

**Notes of the General Committee held on 12 April 2021 at 5.30pm via Zoom**

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

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

An apology was received from Richard Maltby

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 8 March 2021**

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

**3 WOFC**

Ther current situation was discussed.

**4 Covid 19 Update**

The Covid Group had met last week and the Club was opening up in line with current Government guidance.

There had been queuing problems around the Coffee Stall and extra barriers were being acquired. There would be a separate access for members. The Club coffee hatch would be open when sailing was scheduled.

The bar would open on a limited basis from Saturday 17 April.

**5 Office & Membership Report**

Maureen Bush had circulated a comprehensive report covering Staff, IT, HR, Marketing, Accounts and Property Rentals. Her recommendation regarding Staff Pay was agreed.

Ian reported that he had not heard anything further relating to the County Court Claim.

The quarterly membership report had been circulated. The year on year figures as of March was noted. A final email reminder was about to be sent to those members who may not have renewed because of the Covid crisis.

The list of new members was approved.

The arrangements for the Lord Mayor’s visit on 8 May were noted.

**6 Finance**

Martin Muirhead had circulated the Accounts for the first six months to the end of March. They showed the variances on the previous year with comments.

The filming income had balanced the loss of subs. The rates holiday had been the other winner. There was no money to go out and spend and it may necessary to revisit the decision not to increase subscriptions and fees for 2021/2.

**7 Sailing Issues**

Robert Govier had circulated a written report covering the sailing so far this year and planned. It also covered equipment issues.

It was agreed to move the start time of the race on Saturday 17 April forward to 1.00pm, and time limit it, in view of the funeral arrangements for Prince Philip.

**8 House Issues**

Mike Oliver had submitted a written report covering completed works and those outstanding. No new works would be added, unless an emergency, in view of the financial situation.

**9 Bar, Catering and Social Issues**

Dickie Ledger had nothing to add to what had been said under the Covid 19 update.

**10 Training Issues**

Richard Maltby had submitted a written report covering the courses imminently scheduled, bookings, the state of the boats, the University equipment, a Training review to be undertaken, the provision of the defibrillator, the Topper Nationals 2013 and the proposal to adopt Whitstable Community Junior School.

Terry Davis was thanked for driving through the defibrillator initiative.

Kelvin was pleased to note that the weekly School sessions were due to start in June.

**11 Schedule of GC Meetings 2021/2**

It was noted that the schedule circulated had two errors. The meeting in July would be on the 12th and in August on the 9th.

**12 Any Other Business**

**12.1 RNLI**

Maureen reported that the RNLI were taking on a fund raiser and there may be more opportunity to work jointly with them.

**11 Date of Next Meeting**

This would be on Monday 10 May 2021 at 5.30pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm