

**Notes of the General Committee held on 14 October 2019 at 7.30pm at Whitstable Yacht Club**

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

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

Apologies were received from Maureen Bush, Fef Griffin & Richard Maltby

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

Having missed the last meeting, Kelvin said he was now back up to date.

He, together with Mark Godley, a representative of the windsurfers, had had a meeting with Marico who were acting on behalf of the Marine Management Organisation. They had confirmed that their risk assessment relating to the oyster trestles had been based solely on the risk to merchant vessels. They now appreciated the risk to recreational craft.

**3** **Minutes of Previous Meeting held on 9 September 2019**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed.

**4 Matters Arising**

**4.1 ltem 7.1 – Membership Structure, Training Fees and Boat Hire**

Training fees and boat hire were being discussed outside the meeting. Robert Govier suggested the rules relating to cadet membership should be reviewed.

**5 Land & Property**

Terry Davis had circulated a briefing note outlining his preliminary discussions with the Whitstable Oyster Fisheries Company regarding the renewal of the lease on the beach and their proposals. A further meeting was scheduled for the following day.

Terry would report back so that it could be decided what approach should be taken.

**Action TD**

**6 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**7 Office & Membership Report**

Ian Wild reported on behalf of Maureen Bush.

The insurance renewal had been checked by Mark Fagg and the premium paid.

There had been an incident where damage had been caused to a catamaran by the dumper. Arrangements were in hand for the cat to be repaired. It was confirmed that the dumper should be sold rather than repaired. Kelvin had written to thank the non member who had assisted at the time.

Robert had updated the office computers.

The list of new members was approved.

**7.1 Trustees**

Richard Davis had written to confirm his resignation as a Trustee with immediate effect in accordance with Rule 77. A possible replacement was suggested. Kelvin would follow up. **Action KT/IW**

**8 Finance Report**

Martin Muirhead tabled the figures for the financial year ended September 2019 which were discussed.

Overall the gross profit was up on the previous year but the cash in bank only marginally so.There was no surplus to fund the future.

**9 “3 Year Plan – Development”**

Kelvin said the plan was updated and further discussions would be held with the key players.

**10 Sub Committee Reports**

**10.1 Sailing Committee**

. Robert reported that the Tornado Nationals had unfortunately been blown off but there had still been a profit due to the receipt of entry fees.

There was a problem with the Committee Boat mooring which John Cooper was seeking to resolve.

Alternative methods of launching safety boats were being considered. It may be necessary to raise money through an appeal for a replacement vehicle. Ian would check the availability of grants with the local Sports Development Officer. **Action IW**

The Minutes of the Sailing Committee held on 16 September were received.

**10.2 House Committee**

Mike Oliver had circulated a detailed report on activities since the last meeting and the social activities taking place during the week. The biggest foreseen expenditure was on Nos 1 & 2. Rather than reupholstering the Sea Room chairs, replacements were suggested.

Dickie Ledger stressed the urgency of a new glass washer.

**10.3 Bar, Catering and Social Committee**

Dickie said the decline in sales was largely due to less Amstel being sold. He felt that the bar opening hours must be maintained for next year. He thanked the volunteer bar staff who had been trained up and who had helped out. Numbers would hopefully be increased.

Tizzie Lambert detailed the social events scheduled. She had found little interest in the suggestion that the New Year’s Eve Dinner should be reinstated. She would check if there was any demand for pre Christmas Lunches.

Classes should be encouraged to hold their social events and dinners in the Club.

**10.4 Training**

Richard Maltby had submitted a comprehensive written report. His request to purchase an additional Topaz and inflatable would be picked up under the “3 Year Plan”

**11 Any Other Business**

**11.1 Twickenham Yacht Club Reunion**

Ian said he had recently attended a reunion at Twickenham. There had been a close relationship between the two Clubs in the 1960s which had led to two marriages.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be at 7.30 pm Monday 11 November 2019

The meeting closed at 21.14 hrs.

………………………………. Chairman