

**Minutes of the General Committee held on 13 December 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

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

In Attendance: Philippa Bloice, Steve Gray & Andy Jackson

Kelvin Tolson welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

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

Apologies were received from Jo Phillips.

**2 Death of Hon President**

The General Committee marked the sudden passing of the Club’s Hon President, Larry Lamberton MBE. Kelvin paid tribute to his work and said he would be sadly missed.

Richard Bradburn and Ian Embry would be representing the Club at his funeral.

**3 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 8 November 2021**

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

**4. Matters Arising**

**4.1 Meeting with KCC**

Kelvin reported on the meeting that had been held with Mike Hill, Kent County Council’s Cabinet Member for Community and Regulatory Services. KCC were particularly concerned with getting children active again after the pandemic. It had been a constructive and helpful meeting and KCC wanted to help the Club.

Ian Wild reminded the Committee that Canterbury City Council also had a Sports Development Officer who was available for help and advice.

**5 WOFC**

The current situation in relation to the lease renewal was discussed.

**6 Office & Membership Report**

Maureen Bush had submitted a written report. It included the quarterly membership report which looked positive.

An approach had been received from the local branch of the National Coastwatch Institution who wanted to establish a relationship with the Club. Maureen would check the position regarding Hon Membership and report back to the next meeting.

Ian reported that the County Court Hearing had now been scheduled to Canterbury and would be heard in April. The General Committee agreed that he should continue to represent the Club though he would have retired from the Committee by then.

**7 Finance**

Martin Muirhead referred to the reports that he had circulated prior to the last meeting and stressed that the financial position would continue to be very tight.

**7.1 CASC**

Richard Maltby introduced the two papers he had prepared. It was agreed it was a wide ranging subject that would require a lot of work outside the General Committee and would also need expert outside advice. One of the most difficult issues was collecting auditable data on members’ activity. He also believed there should be a review of the membership structure.

Ian pointed out there had been a major overhaul of the structure relatively recently and it was the changes that had been brought in then that had directly led to the current growth in youth activity.

**8 Sailing Issues**

Robert Govier reported that the Argo Cat was broken and the best solution was probably to sell it on.

Maureen reported that Sally Gostelow was undertaking a thorough review of the equipment stored on the West Quay.

**9 House Issues**

Mike Oliver had submitted a written report on work completed and outstanding. A couple of big issues remained outstanding.

It was noted that Simon Reynolds was undertaking a major sorting out of the beach and sail racks.

**10 Bar, Catering and Social Issues**

There was no report.

**11 Training Issues**

Richard had circulated a written report. He was giving further thought to the AALA guidance in relation to the RYA’s On Board initiative.

Jo Wyles would be formally taking over as Principal on the 1st January. Richard would remain on the Committee in his own right.

Kelvin thanked Richard, on behalf of the Committee, for the considerable effort he had put in over the years.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

This would be on Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21.05 pm