

## General Committee Meeting Held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7:30pm WBYC Clubhouse

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**1. Members in attendance:** R. Godbold – President (RG), John Bailey – Vice Commodore (JB), Mark Breakey – Rear Commodore (MB), M Aspell - Treasurer (MA), M Parker - Bar Officer (MP), S Caiger - Social Secretary (SC), Fiona Austin - Membership Secretary (FA), Rob Strawbridge – Sailing Officer (RS), Andy Press – Bosun (AP), Dave Duncan – Committee Member (DD).

**2. Apologies:** J. Parker – Commodore (JP), Andy Carnegie – Club Secretary (AC)

**3. Receive and accept minutes of last meeting.** Proposed – MA, Seconded - MP. All present agreed that the minutes were correct.

### 4. Matters arising from the last meeting

#### 4.1. Old outboard

- Moved to February 2020.

JP

#### 4.2. Handrails

- RG has costed the new handrails out at approximately £230. DD said he has some and it was decided to see if he could fulfil the order with what he has.

RG, DD

#### 4.3. Drone Update

- Postponed until the new handrail is installed so that the flagpole/mast when re-erected will have its halyard replaced. A GoPro camera can then be hauled up the mast/pole to see if a CCTV camera would be suitable. But initially a dummy camera will be fitted to the mast/pole to act as a 'deterrent'.

MA

#### 4.4. GDPR

- Database has now been prune and we no longer hold outdated information.

NFA

### 5. Membership and renewals

- 2 new social membership applications. Unanimous approval.  
One of the new members would like to run an art/craft class on a Saturday in the new year, hiring the room for £30 and soup and a roll at £5/head.
- Invoice wording will be made clearer for next year's renewals.
- Late payments for social members are not chased they are no longer members and have to reapply.
- FA to create a late payers record for information and reporting purposes.
- The question was raised at the AGM of how many guests can a member sign in.  
The current Byelaws state the following: -

FA, JP

NFA

FA

Any member shall be entitled to introduce a guest to the Club, provided that no person whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club, shall be introduced as a guest. The member introducing a guest shall enter the name and address of the guest, together with his own name, in the book which shall be kept at the clubhouse, no one guest may be introduced to the Club on more than six occasions in any one Club year.

**(Post meeting note – This byelaw is unclear and needs updating. An agenda item will be created for the next meeting).**

JP

## 6. Treasurer's report

- MA Presented his figures for October 2019.
- No outstanding items.
- 51 moorings let giving an income of £3825.

JP

## 7. Agenda items

### 7.1 Email system

Email system is robust a few queries have been sent by JP to J. Adams to resolve. As these are resolved the system should become more reliable. Censoring of all-member emails to stop abuse or inflammatory emails was raised by SC and discussed. It was pointed out by MP that this could be dealt with under member disciplinary rules in the Amendments of Association.

JP

### 7.2 Standards for future AGMs

Postponed until January 2020.

AC

### 7.3 Long term strategic vision

This will follow a directors meeting and is initially postponed to next month.

JP

### 7.4 Health & Safety of the Slip

The slip has recently been pressure washed although the fishermen are eager for us and them to repair some of the timbers etc. GR to liaise with the fishermen to arrange this.

RG pointed out that there is a licence fee associated with the dinghy slip that is payable to the council. This charge has been passed on to us by the fisherman when our last mooring master took on the slip for the club although this point was never made clear to the GC. RG has spoken to NSC and hopefully this will not be raised until next year.

Dinghy storage and wintering was discussed.

GR

### 7.5 Resurfacing the pontoon

The broken planks have been replaced, thank you to all those who attended the mini work party. SC mentioned that a member has asked to have one end plank removed to facilitate someone getting on the pontoon if they fell in. It was felt that as a dinghy is more often than not tied alongside here and there is a lot of pontoon to aim for without aiming for a small piece with a missing plank this would not really benefit anyone except the person who ties up their dinghy here.

**(Post meeting note - An estimate for fibreglass grating to put on the pontoon has been acquired and the approximate cost is £3,500).**

## 8. AOB

- RG took this opportunity to thank the new committee members for joining. **(Post meeting note – The Commodore wishes to express his gratitude to all the members of the committee for their commitment to the club).**

- AP said that the public slip had been cleared but unfortunately an ex-member has broken through to a mud berth next to the slipway. RG pointed out that the berth referred to was not really a slot more of a gap. Although the slip is still useable a way forward is unclear at the moment. It was pointed out we have no legal requirement to maintain the slipway.
- MP discussed placing a television above the bar to advertise upcoming club events, racing calendar, work parties and to show members videos etc. This idea was very favourably received. To be put on the agenda for the next meeting. MP
- MA mentioned day-to-day running work going on for MB and AP.
- SC mentioned the upcoming quiz night.
- SC suggested that JB and AP take over the 'ownership' of the email system and running the website, JA has already sent the details to AC. (**Post meeting note** – The club secretary needs to put the minutes of all meetings on the website for members to view).
- Recovering of the race marks was discussed and will be discussed further outside of the meeting.
- RS pointed out the race calendar has been emailed out.
- The regatta date was set and a poster with dates needs to be sent to BCYA. SC
- RS asked that this winter the dinghy slip be re-furbished/repaired. GR
- MB asked for clarification of financial plans i.e. how much is saved and how much is earmarked for expenditure. (**Post meeting note** – Will be put on next month's agenda for discussion and actioning).
- JB pointed out that the meet-up group had split in to 2 groups.
- JB raised gig racing and the changing use views etc. RG said that as has been said this is a brilliant idea but if no one is willing to champion it. (**Post meeting note** – Don Sutherland has volunteered to run with this and will report back on a regular basis).
- DD discussed finances with how much we need and how we advertise as the search word 'marina' did not bring up our club. He went on to question how we measure our membership levels against what we need.
- DD talked at length about people sailing and how to attract them. He talked about how to train people and boat share and a club boat. He talked about running a club boat as a training platform and also use it as a 'time-share' for members. This could be used during the season outside of our current sailing grounds. This is a big outlay from £1000 to code the boat outside of the equipment. RG said he knew of other clubs doing this. Other courses and taster sessions were also discussed. SC voiced his agreement with the need for further training or similar courses. JB said some members may show reticence towards a scheme of this kind.
- DD has said he would look at setting up some dates for next year for things like life raft use and activation. Also, fibreglass work and laying-up glass for dinghy repair and building.
- DD also suggested masterclass videos on-line as a possible income stream.

- Selling club pennants online and through the above videos was also mentioned.
- JB asked about booking tickets for events when unable to get to the club. MP said that an email or text to SC our entertainment officer would book a space for you.

### 9. Meeting close

- Next meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm (HT 12.58 8.65m).

Encs.

Treasurer's report