

**Notes of the General Committee held on 4 February at 7.30pm at Whitstable Yacht Club**

Present: Robert Govier (Chairman), Maureen Bush, David Figgis, Elizabeth Lambert, Richard Ledger, Martin Muirhead, Mike Oliver, Jo Phillips, Kelvin Tolson & Ian Wild

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

Apologies were received from Richard Bradburn, Terry Davis, Fef Griffin & Richard Maltby

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

Robert Govier chaired the meeting in the Commodore’s absence.

It was agreed to co-opt Elizabeth Lambert and Kelvin Tolson on to the General Committee. It was further unanimously agreed to support Kelvin’s nomination as Commodore at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

It was noted that Catherine Pierce had volunteered to take responsibility for Club memorabilia, that is, catalogue and value it.

**3** **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 14 January 2019**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**4 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5 Land & Property**

Richard Maltby had established that the unauthorised construction of the oyster trestles had been referred to the Planning Inspectorate and there would be a Public Inquiry.

Terry Davis had completed his survey of Club properties.

**6 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**7 Office & Membership Report**

. The list of new members was approved. The number of members still to renew was in line with previous years.

**8 Finance Report**

**8.1 Draft Accounts**

Martin Muirhead tabled amended draft accounts for the year ended September 2018. He explained the variances from the previous year.

The revised Draft Accounts would be circulated by email for approval. The accounts in full would be circulated to members.

**8.2 Quarterly Report and Budget**

Martin tabled a report on the income and expenditure for the first quarter from October to December 2018 compared with the previous year and projected figures for the whole year.

Martin had budgeted for a 5% increase in income and expenditure for the current year. He was forecasting a small profit. These figures did not make provision for a Manager. Further thought would need to be given to the management arrangements in April.

**8.3 Fees and Subscriptions**

After discussion it was agreed to recommend to the AGM an increase of up to 5% to be reviewed in August. The financial outlook was very uncertain, not least because of BREXIT. The increase in senior membership subscriptions would be a bit higher as they would be brought up to 75% of the full rates.

Martin suggested members should be encouraged to consider bequests.

**9 Sub Committee Reports**

**9.1 Sailing Committee**.

Robert reported that the Sailing Programme was ready and about to go to print.

The kayak racks should be ready in about two weeks which would enable the bottom of Rigden’s shed to be tidied.

Kelvin, if available, would attend the next EKYA meeting.

The Minutes of the Sailing Committee held on 21 January were received.

**9.2 House Committee**

Mike Oliver had circulated a report. The expenditure was approved. CCTV was to be installed covering Rigden’s Shed. It was noted that the windsurfers, in particular, were suffering losses of equipment.

**9.3 Bar, Catering and Social Committee**

Dickie Ledger reported that the bar had been quiet and that a number of social events had been held with variable success. More were scheduled.

**9.4 Training**

Richard Maltby had circulated a report. It was noted that Training would be promoting the Club on the Topper stand at the Dinghy Show. A further stand was being organised by Andrew Guerin from the Laser class amongst others to promote the Club as a whole. It was agreed that as a one off promotion at the Show, anyone signing up at the time would be offered membership for two seasons for the price of one subscription, that is, until end September 2020. This would not apply to fees.

The notes of a meeting of East Kent Training Officers and KSSA were received.

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**10 Any Other Business**

 There was no other business.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be brought forward to 7.30 pm Monday 4th March 2019

The meeting closed at 21.30 hrs.

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