

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

Present: Richard Bradburn (Chairman), Maureen Bush, Terry Davis, 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 Robert Govier, Fef Griffin & Richard Maltby

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

Dick Bradburn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**3** **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 4 February 2019**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**4 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**5 Land & Property**

There was a general discussion on issues relating to the WOFC including the lease negotiations and Public Inquiry. As there could be some overlap, Jo Phillips would co-ordinate. **Action JP**

**6 Correspondence**

A Newsletter from the Whitstable Forum had been received.

**7 Office & Membership Report**

. The list of new members was approved.

**8 Finance Report**

The revised Draft Accounts were approved.

The arrangements for the forthcoming AGM were discussed. It was agreed to recommend that Wendy Fitzpatrick and John Cooper should be added to the list of Honorary Members. Dick would write to them. **Action RB**

Maureen Bush highlighted the cost of maintaining the dumper.

**9 Sub Committee Reports**

**9.1 Sailing Committee**

The Minutes of the Sailing Committee held on 18 February were received.

**9.2 House Committee**

Mike Oliver had circulated a comprehensive report. A lot was going on.

He had produced a schedule of tasks for the Working Party on 9 March.

**9.3 Bar, Catering and Social Committee**

Dickie Ledger reported that Rugby World Cup socials were very successful.

Significant progress had been made in reducing the amount of disposable plastic bottles behind the bar. Re-usable water bottles, with the Club logo, would be on sale at £3 or two for £5. The coffee stall would be encouraged to stock them as well.

Tizzie Lambert was thanked for the effort she had put into the social programme and looking after new social members.

**9.4 Training**

Richard Maltby had circulated a report. Mike confirmed the Club presence at the Dinghy Show had been very successful in raising the profile of the Club and had resulted in a possible offer of sponsorship for the Laser Fest and a number of membership enquiries. Everyone who had taken part was thanked. Dick would write to Andrew Guerin who had taken the lead role with the Club stand. **Action RB**

Maureen reported on the situation relating to a complaint made by a member of staff that was still ongoing.

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**10 Any Other Business**

**10.1 Trustees**

Maureen reported that Martin Muirhead was dealing with changes to the Club’s Trustees.

**10.2 Club Archivist**

Maureen also reported that discussions were ongoing with Catherine Pierce in relation to her taking on the role of Club Archivist.

Dick said that, as it was his last General Committee as Commodore, he would like to thank the current officers and committee and those others who had served during his term of office for their support.

Dick was thanked for taking on the role of Commodore for the preceding three years.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

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

The meeting closed at 20.29 hrs.

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