

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 13th January 2025**

**7pm at WYC and via Zoom**

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

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

Via Zoom: Terry Davis TD, Robert Govier RG.

1 **Apologies for absence** – Andrew Provan AP, Amy Moore AM.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 9th December 2024** Approved unanimously.

**3 Correspondence -** None

**4 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

 Club open day 2025 – It was agreed not to hold a club open day in 2025.

 Fire drill training –MO contacted an independent fire trainer. MB to liaise with bar staff to book 2 sessions in February. **ACTION MB**

 Club 125-year anniversary planning 2027 –SG, AP have decided what they are doing to do and how they are going to do it. **ACTION SG/AP**

 Shroud shed update – This is being investigated. **ACTION DF/MO**

**5 WOFC update: TD**

 Terry reported ongoing negotiations.

**6 Office reports: MB**

No report on activities. Budget report comparison with next year received.

 Accounts revised, need to be approved and signed off.

 NYE was a great success profit was around £1,500. The maximum capacity of a club indoor event is 120 persons. A big thanks to everyone involved.

 Club talks very well received, appeal to different members.

 Darts to be included in the Tuesday evening social.

 **Membership report received**.

 Senior membership might have to be reviewed in the near future. The trend is seniors are going up while active sailors are not. Social membership is expected to go up in March once cadet training starts.

**7 Sailing Report: SG**

 **2025 programme**: Sending through to RG to go on website.

 Cadet, improvers, transition to racing, dinghy cruises and Kayak/SUP events added

 **Open events**:

 Solo training/ Spring Champs April 26/27

 Topper training/SE travellers May 10-11

 Tasar nationals June 13-15

 Wanderer/Wayfarer event July 28-29 with club racing

 KSSA training Oct 4

 **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

 **2025 handbook**: WIP

 **New website:** 2025 update required

**8 House report: MO**

 New extract fans fitted in No 1, No 2 and Flat No 4.

 Various electrical works to lights in the bar.

 New carpets in hall.

 Upcoming - Repair leak to heating pipework in ceiling of gents changing room.

**9 Bar report: DL**

 Overall sales are down in the last quarter. A bar price rise is due in February. Bar opening hours will remain the same as cuts have been made over the past few years.

**10 Social events report: AP**

Big thanks to Maureen for her hard work for the Christmas Social. She was stuck in the kitchen preparing gallons on Glühwein which was eagerly consumed with mince pies on Sat 21st Dec.

 NYE was a great success. All tickets sold out within a week, and we had a full house, with a fab band, and great atmosphere.

 Bar takings were just over £1000, with bar staff costs to come out of that.

 On Sat 1st March we have a new arts expo “Whitstable Native and New” to include art, photography, poetry, performances, and many others.

**11 Training report: JW**

All courses are now on the new website booking system, checks still being made to them.

 Courses will go live on 3rd February for bookings. Cadetfest will be opened later this year at end of May, to ensure cadets have met the minimum of 6 cadet sessions before booking.

 Some maintenance to be done of ribs and trailers.

 Club boats require some attention with new halyards and toe straps on some boats.

 All clothing will be washed and checked in the next month

 JW requested a new rib trailer as essential.

 **AOB:**

 A working party is still required, Sally to draw up a list of jobs**.**

AGM date set 16th March 2025.

 The meeting closed at 19.45pm

 Date of next meeting Monday 10th February 2025