

**Notes of the General Committee held on 20 September 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom**

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

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

Apologies were received from Terry Davis, Robert Govier & Richard Ledger.

**2 Commodore’s Welcome**

Kelvin Tolson raised a number of issues that had arisen since the agenda had been circulated.

He reported on progress, so far, on finding replacements for the officers and committee members who would not be seeking re-election at the AGM. A new Club Principal had been identified. The intention was to have a handover period starting in the New Year.

It was agreed to arrange a mid-year Zoom meeting with members to bring them up to date with key issues and highlight the need for people to step forward to fill the vacancies.

It was agreed to bring forward the Laying Up Supper and Prize Giving to early October and have an early evening barbecue so that the event could be held outdoors.

Kelvin was meeting a KCC’s Councillor, and Officers, to discuss how the Club could further its community aims. It was important to maintain the link established with Whitstable Junior School which could be mutually beneficial.

**3 Minutes of Last Meeting held on 9 August 2021**

The Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

**4 WOFC**

Kelvin confirmed that the date for the pre meeting had been set for 8th March 2022 but there was no indication of a trial date.

The Club’s solicitors had written to the WOFC’s solicitors regarding the damage caused to the beach signage, the use of the Club’s launching mats by their vehicles and the alleged verbal abuse towards a Club official.

Ian Wild drew attention to events that had occurred relating to the Public Inquiry since the last meeting.

**5 Office & Membership Report**

Maureen Bush reported that a temporary cleaner was being employed. The Club’s financial year would end on 30 September. The University had paid for the disposal of the remainder of their boats.

Together with Mike Oliver, she was working on a three year spreadsheet of House items. Martin Muirhead would be included in all cost centre meetings before budgets were agreed.

The list of new members was approved. The position of a family who had joined as social members with a kayak would be checked.

**5.1 Timing and Arrangements of Future Meetings**

It was agreed to stick with Zoom for October and November at 7.30pm.

**6 Finance**

Martin Muirhead had nothing further to report.

Board storage fees would be set at £67 for the coming year and the overall membership pricing structure reviewed.

A suggestion had been received that a donation should be made to Westbere Sailing Opportunities from the money raised from the auction of abandoned equipment. It was agreed to donate £250.

**7 Sailing Issues**

Robert Govier had circulated a written report. It was noted that the temporary storage on the West Quay would soon be lost which highlighted the importance of retaining the beach.

David Figgis drew attention to the success of the Tornado/F18 Nationals held at the weekend and the very positive response from competitors. Robert was thanked for all the work he had put in. An anonymous donation had been received to cover the cost of the buffet.

**8 House Issues**

Mike Oliver had circulated a written report. He drew attention to the rot found in the roof of Keith’s Hut. There had been an unauthorised access to Lower Rigden’s that had been recorded on CCTV. There had not been any apparent damage or loss. It had been reported to the Police and the code on the lock changed.

A meeting was scheduled with Canterbury City Council on 1st November. They were planning replenishing the beach shingle between the Horsebridge and the Harbour in 2022/3.

**9 Bar, Catering and Social Issues**

Dickie Ledger had sent a written report.

Social activities were restarting. Fef Griffin was thanked for volunteering to meet and greet new social members.

**10 Training Issues**

Richard Maltby had circulated a written report. He again raised the issue of the Club re-applying for CASC status and offered to help with collecting data.

Ruth Oliver was thanked for the work she had put in tidying up Lower Rigden’s and the state of the Club RIBs.

**11 Date of Next Meeting**

This would be on Monday 11 October 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm