



## General Committee Meeting Minutes

15th September 2019 at 7:30pm

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### 1. Present:

- Mick Aspell (Treasurer), Mo Parker (Bar Officer), Steve Caiger (Entertainment Officer), Fiona Austin (Membership Secretary), Rob Strawbridge (Racing Officer), Andy Carnegie (Secretary), Andy Press (committee member), Richard Topham

### 2. Apologies:

Received from:

Jeff Parker (Commodore), Jeff Adams (vice Commodore), Bob Godbold (Chairman), Russ Millier (Bosun)

Secretary chaired the meeting

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

The minutes were read and accepted in full. Proposed Mick Aspell, 2nd Mo Parker

### 4. Matters carried from last meeting

- 4.1 Old Outboard moved to Oct (JP)
- 4.2 Handrails moved to Oct (RG)
- 4.3 New doors fitted NFA
- 4.4 Dinner and Dance under entertainment report
- 4.5 Drone update - Richard Topham has kindly continued with this and reported it is in hand. He will also investigate the use of a rod and a 'Go Pro' camera. Update from Richard if he attends next meeting or via Andy Press (AP)
- 4.6 GDPR moved to Oct (JA/JP)
- 4.7 Weston Plate race under racing report
- 4.8 Open Mic Nights under entertainment

### 5. Membership - Fiona Austin

Fiona gave an overview of current membership and the enthusiasm that has been witnessed following John Baileys app suggestion which has led to an increase in social membership of the club. 3 new social members were approved by the committee: Elaine Fairs, Clive Good Fellow, Douglas Spinks.

It was noted that access to the data base for social members details was not possible. It was agreed to contact Jeff Adams to get this resolved as we need to be able to invite them to both the dinner and dance, for which there are still tickets available, and also the clubs AGM. AC to contact JA. (AC)



## 6. Treasurers Report Mick Aspell

The treasurers report had been circulated before the meeting. Our accounts continue to be well run and there were no major changes or surprises. They were unanimously accepted by the committee with thanks to Mick for his careful work.

Proposed Andrew Carnegie 2nd Mo Parker

Richard Topham asked for an explanation regarding the strategic club reserves. It was explained that the careful management of these allowed protection to the clubs membership from unexpected financial surprises, such as the recent need to replace part of the club roof. Richard expressed an interest in seeing these accessed and reduced but the committee felt such an important change to our finances would be better dealt with at either the AGM or via an EGM, should such a request need to be discussed. No resolution proposed and no further action for this reason.

## 7.0 Moorings Masters Report

The club currently has no moorings master and the committee would like to thank Richard Topham for continuing to undertake this role on an informal basis, whilst one can be identified. Richard also gave a report on behalf of the moorings masters position.

RT wanted to highlight our new member Ian for his caring servant heart, which exemplified how club members can be attentive and help others. Ian spotted a moorings issue and photographed it, then contacted Richard to ensure the matter could be dealt with in a timely and professional manner.

An issue was noted where Gun Smoke broke loose and moored onto Sea Scape. As this issue is between members the committee noted it and were pleased to be informed that the two members were amicably resolving it between themselves.

## 8.0 Racing Report Rob Strawbridge

**Weston Plate Race** - Cancelled due to F8 in offing

For the year there have been 18 races and two races cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.

### Trophies to be presented at Dinner and Dance

Richard Price, 'framload' - Paul Turner + regatta, 'westerlea'

'Ros' won cross channel

'Seathrift' won north elbow

'Wings' won Henry butt

'Mandela' won Merkur

Two cancelled Breaksea and Picton Davies

1 'Lasten', 2 'Dragon', 3 'Sehlola'



## **9.0 Bosons Report**

No report made due to Boson giving apology

## **10.0 Entertainment Report Steve Craiger**

It been a very good year, well supported by club members and facilitated by a lot of hard work behind the scenes by unsung hero and heroines.

The acoustic nights have worked well and the Open Mic nights are being well received, the first one was a success.

### Dinner and Dance

The committee took the view this year to put on an exceptional entertainer, which involved taking some financial risk.

Sadly, at this point, the membership have not responded as expected and so ticket sales are only just enough to allow the event to proceed. Currently we need another ten ticket sales for the club to break even on the evening. It will fall to a future committee but the general sentiment was that this annual event should be scaled back in 2020 if club members don't wish to support it.

In an attempt to try and offset this, MP and SC have suggested a few money raising ideas for the evening but even if these are successful the club currently stands to lose £100 on the event due to poor attendance. It is hoped that club members might make that extra effort and seek to support their club for this one special night of the year. Depending on being able to access the data base, it is possible that an invite to social members might also assist.

### Laying Up Supper

This is being planned with fish and chips for the 2nd November 2019, no music.

### Acoustic Nights

These are to be every quarter

## **11.0 Bar Report Mo Parker**

Bars been busy with £230 taking including Dinner and Dance tickets, mostly due to the meet up group John Bailey suggested.

Afternoon tea raised £113 and many thanks to Andy Press for doing the bar.

Halloween will be during half term week so may be quiet, wondering if a disco could be organised and Steve will look into.

SC



## 12.0 AGM

12.1 Article 14.1 confirmed cut off for submissions as 26th September

12.2 Article 28.2 confirmed with nomination cut off evening 3rd October 2019

12.3 It was agreed to accept the commodore's AGM notice letter in principle, given it was a copy of a previous year's format, but that would be confirmed via email. AC

Proposed MA 2nd MP

12.4 A discussion occurred regarding who could be invited to the AGM. It was agreed that the article statement 21.1 that every member can attend a general committee meeting applied, with nothing to the contrary, to the AGM and therefore social members should be invited as well, although they had no right to vote. For various reasons FA and MP agreed to check fully paid membership prior to issuing a voting card for the AGM.

Proposed FA 2nd MP

## 13.0 A.O.B

13.1 Breach gate Keys

It was agreed that only key members should have these and as two have been issued no further will be issued to social members. MP will keep a register. MP

Proposed FA 2nd MA

13.2 Odd Job Wharf Access - digger requirement

The sea came to our aid and it seems unlikely that a digger is needed as the sand movement has replaced what was lost. NFA

RT had already spoken to odd job, hence it being resolved and AP will talk to wharf AP

13.3 Pontoon resurfacing - moved to October JP

SC suggested an interim work party and due to timing the arrangement of this was moved to being post meeting, possibly on the 15th September. SC

13.4 RNLI Race Food

RNLI have messaged via Rob for post race Bangers and mash.

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13.5 Richard Topham then requested to raise points, both considered urgent.

For the future can committee members please note that A.O.B points should be raised ahead of the meeting unless they are urgent, as above. It allows other members to research, read, consider etc and keeps meeting on subject.

13.5 A - Trip Hazard on steps - to be included in SC work party RT/SC

13.5 B - Corroded edges balcony - cut hazard - important but not urgent as More information is required to be able to take any action, including costings, material sources, labour etc. AC has agreed to email RT link for possible bannister material supplier. Rest for detailed report October

RT  
AC

(If RT not attending Oct meeting can report be given to committee member please - AP?) AP

Meeting closed 21:00 next meeting Thursday 3rd October 2019.