

**Notes of the General Committee held on 10 December 2018 at 7.30pm at Whitstable Yacht Club**

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

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

Apologies were received from Richard Bradburn, Terry Davis & Martin Muirhead,

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

Robert Govier had been asked to chair the meeting in the Commodore’s absence. .

**3** **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 12 November 2018**

**T**he minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**4 Matters Arising**

**4.1 Item 7 – Expulsion of Members**

The RYA had confirmed that expulsion meant permanent exclusion. In the unlikely event that an expelled member ever re-applied for membership, the General Committee had an implicit right to decide who should or should not be a member.

**5 Land & Property**

The General Committee resolved to direct the Trustees to enter into a Licence with Canterbury City Council for the triangle of beach near the RNLI shed in accordance with Rule 79. It was further noted that under Rule 81 “The liability of the trustees for the performance of any contractual or other obligation undertaken by them on behalf of the Club shall be limited to the assets of the Club” and this would be incorporated in the License.

**6 Correspondence**

Maureen Bush reported there had been correspondence with a number of members since the last meeting and the issues had been resolved.

**7 Office & Membership Report**

. It was noted that Elizabeth Lambert had agreed to be the “buddy” for new social members. She would attend the next meeting as an observer.

Ian confirmed that, when membership had last been reviewed, it had been deliberate that sailing membership should be included for any social members’ children.

There had been no new members in November. A list of members who had resigned was noted.

It was agreed that anyone renewing their membership after 1st January 2019 would be charged a readmission fee.

The staff Christmas Party would be on 13th December and the bar would close at 6.30pm on that day.

Maureen had negotiated a new lease for the BT equipment. It was resolved “That the General Committee should enter into a rental agreement with BT for one AVAYA telephone system”.

**8 Finance Report**

Maureen said Martin Muirhead had been asked to produce a full quarterly report for the January meeting. The financial position was looking better thanks to the money raised by the “Ramp it up” appeal and the donation.

Maureen hoped to produce a five year maintenance programme by April.

There had not been any progress regarding discretionary rates relief. Ian had been advised by Canterbury’s Sports Development Officer that none was available and no other Clubs had been granted any. However, money was available for grants.

Pre- season spending on Training was agreed.

The draft accounts from the last financial year should be ready for the January meeting when any increase in fees/subscriptions would be considered.

**9 Sub Committee Reports**

**9.1 Sailing Committee**

The Minutes of the Sailing Committee held on 19 November 2018 were received and the Minutes of the Meeting of Sailors held on 18 November were noted.

Robert reported that the Meeting of Sailors had agreed the proposed changes to the Club’s Open meetings/Championships policy. Preliminary discussions were being held with the Dart 15s for a three day event.

The last race of the season had been cancelled but the prize giving had been successful. Charlie Campion was thanked for providing a buffet.

The programme for next season was progressing and publishing costs should be covered by advertisers.

**9.2 House Committee**

Mike Oliver detailed all the maintenance work that was in hand. Work on the fire alarm/emergency lighting in Rigden’s Shed had just started.

Consideration was being given to converting the first floor flat into office/meeting room accommodation that could be let out.

Ken, the Club’s maintenance engineer, was thanked for the professionalism and thoroughness of his work.

It was hoped to have kayak racks in the forecourt by January. Two working parties were then scheduled to clear out the bottom of Roy’s Shed and the rafters.

**9.3 Bar, Catering and Social Committee**

Dickie Ledger reported the takings in November had been good due to the success of the social events. Cribbage evenings would be trialled. A discount had been earned on the barrelage.

Breathalysers would be held behind the bar and offered to members if the staff had any concerns about their fitness to drive.

Jo Phillips would be organising the Club stand at next year’s Harbour Day.

**9.4 Training**

Richard Maltby reported that there had been a meeting that had considered Training in terms of premises, participation and personnel. It would continue as a predominantly volunteer led activity. He was meeting Ruth Oliver regularly.

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**10 Any Other Business**

**10.1 Dinghy Show**

Some members had shown an interest in having a stand at the Dinghy Show to promote the Club and the Training Centre.This was welcomed. The possibility of getting assistance from Topper would be followed up.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be at 7.30 pm Monday 14 January 2018

The meeting closed at 20.45 hrs.

………………………………. Chairman