.uk:** launched and covered by Yachts and Yachting and Community Ad magazine.

**Club safety manual**: have commenced major update.

**Strategic plan status:** Transition to Racing started, Kayak/SUP sessions started, new website WIP.

Thank you to Steve Ruth and Jo for a very impressive transition to racing afternoon, a great advert for the club.

**7** **House report: MO**

Works carried out in last month.

1. Old marquee removed on 24th April, metal taken to scrap merchants and raised £190. New marquee erected 26th April. Note the new Marquee cost £8,800
2. Scaffolding erected to front elevation - works are ongoing to redecorate upper parts of front elevation (SPH Home Maintenance) and roof repair works to ridge tiles, flashings and various slate replacements (Wood Roofing).
3. Repaint external timber handrails and steps to tea hut.
4. Rubbish removed from “pit” including 65 trolley wheels and tires (disposal cost of these is £2.50 each!).
5. Beer cellar chiller, bar area air con and back bar display coolers annual servicing.

Work to be carried out.

1. Redecorate sea room flat roof metal handrails and replace mesh guarding. (SPH Home Maintenance)
2. Repairs to gents toilet urinal flush cistern. (Peter King).
3. Following report and survey of the Stroud Shed from Peter Jackson Architects, decisions will need to be made on the way forward with this building.
4. A vote of thanks to Mike for organising the new marque and to Peter King who repaired the urinals at such short notice.

Fire drill to take place when the club is occupied.

Mike to tape out an exclusion area for the fire exit inthe sea room.

**8 Bar report DL:**

DL reported all going fine, cellar working well.

**9 Training report: JW:**

Cadets

The stage 1 &2 course went well at Westbere Lakes with 10 cadets taking part.

There have been 6 cadet sessions so far this season, and gradually the weather has improved, good numbers each week with 28 cadets on Saturday getting out.

We’ve had one cadet race so far this year, with 8 cadets taking part.

Topper Event went well. Saturdays coaching was very good with fairly windy conditions. Sunday saw 32 boats take to the water for racing, but unfortunately it was very wavy and windy conditions, so only 8 boats completed the race, before abandoning the rest of the racing. Safety boats team were kept very busy with rescues. They all enjoyed themselves which is what counts.

Courses

Two powerboats courses have been completed and 3 of our new AI’s are now qualified.

The Level 2 course was cancelled due to lack of numbers, those who had booked have moved to a course later in the year.

Improvers has been popular for the first two sessions.

Transition to racing courses have started with 21 taking part in the first one concentrating on starts. 16 took part in the second one which is all about improving your upwind sailing. There has been a combination of adults and cadets on the courses.

Discover Sailing

Help required for our Discover Sailing/ Club open day on 8th June staring at 12pm finishing at 5pm. Need people to have a variety of boats rigged on the ramp area, to talk to people. Reception and signing up potential new members and help with launching and recovery of boats for joy rides.

Please contact Jo Wyles/ Steve Gray if you can help.

**10 Social events team**

No Social report received.

Various ideas were discussed, meetings have been held and events being worked on.

A report is required for the next meeting to show what has been achieved ideally with dates for social events. We can then advertise what is going on and when.

**Action AM, AP, JD**

**11 AOB**

Clear guidelines required to deal with events advertising. **Action MB**

Meeting with Keith to resolve the long queues for food/ drinks for members

**Action MB**

RG to resolve internet problems for Keith and the bar. **Action RG**

Reinstate a bell on the bar as staff may be on other duties. **Action MB**

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

**Date of next meeting Monday 10th June 2024**