

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 15th July 2024 7pm**

**at WYC and via Zoom**

Present: David Figgis DF (Chair), Mike Oliver MO, Maureen Bush MB, Jo Wyles JW, Dickie Ledger DL, Amy Moore AM, Andrew Provan AP, Jane Davidson JD, Steve Gray SG, Fef Griffin FG.

Via Zoom: Terry Davis TD.

**1**  **Apologies for absence** – Robert Govier RG, Philippa Bloice PB

**2** **Minutes of previous meeting Monday 10th June 2024** - Approved unanimously.

**3** **Correspondence**

None

**4** **Matters arising from previous meeting**:

**a** Sue King art exhibition in the sea room Aug 11/12 with proceeds to Gamecock noted.

**b** Whitstable Pearl publicity opportunity carried forward **Action MB**

**5 WOFC update: TD**

Terry reported ongoing negotiations.

**6 Office report: MB**

Membership categories, subscription discounts and facilities proposals discussed and agreed.

Proposal to increase all charges by minimum of 4% and maximum of 5% agreed.

General bar items presented, discussed and agreed to communicate with members.

**Action MB** **Finance: MB –** reserve funds required, financial position, membership report and list of new members received.

**7 Sailing Report: SG**

**2024 programme:**

Merlin/Laser open took place in very light winds – Sailing Committee to review procedure for shortening races. Merlins had 18 entries and Tasars 9 despite poor forecast.

Wanderer open took place alongside club racing with 9 entries.

Laserfest was abandoned on Saturday due to strong breeze, but 4 races held on Sunday. Harry Newton won from 35 entries/27 starters.

Summer series commenced – 2 races on Sat and 3 races on Sun completed.

Whitstable Week upcoming July 31 – Aug 4

Struggling with SB and CB volunteers creating issues for race management. MO and AP volunteered to be trained as CB drivers. **Action SG**

**Club safety manual**: draft update agreed and to be published. **Action SG**

**Strategic plan status:** new website WIP. **Action SG**

**8 House report: MO** Received.

**9 Bar report: DL** Sales down on plan, some prices to be increased.

**10 Training report: JW**

Good numbers coming to cadets. Several have been on Friday nights due to tides, which makes it difficult for some to come. So far 71 cadet individuals have attended a cadet session.

We have said for Cadetfest, they must attend a minimum of 6 cadet sessions out of the possible 16 to be eligible. Emails have gone out to those that haven’t yet done this, which will allow some on the waiting list to come along.

Family fun day planned for Sunday 14th July, to include parents and siblings, planned for some sailing, kayaks and big float to be used for all to get on the water.

Level 3 course last month went well. The level 1 course from discover sailing day was last weekend (6/7th July) so rather windy for them, unable to sail on Saturday, but lots of theory and rigging done, they did manage to get afloat on Sunday.

Improvers has been popular on a Wednesday night and Sunday sessions but last Wednesday was cancelled due to the wind.

Transition to racing - previous race start was postponed due to weather, hopefully happening on Saturday 13th July along with a cadet race.

Dinghy Instructor course happened for 5 people 1st -5th July, pleased to say everyone passed. Three of the new instructors are from WYC.

We have 2 schools having after school lessons which will lead to RYA Stage 1. St Marys School on Tuesday and Joy Lane School on Thursdays, been windy for several weeks, but all involved are enjoying it.

Lots more cadet courses coming up during the summer holidays and most are fully booked.

New Argo boats this year have been really popular and sail well, even when reefed. Been used for cadet sessions, discover sailing day, various courses for adults, cadets and schools also used for Dinghy Instructor course. Instructors really like them for instructing as they are stable and able to take several people.

**10 Social events team report AM**

We have finalized the dates for the following events:

14th July: **Euro Cup Final**

10th, 11th August: **Art Show, by Sue King**

17th August: **Guiness Record Attempt (12 gigs in a day, by Dave Rogers)**

21st September: **Ellen McCarthur Charity - Phil Emery hosting the Quiz.**

28th September: **English Wine tasting with The Offy**

25th October: **Halloween Party**

The social events for July and August have been communicated to all members.

**11 AOB**

DF proposed that the club holds a major event in 2027 to celebrate its 125 year anniversary, to include a world or national championship, club regattas and social events. **Action SG/AP**

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Date of next meeting Monday 2nd September 2024