

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 9th December 2024 7pm at WYC and via Zoom**

Present: David Figgis DF (Chair), Mike Oliver MO, Maureen Bush MB, Jo Wyles JW,

Dickie Ledger DL, Andrew Provan AP, Steve Gray SG, Fef Griffin FG, Robert Govier RG Philippa Bloice PB.

Via Zoom: Terry Davis TD.

1 **Apologies for absence** - None

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 11h November 2024** Approved unanimously.

**3 Correspondence**

 Simon Reynolds has made a request for various works to be caried out on the Shroud shed as it is not watertight. A full survey has been completed. MO & DF are in discussion about what we can afford to do, being a holding job rather than a replacement job. Simon to organise the works.

**4 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

 Club open day 2025 – To stay on matters arising. SG and AP to put a suggested timetable together. Carried forward to next meeting. **ACTION SG, AP**

 Fire drill training – MB felt it was not fair to ask the bar staff to be fire wardens. All staff to be trained on use of fire extinguisher by our fire officers MO and Matt Young. MO to contact independent fire trainer to come in for a session.

 **ACTION MO** Club 125 year anniversary planning 2027 –Nothing new to report

 Set up new maintenance group – Carried forward - people have shown interest. The club has agreed to take on a Duke of Edinburgh’s bronze award young person to carry out the maintenance we require.

 New website – Launched. Thank you to SG, Andy Jackson, RG, Ruth, JW and MB for a brilliant job.

**5 WOFC update: TD**

 Terry reported ongoing negotiations.

**6 Office reports: MB**

 Accounts/Finance, HR matters, Budget Items, other matters received.

 Now we have the new website bookings and payments can be streamlined making savings.

 Thank you to Charlie Champion for the Xmas tree and decorations also to Fef, Magda and Amy for decorating the club.

 **List of new members received** – 2 x social individuals.

**7 Sailing Report: SG**

 **2024 programme:**

 **Winter series:** 5/7 races completed - turnouts doubled vs 2023!

 **Year to date**: Turnouts up 8% (@687) – best year since 2018 (at least). YTD AiH turnouts up 24% (@244), Laser turnouts up 11% (@212) for series racing only.

 **New website:** launched.

 **2025 programme**:

 **Open events**:

 Solo training/ Spring Champs April 26/27

 Topper training/SE travellers May 10-11

 Tasar nationals June 13-15

 Wanderer nationals July 28-29 with club racing

 **Club events:**

 Club Championships May 24-26

 Open day/RNLI pursuit race June 21

 Laserfest July 12-13

 Whitstable week Aug 6-10 (Harbour Day Aug 9)

 Town regatta Aug 23-25

 Barts Bash Sep 13-14

 KSSA training Oct 4

 WYC Sailing Committee has been asked to support members who wish to free sail or race informally during the winter including a request to use a WYC safety boat. Advised to review the guidelines in General and Sailing Safety Manual.

 SG to pitch to Holiday Cottages for sponsorship next year.

**8 House report: MO**

 Quote to concrete Cellar floor and treat walls.

**9 Bar report: DL**

Christmas staffing covered. DL doing more than normal to cover for staff sickness, this is much appreciated.

**10 Training report: JW** Nothing to report.

**10 Social events team report: AP**

Attached is the updated schedule for the remaining social events for the season Dec2024 to Mar2025. (Rev14)

 Recent events held at WYC have proved to be well attended, good fun, and a useful top up to bar takings. This includes Autumn International Rugby (7-16 people per match), FD talk (60 people) and Laser/FD Xmas Party (40 people). This continues the strategy of arranging events to get people to the club, spending money behind the bar and with minimal/zero risk/outgoings.

 The Winter talks have proved to very successful, with good feedback, and a request for more. So we are organising the topics/speakers for next Winter 2025/26. Whilst we will continue to have some paid speakers, I am encouraging members to come forward with their area of expertise and prepare talks for that. Pencilled in are talks on Bob Dylan, Thames Barges and running an Olympic campaign. Looking for other volunteers to take up new and interesting topics.

 For Summer 2025, I am sorting out members of Music Club to put solos/duos together for Summer Sat afternoons on the deck following on from afternoon racing. This will encourage members to stay later, and for London sailors, stay the night and going racing on Sunday. Again, zero outlay, increased bar takings!

 Events arranged for remainder of Dec include Christmas Social on Sat 21st Dec (mince pies and glühwein) and the NYE Gig Tues 31st Dec 2024 (now sold out!)

 A Game of heads and tails at £5 a person to be played at the New Years Eve party to raise money put forward by DF.

 **AOB -** None

 The meeting closed at 19.35pm

 Date of next meeting Monday 13th January 2025