

WESTON BAY YACHT CLUB LTD.

General Committee Meeting 2nd November 2017

1. **New Committee Members** were welcomed by the Commodore Mr. J Parker, who also welcomed back the existing members.
2. **Members in Attendance:** J Parker (Commodore), J Adams (Vice Commodore), E Williams (Rear Commodore), M Aspell (Treasurer), M Parker (Bar Officer), H Harvey (Club Secretary), M Atkinson (Bosun), C Atkinson, S Caiger (Social Secretary), A Press.
3. **Received Apologies from:** R Godbold (President), M Healy.
4. **Receive and Accept the Minutes of the Last Meeting:** All present agreed these were correct.
5. **Matters arising from the Last Minutes:** There was no Matters Arising.
6. **Treasurers Report:** MA gave an update on the latest figures:

Balances end of October

Current Account: £23,604

Deposit Account: £8,774

Total: 32,378

Comment

Known Outstanding Expenditure the RNLI has not yet presented our cheque for £140.00 (Fish Supper).

Income Stream: Membership/Mooring Fees (FY17/18): £11,020

Bar Profit: £1,911

Expenditure at the end of October: £13,405

Income at end of October: £18,017

Anticipated Major Expenditure FY 17/18 Gas bottle storage cabinet, Pontoon repair, Club House roof and lastly, but by no means least Water supply repair.

Note: This report is emailed to those Committee members on the automatic mailing list form last year.

7. **AGM Wrap up:** JP mentioned the poor attendance at the AGM. There were seventeen members present on the night.
The Pontoon: re - Use of the pontoon. JP thought that charging sailors for extended time on the pontoon was a good idea. This item could be added to the Agenda of the next meeting. Possibly there could be a limit of 24 hours on the pontoon if no notification of staying is made to the Club. Any visitor or member remaining on the pontoon after 24 hours should notify the Club in advance. EW would take the call and use email to communicate with anyone making enquiries about using the pontoon. This item is on-going.
SC – then asked how we sort out moorings for enquiring visitors and for new club members. JP

– currently there are no facilities for laying out moorings. SC thought exceptions could be made for anyone needing extra time to lay their moorings. Next year, JP, EW & Rich Charles should have the means to lay some moorings. JA thought two to three visitors moorings should be adequate and would be charged similarly to that of the pontoon. Should a member need a mooring to be fully laid out anew, then a higher price would be charged. This was discussed further. One member has been blocking the pontoon for some time. JP has contacted him a number of times. JP also admitted that difficulties are recognised in putting down and maintaining moorings. Older members who regularly helped out with this work in the past are now not so readily available. JP will contact T Millier re-laying of mooring for this member.

JP then mentioned crane-age and storage on the wharf. In the past we had the necessary equipment for this, but now we have no facilities for craning out. A member, P Jensen, has suggested using two telegraph poles on the wharf/slipway area to support larger boats. EW asked if we could use the wharf/slipway at Knightstone for larger boats. JP asked if the Club should look into this possibility or should the owners of larger boats deal with this issue themselves. Further discussion followed on the use of poles at the slipway. Apparently there are certain rules relating to the use set by the Environmental Agency regarding washing the away, if working on or storing a boat at the site.

Some ideas were suggested. JP will speak to P Jensen to see if other arrangements can be made regarding storage and work for PJ's boat.

SC added that other large boats do occasionally use the wharf for boat-washing. EW asked if we can negotiate a discount for using the facilities on the wharf at Knightstone. Other clubs have facilities available for washing off mud i.e. Cardiff/Barry. There is a hosepipe for use over at Knightstone. This item is on-going.

8. New Members: SC has some applications for Social Membership from Mr. Morris, Mr. Hall and Mr. Amey. These applications were approved by the Committee. MA asked if Mr. R Charles (RC) is still the Membership Secretary for the club. JP - RC no longer deals with membership. There are a number of recent applications which are still being processed.

MA – re Members' Package: are the packages going out to all new members? JP – Social members will not require a Full Membership package. JA asked when payment of the newly altered fees will commence. JP said they will commence as from now. JA will now update the membership data-base. SC reminded all that we currently have only ten Social members who will now be paying only £10. We need a drive for more Social Members and so should start advertising, possibly with a banner hung outside the club. This could also state that free parking would be available with Social Membership. JA added that Social Members do not have voting rights. SC then asked if we could discuss an active plan to recruit more members in this category. JP thought that this item could be discussed out of Committee if wished.

MA then reminded all that the above may be effected by the Articles of Association/Memorandum/Rules with reference to the club's status, would we have more people just using the club for drinking than we would those using the club as a Yacht Club?

JP thought that if this notion was realised, then the advertising for Social Membership could be discontinued as “the club is now full”.

AP asked if fees were paid on a pro-rata basis if membership is taken out later in the year. JP – there is no real need for pro-rata on such a sum and fee-renewals are scheduled on the same date annually 1st May.

AP asked if a Social Membership fee was available for couples. This was decided that each will pay the £10. MP added that many members will spend at least £10 at the bar on good nights.

There then followed a short discussion on the “old” and “latest” types of membership

application forms. These will be looked at and updated.

- 9. Work Parties for Exterior Painting of the Club-house:** Dates for this have been set for Sat 25th and 26th November depending on the weather. Time 09.30hrs. MP with help will provide coffee and bacon butties as always.

JP added that the paint covering the club at the moment is not suitable; it does not have the correct wood-protection. This needs to be changed at the next painting session. SC will advertise the work-party on Facebook. EW – told all that work on the roof was starting. A stack of plywood is in place ready for use. JA asked if the weather -station requirements could be dealt with whilst the roof was being repaired.

EW – re; the water leakage situation. Has spoken to the owner of Slimeridge Farm who (prior to any work on the water-leakage, wishes to see correspondence from the Water company and any Liability Insurance held by the club. Apparently there may be some legal issues relating to possible alteration of the Flood Defences. A Flood Risk Activity Permit may be required. EW added that we could be exempt from this but if not, then this could become an issue for the club. JP added that at present, the water is left on for the roofers. This item is on-going.

- 10. A.O.B.** JA – The sign at the front of the Club is out of date (telephone numbers, email addresses etc. JP has some update information stickers for the signs both at the beach entrance and at the wharf.

AP – One sign on the pontoon has a Club telephone number on it. Who has the telephone? EW has one and perhaps member Mr. T Hoskings has the other, but these would be dated telephones now.

MP asked what the position of water provision on the wharf was. JP had no news at present. MA would visit Sue at the boatyard for an up-date.

SC – Can we start selling tickets for the Laying -Up Supper? SC has laid out for the music. The event should be a good night. Hopefully a good number of people will attend.

HH asked if anyone had heard from Mr. T Wakenshaw on his nomination and approval at the AGM for Hon. Membership JA- normally the Membership Secretary would deal with this item but JA doesn't mind undertaking this role on a temporary basis; also to deal with the handbooks.

- 11. Next Meeting at 7pm, 7th December 2017.**

- 12. Meeting Closed.**