

# General Committee Meeting

11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (7.30PM)

## Minutes

1. Members in attendance: -

Jeff Parker (Commodore), Mick Aspell (Treasurer), Mo Parker (Bar Officer), Steve Caiger (Entertainment Officer), Fiona Austin (late)(Membership Secretary), Rob Strawbridge (Racing Officer), Rich Topham (Mooring Master), Andy Press.

2. Receive apologies for absence.

Andy Carnegie (unwell), Bob Godbold (Holiday), Jeff Adams (work).

3. Receive and accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Due to the late publishing of the minutes this matter is deferred to next month although matters arising (from the agenda) are dealt with.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

4.1 Terms of Reference Mooring Master and Bosun. (RT/RM) Completed, NFA.

4.2 Mooring raft. (RT) Sept.

4.3 Old outboard. (JP) Still up for sale.

4.4 CYBC letter. (JP) Complete, NFA.

4.5 Adrian Sutton Mooring. (RT) Complete, NFA.

4.6 Hand rails. (RG) August.

4.7 Carpet cleaning. (SC) August.

4.8 New doors. (JP) Almost complete, Aug.

4.9 Dinner & Dance update. (SC) Aug.

4.10 PAT. (JP) Aug.

4.11 CCTV. (RT) Aug.

4.12 GDPR. (JA) Aug.

4.13 Bar key access. (MP) Complete, NFA.

4.14 Buoy update. (RS) Complete, NFA.

4.15 Weston Plate Race. (RS) Ongoing.

4.16 Contravention of club rules for access. (SC/MA/AC) This matter needs to be re-addressed before next year's regatta to remove any ambiguity or misunderstandings. Post meeting note: - Articles of Association under section 9.

**9.1** - Subject to the express provisions of these Articles and to the Memorandum, and to any Bye Laws made by the General Committee as provided below for the time being in

force, all members of the Club are entitled at all times to use all premises and property of the Club in common, and to be supplied, **at such charges as the General Committee may from time to time determine**, with whatever meals, refreshments and things are provided by the Club for the use of its members.

4.17 Open mic nights. (SC) No date set.

Addendum Rocking Retirement's access to the clubhouse was discussed and whether we should give them free use and access to the club without a full member present. Following extensive discussion's, it was pointed out that only full members have free access to the clubhouse, this is part of the Amendment of Association of the club. It is up to RR to ensure one of their 2 full members is available to gain access. In addition, a full member must present when the club is open for our insurance.

5. Committee member application. Andy Press has volunteered to join the committee again. Proposed by FA, seconded MA vote was unanimous. The Commodore welcomed Andy back into the fold.

Membership, applications and renewals.

5.1 Applications. 4 applications approved for social membership.

5.2 Renewals, late/non-payers and invoicing. FA list of non-payers was gone through and brought up to date with ex-members and those no longer wanting membership.

5.3 An ex-member (SL) renewal was discussed and it was proposed by JP, seconded by FA and unanimously agreed to withdraw our offer to renew his membership. **Post meeting note:** Following flag officer discussion's it was decided no letter is required.

5.4 Social 49

5.5 Full 32

5.6 Senior 13

5.7 Honorary 5

5.8 Associate 4

5.9 Total Membership 103

5.10 Moorings 37 No. (Income of £2775.00 Crown cost £3360.00)

5.11 Membership income £9700.00

6. Treasurers update.

6.1 Flow chart. NFA

6.2 Report. Attached

6.3 Insurance, MA has read through updated and it was proposed by JP seconded by MP vote unanimous to proceed and pay. Cheque signed.

6.4 Annual accounts to be signed at a directors meeting. Clubhouse is now only valued at £50k, given that the extension cost £60k the building is approaching the end of its life. JP pointed out that no provision has ever been made to replace/rebuild the existing structure. A loss of approximately £7k mainly due to depreciation of assets, a trading loss of £730.00 approximately.

6.5 Wharf electricity was discussed and found to be acceptable now.

- 6.6 JP said that we have spent about £16k on unplanned for expenses over the last 3½ years, in addition there has never been a financial plan for replacing the clubhouse (see above) when the need arises. Any insurance claim will reflect its age and its condition and maintenance. Although we have never been afraid to spend money, we need to keep an eye on the future. MA pointed out that the bank balance appears artificially inflated at this time of year due to the members subscription. JP pointed out we can only spend the money once and reiterated that we have made a loss last year. FA suggest fund raising events for particular projects, although suggested before this was generally thought a good idea.
7. Mooring Master report.
- 7.1 SC mentioned that Bristol Corinthians had changed their name to Cheddar Watersports Club and were using the RYA Future Project scheme to good effect as they were now attracting other water users. The club changing its name was discussed for similar ends. This would perhaps necessitate a wider range of membership levels and subscriptions. This is a matter to be presented to the membership at the AGM. A team needs to be put together to brainstorm this and come back with some cohesive proposals.
- 7.2 Chain for moorings was discussed JP to supply.
- 7.3 Mooring methods were discussed.
- 7.4 New member assistance will be given.
8. Racing report. RS reported that the racing was going OK, he would like more boats out.
9. Bosuns report. No RM, August.
10. Entertainment report. SC reported that the kite surfers' functions was very well received by both them and the club members in attendance.
- 10.1 Laying up supper will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 at the club for a fish supper with lively discussions on the season.
- 10.2 RNLI Burns night raffle prize MP suggested the club donate 6 bottles of Prosecco seconded by SC vote unanimous.
- 10.3 EW use of work boat was agreed if there are 2 members on board.
11. A.O.B.
- i) RT PJ needs refunding for fuel for the work boat payment method agreed.
- ii) At this point the batteries ran out in the recorder no further minutes available.
12. Meeting close.
- Date of next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (HT 13:12 10.10m)