

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 10th June 2024 7pm**

**at WYC and via Zoom**

Present: David Figgis DF (Chair), Mike Oliver MO, Robert Govier RG,

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

Philippa Bloice PB, Andrew Provan AP, Jane Davidson JD.

Via Zoom: Terry Davis TD.

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

**2** **Minutes of previous meeting Monday 13th May 2024** - Approved unanimously.

**3** **Correspondence**

Chris Cornell from the local council, Rosie Duffy and Feargal Sharkey have arranged a meeting at WYC to discuss Whitstable beach campaign and water pollution, DF to attend.

A club member asked on behalf of Gamecock to hold an art exhibition at the club, dates to be finalised.

**4** **Matters arising from previous meeting**:

**a** Structure for booking social events/guidelines for events advertising.

For member events email MB with dates, MB sends a form to complete and return.

For non-club events email MB who will confirm availability.

RG to advertise event on website, AM/JD make posters for events and update the social chalk board in the bar.

All members to be informed by email 2 months in advance regarding social events happening at the club.

**b** Meeting with Keith to resolve long queues for members.

MB/DF book meeting with Keith asap.

**c** Resolve internet problems for Keith and the bar.

Resolved.

**d** No 1 Sea Wall poor state of repair.

Letting agents sent a letter to tenants requiring a complete clean with a follow up inspection in 3 months.

**5 WOFC update: TD**

Terry reported ongoing negotiations.

**6 Office report: MB**

No report this month.

All money in from filming, just over nine thousand pounds. RG asked if there was a way of gaining more publicity from the filming to raising money for a charity. MB to check film contract. **Action MB**

**Finance – reserve funds report received**

**List of new members:**

1 new water user Cadet 1 new water user Family

1 new water user Student 5 new social Individuals

3 new water user Individuals 2 new social Family’s

**7 Sailing Report: SG**

Club championships won by Robert Govier and David Figgis from 34 starters – first win by a serving Commodore?

Spring series: AIH won by Phil Emery and crews from 37 starters, Lasers won by Kevin Hall from 40 starters. Both fleets saw increased turnout and average no starting vs 2023.

Merlin/Tasar open June 22/23, Wanderer open June 29/30, Laser fest July 6/7.

Club safety manual: Major update still WIP.

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

**8 House report: MO**

Works carried out in last month.

Scaffolding erected to front elevation - redecoration of upper parts of front elevation (SPH Home Maintenance) completed.

Repainting of external timber handrails and steps to tea hut. Thanks to Fef.

Redecoration of sea room flat roof metal handrails and replace mesh guarding. (SPH Home Maintenance).

New WYC corporate banners fitted to Rigdens and race hut railings.

Work to be carried out.

Roof repair works to ridge tiles, flashings, and various slate replacements (Wood Roofing).

**9 Bar report DL**

Extended summer opening hours.

Welcome Karen our new member of staff.

**10 Training report: JW**

RYA Inspection

The inspector Ed Sumner came on Tuesday 28th May at the start of our Stage 1 / 2/ 3 courses. Windy afternoon but he was impressed that we got everyone out sailing with the windy conditions with instructors. Very impressed with our instructors on the day, how they handled the boats in windy conditions.

Cadets

Stage 1, 2 &3 course during half term with 18 cadets taking part over 3 afternoons/ early evenings due to the tides.

There have been 9 cadet sessions so far this season, last week was cancelled due to the weather but good numbers.

Courses

Adult level 1 course held 25th / 26th May with 8 adults. Level 2 course 8th / 9th June with 7 people booked in.

Improvers has been popular on a Wednesday night and some Sunday sessions.

Transition to racing course proved popular and well worth holding, everyone seems to enjoy it. Hopefully some more sailors will be joining in racing in the future.

Dinghy Instructor course happening at WYC from 1st July – 5th July.

Discover sailing

The day went very well.

Thanks to the incredible hard work of the training school and volunteers, we gained 8 new memberships (14 individuals) on the day and 1 this week.

Courses are available to book.

JW would reassess holding a discover sailing day biannually or holding an RYA open day without the sailing.

**10 Social events team report AM**

A list of proposed events was discussed with dates put forward for the remainder of 2024.

These included: open air cinema, tv sports, cocktail making, wine tasting, talks, music events, Halloween fancy dress, dinner & dance. **Action AM, AP, JD**

Upcoming social events to be emailed out to members 2 months in advance. **Action MB**

Whitstable weeks evening entertainment programme confirmed.

**11 AOB**

MB will advise what she thinks we need regarding fees for the coming year at the next meeting. **Action MB**

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Date of next meeting Monday 15th July 2024