

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 2nd September 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, Philippa Bloice PB.

Via Zoom: Terry Davis TD.

**1 Apologies for absence** – Robert Govier RG, Amy Moore AM.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 15th July 2024** - Approved unanimously.

**3 Correspondence**

 None

**4 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

 Whitstable Pearl Publicity opportunity – MB to check contract, possibly no advertising until broadcast.

 Club 125-year anniversary planning 2027 – Work in progress SG and AP.

**5 WOFC update: TD**

 Terry reported ongoing negotiations.

**6 Office reports: MB**

 Accounts/Finance, HR matters received.

 Letter going out to all members to encourage paying 1.10.2024-30-9-2025 subscriptions as soon as possible.

 **Other matters: MB**

 Club diary bookings– All requests for use of any club room - Committee room, Sea room, bunk room, kitchen, to be sent to the office. MB to arrange access to club diary for some GC members. **Action MB**

 Writing group set up by Jane Davidson –To have boundaries all participants adhere and sign up to.

 **List of new members received** – 1 x social individual and 1 x family water user.

 New members waiting to join at the start of the new membership year.

**7 Sailing Report: SG**

 No Discover sailing next year, agreed to do biannually.

 A club open day was proposed to showcase sailing and social facilities available. **Action SG**

 **2024 programme:**

 Whitstable Week completed – 53 boats took part, won by Rick and Sarah Perkins

 Summer series commenced – 9 races on Sat and 9 races on Sun completed.

 Wed evening series – 6/9 races completed, 41 boats took part, won by Steve and Mei Baker

 Started training new CB drivers (Mike Oliver and Colin Smith) with others volunteered (Ian Massingham, Harry Newton, Andy Provan).

 Club safety manual: published.

 Strategic plan status: new website WIP but getting closer.

 2025 programme: Dates for possible opens and club events put in the diary.

**8 House report: MO**

 Works carried out in last 2 months:

Waste pipework fitted to beer cellar thro to gent’s toilet area to clear water off cellar floor. (SPH Home Improvements)

Quotation obtained for various carpentry repairs - No 1 adjust windows to open. Adjust front kitchen window. New Handrail external to gents changing rooms. Repair fence to bin area. Adjust window Office no 2 first floor. (Jayme carpenter)

Various continuing small repairs around properties.

New hot water boiler in Tea bar. (Aqua Aid)

Fire Drill carried out 26th August -Public Holiday. Building evacuated within 3 mins 20 seconds. Outcome - Bar Staff need full training in procedure.

 MO requested fire drill training be completed within 4 weeks. **Action DL**

 Work to be carried out.

 Drone survey of roof to No 1 and No 2 (Sam Turner). Requested by letting agents and Terry.

**9 Bar report: DL**

 Running as normal. DL suggested looking at the sailing events calendar and linking it with social events. **Action AP**

**10 Training report: JW** 

**10 Social events team report AP**

 At the start of the summer there was a request to broaden the social diary to ensure as many of the social and non-sailing members were catered for. Due to the hard work of Amy, Maureen, Bunty and Robert G there are some great evenings lined up that will appeal to a different sectors of the club, so there should be something for everyone.

 Coming up in the Autumn there is wine tasting, fish filleting, Halloween party, November ball, Cocktails making, arts events and various talks. This is all in addition to the weekly/fortnightly routine events (Art Club, Music Club, Pool nights, Games nights and book clubs). All of these events encourage our members and guests to make maximum use of the clubs facilities and putting money behind the bar.

 Please encourage your friends and acquaintances in the club to support these social gatherings as this builds a sense of community as well as contributes profit to running of WYC.

 The meeting closed at 7.50pm

 Date of proposed next meeting Monday 14th October 2024