

**Notes of the General Committee held on 10 June 2019 at 7.30pm at Whitstable Yacht Club**

Present: Kelvin Tolson (Chairman), David Figgis, Fef Griffin, Richard Ledger, Richard Maltby, Mike Oliver, Jo Phillips & Ian Wild

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

Apologies were received from Maureen Bush, Terry Davis, Robert Govier, Elizabeth Lambert & Martin Muirhead

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

Kelvin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**3** **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 13 May 2019**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**4 Matters Arising**

**4.1 WOFC Appeal**

The Club had submitted a written representation to the Planning Inspectorate. A copy had been sent to the WOFC. It was thought the Inquiry would be held in September.

Kelvin had been advised that, due to his involvement in the judicial process, he should not give media interviews in case his comments were seen as prejudicial to the outcome. Robert Govier would speak on behalf of the Club if there were any media interviews. Jo Phillips would manage any press releases.

**4.2 Club Archives**

Kelvin had met with Catherine Pierce and John Pollitt and advised them of the decisions taken by the GC at the last meeting. The priority was sorting out the flags. No items to be removed from the Club without the prior approval of the GC. The archives work would be included in the “3 Year Plan”. Kelvin would follow up.

**5 Land & Property**

Nothing to report.

**6 Correspondence**

Jill Fagg, the Club’s Child Protection Officer, had confirmed that the incident reported at the last meeting was now closed.

Richard Maltby said it showed that the Club’s Child Protection Policy did work.

**7 Office & Membership Report**

It was agreed there was a need for the Club to move forward in terms of having a more comprehensive software package that would enable people to apply on line for membership, sailing course and so on

. The list of new members was approved. The success of “Push the Boat Out “day was still evident. .

**8 Finance Report**

Maureen Bush had circulated the income and expenditure figures to month 9 of the financial year. The situation appeared satisfactory.

It was noted that the pool table made a loss on paper but did support the bar during the week.

The training results were ahead of last year but did include advance payments and not all costs were shown.

**9 “3 Year Plan – Development”**

Kelvin said the Plan was getting bigger. The Fire and H&S Risk Assessments would be the first priority.

The Club had formed a link with the Golf Club. One of the Laser sailors was producing a video promoting the Club. A half page advert would appear in the “Whitstable Directory”.

Thought was being given as to how the roles of Bosun and Beach Master could best be covered.

Kelvin reported on the meeting he and Robert Govier had had with representatives of the windsurfers.

**10 Sub Committee Reports**

**10.1 Sailing Committee**

The B14 Open had been successful with excellent sailing. The cadets had come first and third at the recent KSSA Topper Team Racing event. All requests for press coverage should be referred to Jo who, as Club Press Officer, was establishing contacts.

The Minutes of the Sailing Committee held on 15 April were received.

**10.2 House Committee**

Mike Oliver had circulated a detailed report that highlighted the issues arising from the Risk Assessments. Fef Griffin would paint the short handrail leading to the veranda.

**10.3 Bar, Catering and Social Committee**

Dickie Ledger reported that Tizzie Lambert was still doing well on the social programme.

A recent stock report had shown that wine prices needed to be reviewed.

**10.4 Training**

Richard was congratulated on the format of his written report. The recent RYA inspection had gone well.

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**11 Any Other Business**

**11.1 Coast Watch**

Coast Watch had volunteered to do a presentation.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be at to 7.30 pm Monday 8 July 2019

The meeting closed at 20.50 hrs.

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