

## General Committee Meeting Held on 11 January 2018 at 7:30pm

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1. **Members in attendance:** R Godbold - President (RG), J Parker - Commodore (JP), J Adams – Vice Commodore (JA), E Williams – Rear Commodore (EW), M Aspell – Treasurer (MA), M Parker – Bar Officer (MP), C Atkinson (CA), Stella Dinevics – Minute taker (SD)
2. **Apologies:** M Atkinson (MA), S Caiger – Social Secretary (SC), R Strawbridge – Sailing Officer (RS), Andy Press (AP)
3. **Receive and accept minutes of last meeting.** All present agreed that the minutes were correct.
4. **Matters arising from the last meeting**
  - 4.1. **Wharf electricity was disconnected as usage had been abused.**  
Solution: put an electric meter with pre-paid cards. e.g. 250 pre-paid cards with £5 credit. Cards could be purchased from behind the bar or perhaps the café (investigate the latter). £100 for the meter + install approx. £125. Lead time: 48 hours.
  - 4.2. **Dinner dance 24 March 2018.**  
Tickets £27.50/head. All committee members to drum up sales of tickets.
5. **New members**  
No new members.
6. **Treasurer's Report (attached)**  
Club is just about breaking even but has paid for a new roof.  
No need to pay the Environment Agency thus saving of £175.
7. **AOB**
  - 7.1. **Water leak update**  
The week before Christmas, Bristol Water (BW) turned up unannounced and tried to sort out the leak.  
Richard Charles (RC) spotted them, and called EW (who was on vacation abroad) who in turn alerted JP who went on the scene.  
BW dug up the curb, re-terminated the pipework with new blue pipes which run off the Slimeridge land. BW tested the pipes as far as feasible and are confident that the pipe across the Slimeridge is good (apart from the last 6 metres). This means we do not have to dig into the Environment Agency Bund.  
We also now know where the pipework comes onto the golf course land.  
Unfortunately, it is across the middle of the Tee. EW spoke to Simon Cresser (GC) from the golf club and it is proposed to trench near the tee down to the pipe and put a valve on it for BW to test the pipe for 50 metres, thus meaning less trenching for the yacht club. BW said that in the 50 metres they tested there are no leaks, no joints and it is blue pipe.  
EW advised Wessex Water (WW) that the Yacht Club was resolving matters with landowners and hoped to proceed with works within a couple of weeks.  
EW chasing Simon Cresser tomorrow, 12 Jan 2018 to agree a time and a date to dig the trench.

JP

EW

Club will have to hire a digger, approx. £60/day.  
There will be no charge from Bristol Water.

## 7.2. Mooring Committee update.

Mooring Committee has not met since 6 Dec 2017.

Put a date in diary Wednesday 7 Feb before the next Yacht Club meeting and JP will attend.

EW / JP

The Commodore has been invited to the Uphill Village Society meeting on 25th January 2018 to discuss the Wharf.

Yacht Club is interested to take on the management of the Wharf as long as the Council clears the derelicts, makes the area secure, and gives the Yacht Club authority.

Historic: This was gifted to the Boatmen of Uphill. This is common land possibly administered by the Crown, and / or the Council. It is believed the Council can pass byelaws applying to the Wharf.

EW to report the above to the Mooring Committee.

EW

## 7.3. Drying frame

Concerns have been raised that it is too far down for some boats. Worth considering putting another few posts further up. A lot of larger keelboats can't dry out. This was covered in the first Mooring Committee meeting. Average Boats size is going up and the Yacht Club needs to do something if nothing else for first aid purposes. Pat Jensen (PJ) has priced up timbers. Need a decent machine to clear up mud at the bottom of the slipway.

## 7.4. Chew Valley Lake Sailing club

RG met with the Commodore of the Chew Valley Lake Sailing Club. They ran an advertising campaign and increased their membership by 20-25%. Now 600 members. RG to investigate how they achieved this.

RG

More facilities would attract more members.

Is it worth approaching the Wharf café again and find out if we could lease the yard opposite? (currently used by Richard Maine).

## 7.5. RYA

MA is having discussions with RYA on how much they would charge an annual fee.

MA

## 7.6. Yacht Club Regatta

Possible dates dependent on tide and WSM events diary.

- 4 & 5 August
- 25 & 26 August
- 1 & 2 Sep HT12:12 @ 10.2m and 13:00 @ 9m

## 7.7. Six Nations

Saturday 3rd February 2018

**Wales v Scotland** Kick off: 2:15pm

**France v Ireland** Kick off: 4:45pm

Sunday 4th February 2018
<b>Italy v England</b> Kick off: 3:00pm
Saturday 10th February 2018
<b>Ireland v Italy</b> Kick off: 2:15pm
<b>England v Wales</b> Kick off: 4:45pm
Sunday 11th February 2018
<b>Scotland v France</b> Kick off: 3:00pm
Friday 23rd February 2018
<b>France v Italy</b> Kick off: 8:00pm
Saturday 24th February 2018
<b>Ireland v Wales</b> Kick off: 2:15pm
<b>Scotland v England</b> Kick off: 4:45pm
Saturday 10th March 2018
<b>Ireland v Scotland</b> Kick off: 2:15pm
<b>France v England</b> Kick off: 4:45pm
Sunday 11th March 2018
<b>Wales v Italy</b> Kick off: 3:00pm
Saturday 17th March 2018
<b>Italy v Scotland</b> Kick off: 12:30pm
<b>England v Ireland</b> Kick off: 2:45pm
<b>Wales v France</b> Kick off: 5:00pm

It was suggested to open the Yacht club for all England and Wales matches and Sat 10 Feb, have a table boat jumble at the Yacht Club. Each table would be charged £1.

### 7.8. Membership database

Following the next Mooring Committee meeting, we need clarity on empty moorings and cross check with database to identify boats on the wrong/other people's moorings.

JP

### 7.9. Club Secretary

It was suggested that Liz Aspell (LA) takes on administration and correspondence duties for the Club. SD to take minutes. CA also offered to take minutes.

### 8. Meeting close

*Date of next meeting – 8 February 2018 @ 7:30pm (HT 12:12 9.48m)*

Enc.

Treasurer's report