

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 14th October 2024 7pm**

**at WYC and via Zoom**

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

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

Via Zoom: Terry Davis TD, Robert Govier RG, Jo Wyles JW.

**1 Apologies for absence** Amy Moore AM.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 2nd September 2024** Approved unanimously.

**3 Correspondence**

 None

**4 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

 Access to club diary for some GC Members. **Completed**

 Club open day 2025 – To stay on matters arising. SG to confirm a date.

 Encourage intermediate sailors, show what we do as a club.

 Fire drill training – Carried forward. **ACTION DL**

 Linking social events with sailing events – SG and AP aware, discussions ongoing to make this happen.

 Club 125 year anniversary planning 2027 – Work in progress SG and AP. Discussions started. Possibility of the event being over 2 weekends including the week in the middle holding different events.

**5 WOFC update: TD**

 Terry reported ongoing negotiations.

**6 Office reports: MB**

 Accounts/Finance, HR matters, Other matters received.

 Reminder for subs sent out next week to those who haven’t paid.

 MB to write a guide on how to leave a gift to WYC in your will. **ACTION MB**

 **List of new members received** – 1 x social individual, 2 x Water User Individual,

 1 x Social Family, 1 x water user family.

**7 Sailing Report: SG**

 **Summer series completed –** 11/14 races on Sat and 12/14 races on Sun completed.

 AiH Saturday won by Steve and Mei Baker from 36 starters (26 in 2023)

 AiH Sunday won by Dickie Ledger and Sarah Oliver from 41 starters (35 in 2023)

 Laser Saturday won by Charlie Campion from 35 starters (28 in 2023)

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 Slotty returned to Conyer 2 weeks early due to bad weather

 **Strategic plan status:** new website still WIP but getting closer.

 **2025 programme**:

 **Open events**:

 Topper training/SE travellers May 10-11

 Solo Spring Championships 1 day – 27th April

 Tasar nationals June 13-15

 Wanderer open July 28-29 with club racing

 **Club events:**

 Club Championships May 24-26

 Laserfest July 12-13

 Whitstable week Aug 6-10

 Town regatta Aug 23-25

 Slotty needs her hull copper coating which requires drying time. SG to ask Cruising class captain if we could have the use of a yacht for a few weeks to run club racing from. Also inquire about scouts floating platform availability. **ACTION SG**

**8 House report: MO**

 Nothing significant to report.

 Various small carpentry jobs to be carried out.

**9 Bar report: DL**

 DL reported the bar was ticking over.

**10 Training report: JW**

 **Cadets**

 Cadets sessions have been going well, 24 sessions in total held this year, last one next Saturday. Average number of cadets at each session has been 24, with one having 32 cadets.

 Clear up week in a couple of weeks, masts down turn the boats over for the winter.

 **Courses**

 Just one cadet course left for this season during October half term, to be held at Westbere Lake for Stage 2/3.

 1 x adult level 2 course during September and 2 x powerboat Level 2 courses have been held.

 Improvers has been popular this year with 22 sessions held, average of 6 per session with 11 at one session.

 Senior Instructor course took place at WYC at the beginning of September with three of our DI’s taking part and passing. Congratulations goes to Angelina Gheur, Harry Wilson and Katie Berrington.

 Costs for support boats, fuel, repairs to be split 50-50 between sailing and training budgets.

 Course prices for next year to be finalised.

 Gift vouchers for sailing courses are available online.

**10 Social events team report AP**

 Over the past month, there have been some great events which have appealed to a diverse range of membership, from the Wine Tasting (thank you Amy) to Fish Filleting (thank you Bunty), Karaoke (shout out to Mike O & Mary C) and a talk/quiz on Ellen McCarthy Cancer Trust (thanks Maureen and Phil E).

 Looking forward to the run up to Christmas, there are some good talks lined up for Trafalgar Day and Flying Dutchmen @ WYC, Music Club gig, November Ball and Christmas Social. All of these events get members in the club, increase the sense of community and put money behind the bar.

 A big thank you to Maureen and Robert G for promoting these events by email to all members & social media every month in a rolling 2 month look ahead.

 Saturday 21st December – Xmas drinks party.

 Christmas Eve – Mulled wine, mince pies.

 I propose to repeat the success of the New Year’s Club Gig again, with the “Dead Pelicans”. I suggest targeting 100 tickets @ £10 a ticket which will pay for door men, band, donation to RNLI and a glass of bubbly @ midnight. Max capacity is 125, so if we get more than 100 ticket sales, then that is great.

 Planning events for next season (from April 2025) will start in next couple of weeks so that the big social events occur with the big sailing events (e.g. Town Regatta, Whitstable Week etc). Suggestions of what other events to include will be appreciated.

 Sponsorship is also being sought from some Kent vineyards for a package of events (Native & Originals Art show, Laser Fest 2025 & 125th anniversary Retro- Regatta 2027)

 **AOB**

The wreath is ordered for Remembrance Sunday. SG to organise who will lay it at the cenotaph. Details to go on the website. **ACTION SG**

 The meeting closed at 7.55pm

 Date of next meeting Monday 11th November 2024