

**Notes of the General Committee held on 8 April 2019 at 7.30pm at Whitstable Yacht Club**

Present: Kelvin Tolson (Chairman), Maureen Bush, David Figgis, Robert Govier, Fef Griffin, Richard Ledger, Richard Maltby, Mike Oliver, Jo Phillips & Ian Wild

Kelvin Tolson, Commodore, was elected Chairman.

**1** **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Terry Davis, Elizabeth Lambert & Martin Muirhead.

**2 Commodore’s Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Kelvin welcomed the new Committee and said it was a time to be looking forward.

**3** **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 4 March 2019**

The minutes had incorrectly recorded Martin Muirhead as present. After amendment they were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**4 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5 Minutes of the AGM held on 23 March 2019**

The draft minutes were noted.

**6 Land & Property**

Jo Phillips updated the meeting regarding the WOFC position. There was no date set for the Public Inquiry. The utilisation of the beach would be reviewed and there would be a working party at the end of April to tidy it. Members, whose boats were in a poor state, would be contacted.

Maureen Bush said she had the paperwork to register the dustbin area with the Land Registry.

**7 Correspondence**

Letters from John Cooper and Wendy Fitzpatrick had been received thanking the Committee for their nomination as Honorary Members.

**8 Office & Membership Report**

. The list of new members was approved.

Maureen reported that Martin was arranging the registration of the new trustees.

She had been discussing with Keith the coffee stall’s waste recycling.

**9 Finance Report**

Maureen reported that the financial position after the first six months, which usually produced a small deficit, was as expected and was satisfactory. Running costs had been cut back. There were some items of significant expenditure imminent, namely repairs to the RIBs and replacement windows for Roy’s Shed.

**10 Appointment of Sub-Committees**

A paper had been circulated with the agenda. The following were appointed:

Robert Govier, Rear Commodore (Sailing) to the Sailing Committee.

Mike Oliver, Rear Commodore (House) to establish a House Committee should he think it necessary.

Dickie Ledger to establish a Bar, Catering and Social Committee.

**11 “3 Year Plan – Development”**

Kelvin introduced his ideas for developing a plan for the next three years. After general discussion it was agreed that provisionally it would be divided up as follows:

* + Revenue Generation
  + Marketing
  + Infrastructure & Plant
  + Major Events.
  + Safety
  + Social

Maureen was reviewing the jobs that needed to be done on a paid or voluntary basis. She was putting together a job specification for what would amount to a facilities management post. Inevitably there would be changes.

There was a need to get the windsurfers more integrated. Kelvin had made a start.

Kelvin would produce a template for the Plan.

**12 Sub Committee Reports**

**12.1 Sailing Committee**

Robert reported on the recent 5o5 Open Meeting. The Class had shown an interest in holding a larger event at Whitstable.

There had been a recurring problem of Club racing being unilaterally cancelled without proper consultation with class captains or the race officer.

The Minutes of the Sailing Committee held on 18 March were received.

**12.2 House Committee**

Mike Oliver had circulated a report detailing recent works and those in hand. Rot had been found in the base of the flag pole and the deck. It was being assessed.

**12.3 Bar, Catering and Social Committee**

The bar was operating in the black. Supply costs were about to go up which would mean a review of prices. The Social Programme was well supported.

**12.4 Training**

Richard Maltby reported on the arrangements for “Push the Boat Out” day. This had become an important event for the Club and could take precedence over Club racing.

Training had started and courses were well booked up. An instructor course was imminent.

There were problems providing a phone extension to the office in the school.

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**13 Any Other Business**

**13.1 Harbour Day**

Maureen had agreed their committee could hold meetings at the Club.

**13.2 Club Income**

Maureen reiterated that all Club income was pooled unless raised for a specific purpose.

**14 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be at to 7.30 pm Monday 13 May 2019

The meeting closed at 21.15 hrs.

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