

**Notes of the General Committee held on 14 January at 7.30pm at Whitstable Yacht Club**

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

In attendance: Elizabeth Lambert & Kelvin Tolson

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

Apologies were received from Richard Bradburn, Martin Muirhead & Jo Phillips.

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

Robert Govier had been asked to chair the meeting in the Commodore’s absence. He welcomed Elizabeth Lambert and Kelvin Tolson.

**3** **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 10 December 2018**

After correcting Item 7 to read “agreement with Shire Leasing”, the minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**4 Matters Arising**

**4.1 Item 9.3 – Harbour Day**

Jo Phillips had emailed her ideas for Harbour Day. The emphasis on the day would be activities for children.

**5 Land & Property**

Terry Davis confirmed that the Licence with Canterbury City Council for the triangle of beach near the RNLI had been amended.

He had carried out an inspection of Club properties with Maureen Bush with a view to drawing up a short and long term maintenance programme. Ideally this would require a sinking fund.

**6 Correspondence**

Maureen reported that a complaint had been received which the Commodore was resolving.

**7 Office & Membership Report**

. The list of new members was approved. There were approximately 70 members still to renew which was in line with previous years.

David Figgis drew attention to ex members on Club property.

**8 Finance Report**

Maureen said the draft accounts were with Martin Muirhead. It was agreed to bring the February meeting forward to 4th February when Martin would be available to present them for approval. The first quarter’s figures would also be available. Any resolutions to be put to the AGM regarding changes to the fees and subscriptions would also need to be agreed.

The financial position was better than the previous year and Maureen was thanked for achieving this.

**9 Sub Committee Reports**

**9.1 Sailing Committee**.

Robert reported that the Sailing Programme should be finalised by the end of the month. Sally Gostelow had been successful in covering printing costs through advertising. Some windsurfing members would be included in the duty rota.

Richard Maltby drew attention to the danger the oyster trestles posed to inexperienced sailors. He would check the current planning situation.

A 5o5 Open was scheduled for the end of March. The availability of the Committee Boat would need to be confirmed.

**9.2 House Committee**

Mike Oliver had circulated a comprehensive report. Quotes were being obtained for a new boiler for the first floor. In view of the cost, replacing the back windows to Nos 1 & 2 would have to be held over to the next financial year.

CCTV and security would be considered further. Security lock codes would be regularly changed.

**9.3 Bar, Catering and Social Committee**

Dickie Ledger reported there had been a small loss on the bar during December but it was still in the black. Prices would be reviewed in February.

The bar carpet was to be cleaned.

On the social side, “Burns Night” was scheduled. Further fish and chip supers and Sunday lunches would be arranged. A curry night would be considered. A social budget was needed.

The possibility of reintroducing the New Year’s Eve dinner would be considered.

**9.4 Training**

Richard Maltby had circulated a report. He highlighted the success with Topper. He was developing a good relationship with neighbouring Clubs regarding training.

The General Committee confirmed the Terms of Reference put forward for the Cadet Committee as follows:

1. Recruitment, organisation and retention of volunteers for cadet activities.
2. Organise appropriate social event for cadets and families.
3. Support Club fundraising activities.
4. Encourage integration of cadets and families within other activities of the Club.

Fef Griffin was thanked for the work she had put in on these.

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**10 Any Other Business**

**10.1 Trustees**

A note supplementing the Rules on the role of the Trustees was noted.

**10.2 J Class Flags**

These would be valued.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be at 7.30 pm Monday 4th February 2019

The meeting closed at 20.45 hrs.

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