

**Minutes of the General Committee held on 8 November 2021 at 7.30pm at WYC and via Zoom**

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

In Attendance: Steve Gray & Andy Jackson

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

Apologies were received from Terry Davis & Martin Muirhead.

**2 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 11 October 2021**

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

**2.1 Matters Arising**

**2.1.1 Harbour Day**

Discussions were ongoing with Whitstable Maritime regarding the arrangements

**2.1.2 GC Update**

Kelvin listed the members who had expressed an interest in standing for election next year.

**2.1.3 Meeting with KCC**

Jo Phillips and Ruth Oliver would be joining Kelvin at the forthcoming meeting.

**3 WOFC**

The current situation was discussed.

No reply had been received from the WOFC’s solicitors regarding the Club’s complaint relating to the drift of one of their marker buoys into the area leased to the Club, damage to Club property and alleged abuse from their staff.

**4 Office & Membership Report**

Maureen Bush reported that the draft accounts were being finalized before being sent to the accountants.

A number of social events were being planned.

Wendy Fitzpatrick and Fef Griffin would be helping with the preparation of the Sailing Programme. Fef was contacting Social Members to help them get more out of the Club and become more involved.

Ian felt the complexity of the annual membership renewal system and the need to find a substantial lump sum was deterring some people from rejoining. It was accepted that the system needed updating.

The preliminary Court Hearing relating to the County Court claim had been cancelled at the last minute and no future date set.

The list of new members was approved.

Richard Maltby gave a verbal report on his preliminary review of membership in relation to CASC.

**5 Finance**

Martin Muirhead had circulated the financial results for 2021 and the budget for 2022. Bosunage costs would be shown separate to training.

**6 Sailing Issues**

Robert Govier reported that the Meeting of Sailors, though not that well attended, had been very positive.

A three day event for the B14s would be included in the 2022 programme.

**7 House Issues**

Mike Oliver had submitted a written report. He drew attention to a couple of potentially expensive issues that may come up, that is, the roofs to the Stroud Shed and Ladies changing rooms.

**9 Bar, Catering and Social Issues**

Richard praised the service provided by Keith’s Coffee Shed at the recent KSSA training day which, together with the service from the Dinghy Store had contributed a very positive feel to a successful event.

Arrangements were in hand for the Club Christmas tree and there would be a social event on Christmas Eve.

**10 Training Issues**

Richard had circulated a written report and comprehensive Training Development Plan. He would check the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority’s position in relation to training children from outside the Club.

The election of the Captain of Cadets was imminent.

**11 Any other Business**

**11.1 Meeting Format**

It was generally agreed the hybrid format of the meeting had worked. Ian drew attention to the difficulty of taking minutes when he could not see who was speaking.

Consideration would be given to equipping the Committee Room for joint live/virtual meetings so that it could be hired out.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

This would be on Monday 13 December at 7.30pm at the Club and via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 20.37pm