

WESTON BAY YACHT CLUB LTD

General Committee Meeting

7th December 2017

- 1. Members in Attendance:** J. Parker (Commodore), J. Adams (Vice Commodore), E. Williams (Rear Commodore), M. Aspell (Treasurer), M. Parker (Bar Officer), M. Atkinson (Bosun), S. Caiger (Social Secretary), A. Press, R. Strawbridge (Sailing Officer)
- 2. Received Apologies from:** R. Godbold (President), C. Atkinson.
- 3. Receive and Accept Minutes of the Last Meeting:** All present agreed that the minutes were correct.
- 4. Matters arising from the Last Minutes:** It was considered that matters concerned with the use of the pontoon should be on-going, JP stated that under Byelaw 5.7 we can fine/charge for excessive usage. JP observed that the work party undertaken on Sat 25th and 26 November had been a resounding success. All agreed that the Club was now smart and "water proof". JP informed the Committee that he had done some work on signage but more was required; the task was on-going.
- 5. New Members' liaison team.** JP informed the Committee that Liz Aspell had agreed to act as the initial "meeter and greeter" of new and prospective members and that Richard Topham would undertake the task of introducing them to the practical usage of boats on the river.
- 6. Treasurers' Update:** The Treasurers' report is attached as an attachment to these minutes. MA requested that a decision on the amount of monies owed on the roof repair be passed to him as soon as possible so that bill could be paid. EW and JP explained that they hoped to make contact with the builder ASAP to resolve the issue of compensation for the leak.
- 7. Bye Law updates existing and new pack for social members:** JP explained that he had researched the amendments required to bring the Bye Laws up to date and had drafted proposed changes. In addition he had prepared a proposed booklet for new Social Members. MA indicated that he had proposals which he would like to present to the Committee. However, due to the time restraints imposed on the meeting by the tide, he would prefer to delay the discussion to the next meeting. It was agreed that the subject should be "on-going".
- 8. Pontoon use and charges:** This matter was discussed under "matters arising" and formed part of the brief from EW. It is considered as on-going.
- 9. Window blinds slat replacement:** MP informed the Committee that CA proposed that we purchase coloured slats to replace the damaged items and brighten up the blinds. The proposal was accepted unanimously and £100.00 voted as an approximate expenditure.
- 10. Wharf Electricity:** JP updated the Committee on the subject of electricity usage on the Wharf. He explained the position regarding a Club member who is resident on the Wharf and using our electricity supply for domestic purposes. A general discussion then occurred on the subject of pre-payment of electricity by Club members and the provision of the necessary meter. EW and JP undertook to investigate the requirements.
- 11. Proposal for 85th celebrations:** AP presented his proposal for a "Round the World Yacht Race". He explained that the event would be open to any Club member who could reach the mouth of the

river by surface vessel! The Committee agreed that informal requests for other suggestions should be made.

12. 2018 Dinner Dance: MP informed the Committee that she had booked the Commodore Hotel for the night of 24th March 2018 and that the cost would be £27.50/per head. Dress would be formal. There were no objections to the arrangements.

13. New Members: A proposal to accept Mr Graham Austin as a new member was passed unanimously.

14. Mooring applications and interim committee: EW briefed the Committee on the first meeting of the Mooring Committee, held on the 6th December. The briefing was comprehensive and covered all the intentions and interests of the Mooring Committee. MA asked EW if it was correct that the new committee considered its' terms of reference to include management of moorings, Wharf and the pontoon system. EW confirmed this as the intentions of the new committee. General observation was made on the subject but no conclusions were drawn.

15. AOB: Under AOB the following was discussed:

- a. Mr John Churchill: - Mr Churchill has objected to the fees charged. He has paid £1.00. JP proposed that his payment be banked and that, his membership withdrawn and that he be reimbursed for the fees paid when our annual accounts are finalised.
- b. Water Leak: - EW explained that we now needed to apply to the environment agency to undertake the required work. He asked the Committee to agree the payment of £170.00 to obtain permission. The proposal was agreed.
- c. It was pointed out by JA that Brian Fretwell had been seriously inconvenienced by Colin Goddards' use of his mooring. It was proposed and agreed that Brian Fretwell would have a "free" mooring next year.
- d. WBYC has lost its' Secretary. These minutes have been written by a "press ganged" Treasurer. JP suggested various methods to enable the Club to continue to receive minutes of its meetings. However, all agreed that a permanent solution to the lack of a Club Secretary is essential.

16. Date of next Meeting: 11th January 2018 at 7.30PM (HT 14.13hrs 9.41m)

17. Meeting Closure: Due to the state of the tide, the meeting was closed at 20.30 hrs.

Attached:- Treasurer Report – December COMMITTEE MEETING

Post Meeting addendum.

Dear All,

As you are all no doubt aware Helen Harvey left Weston recently and has moved to Devon to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren. We held a small leaving party on Friday 24th November to show her our appreciation for all that she has done over the years and all that she meant to us as a friend. We had some nibbles, some speeches, some tears (mostly Helen) and some reminiscences were told. A collection had been made prior and on the night Helen was presented with a necklace with a pendant in the shape of compass, a gift voucher for £50.00 and a bouquet of flowers.

I think she enjoyed the send-off and appreciated it very much, so on behalf of Helen a huge thank you for all those who donated and especially those that came along to say goodbye.

Thank you all. Jeff Parker (Commodore - WBYC)