**Weston Bay Yacht Club Limited**

**Committee Meeting (Online)**

**7.30pm 8th April 2021**

**Minutes**

**1. Members in attendance.**

Bob Godbold (Club President) (RG), Mark Breakey (Commodore) (MB),

John Bailey (Vice Commodore) (JB), Tony Hosking (Rear Commodore) (TH), Mo Parker (Bar Officer) (MP), Steve Caiger (Social Secretary) (SC), Mick Aspell (treasurer)(MA), Rob Strawbridge (Sailing Officer) (RS),

Matt Jones (MJ) , Dave Duncan (DD), Tony Hosking (TH), Charlie Conroy (Club Secretary) (CC),

**2. Receive apologies for absence.**

Andy Press (AP), Geoff Rich (GR)

**3. Welcome new members**

MB welcomed new/returning members of the Committee:

Tony Hosking - Rear Commodore

Charlotte (Charlie) Conroy - Club Secretary

Matt Jones - Bosun

**4. Minutes from previous meetings**

March minutes were proposed by JP, seconded by MA and accepted by the Committee. It was noted however that not everyone had received a copy.

No matters arising (possibly due to not everyone having received a copy to review)

**5. Updates and Reports**

* **Vice Commodore report - John Bailey**

Update on Gig project: Ongoing discussions with Malcolm from Burnham Gig Rowing Club. Walk around has been carried out in Knightstone area, and incorporating old RNLI shop. Marine Lake could be used for training. Consideration must be given to how a dual location would look, with possibility of keeping gig on river in summer and at under cover location in winter. DD suggested that two sites may mean in future that two very separate committees form and we would have to be wary that WBYC does not lose out, especially if much of the Gig activity and socialising is at Knightstone end of town and not near WBYC. Committee must plan carefully to ensure that Committee for both stays as one

Cost of second-hand wooden gig is £11 - 18k. Plastic would be approx £10k. A plastic/fibreglass would be more robust if it was to be moved a lot. Expectation that it would come with a trailer. TH queried whether there would be sufficient interest; JB reported there is a large following of the sport, and Clevedon believed to be oversubscribed. Clevedon and BoS clubs are very keen to assist us in setting up.

**ACTION: JB will arrange a visit by WBYC members to a sister Gig club, and consider arranging a taster day locally so that local interest can be gauged.**

Issue with email, Club emails appear to have become a little unreliable with many ending up in recipient’s spam/junk folders. Many members have not received membership renewal notification. This is disappointing because the nee email addresses are only two weeks old.

**ACTION: JP to resend the membership renewal email to all, and if this fails letters will need to be sent out. Also JP to send out notification of the issue via All Members email.**

* **Rear Commodore Report - Tony Hoskings**

TH stated his pleasure at being back on the Committee having previously spent 4 years as Vice Commodore and a year as Commodore

* **Treasurer’s Report - Mick Aspell**

Balances as at 06/04/21: Current Account:- £6,850.94, Strategic Reserve:- £50,799.76, Total:- £57,650.70

Expenditure: There are no known outstanding expenditure items But The Crown will be billing us for the Moorings later this month (probably £3600.00)

Income Stream:- £2,096 from government as LSRG payment til 31 Mar 21.

No other income during March.

Membership/Mooring Fees : for current financial year £12,105.00. (We have already received £1,205.00 in fees for FY 21/22).

ANNUAL TOTALS (until 06/04/2021)

Expenditure - £11,861.53

Income - £31,969.53

Mr Paul Collins has filled in an application form to join the Club, MA holding his £5.00 fee

* **Secretary Report - Charlotte Conroy**

CC thanked the Committee for allowing her to take up the role, looking forward to getting to know everyone. She may need a little assistance in getting to understand the emailing/technical systems

* **Membership Secretary Report - Jeff Parker (temp)**

8 people have paid membership renewal so far, with 51 yet to pay. The Membership form can still be found on WBYC website.

Application from Paul Collins has been received (Moonshine) - Proposed by JP, seconded by MB

* **Sailing Officer Report - Rob Strawbridge**

Two race marks will be ready to put in, in a couple of weeks.

Racing last weekend was superb, with SC something of a whippet! Race to TailPatch Buoy on Saturday, and Round the Cans race on Sunday saw 9 boats out in total.

Next race is Sunday 11th April 0730hrs start, heading down channel.

MA stated that Ofcom licence for Tremar has now arrived, and she is now insured for next 14 days. MB pointed out that insurers are not happy for Tremar to be used for general towing.

* **Social Secretary Report - Steve Caiger**

Officially able to open indoors from 17th May, which will be with table service, and rule of 6. For the time being hoping to have pop up outdoor bar some Friday evenings when weather is nice, with array of live music, firepits etc and intend to invite members. Planning to hold training-based evenings in future.

Dinner dance is due to go ahead in October 2021.

Query raised whether NSC will allow beach to be used for outdoor use by yacht club.

**SC and MP to plan POP UP opening subject to weather on Friday evenings between May and June permitted dates**

* **Bar Officer Report - Mo Parker**

There is £326 of stock which needs to be written off due to lockdown. Some things can be sold to members at reduced rates. Mo will need a few days notice when bar will be opening/pop-up bar.

Dinner dance update: cost of entertainment £300, so each ticket will be approx £40 per head.

The clubhouse does need a good clean

A**CTION: MP to ask if Mo our regular cleanercleaner wishes to work extra hours to clean clubhouse, but if not then work party will be required.**

* **Mooring master Report -**

MB Tremar will be ready very soon to lay moorings etc. Tremar has effectively been gifted to the club by Alan Hollier. For the time being the old work boat is about to be launched and can be used, although engine is very high maintenance.

**ACTION: MB to arrange work group this Saturday (10th April) to finalise the work on work boat.**

Boatyard mooring appears to be in middle of river so will be looked at.

**6. Reopening of Club and Activities**

* **Sailing**

RS reported tremendous start to season. Programme of races can be found on website. The more people enter the more points are available for reward, including participation points.

7 owners have volunteered to take crew, and this is advertised ahead of races.

MB thanked RS for all his hard work.

* **Slipways**

There is much digging out to be done.

**ACTION: MB to take a look on Saturday 10th and put together programme of what needs to be done, then work parties can be organised.**

* **Clubhouse**

List in the clubhouse of all the jobs that need doing, many of which are finishing off jobs.

The damage from the leak is only cosmetic.

**TH to organise repair works .**

**MB to provide list of outstanding works**

* **Social activities**

Please promote any events that you feel would be of interest.

Query whether NSC should be approached about outdoor events, although if within curtilage of club then no permission is needed.

**7. AOB**

MP put forward daughter Alana to become a member. Approved by all.

DD gave update on fibregrid surface for pontoon, that it would be cheaper to do four at once at cost of £4080 approx., and about £1000 per 9m length if we wanted to consider ramp to be done also.

SC stated that the boats had been sitting on pontoon for a long time. There are plans for one to be moved by the owner, but a notice would be required on the other. Discussion over whether the wording of notice should be amended. Discussion about the issue of abandoned boats and where these could be placed, but no firm conclusion reached. A sticker is given out with memberships and these should be displayed on all boats, so easily identifiable.

**8. Next meeting: Thursday 6th May 2021 7.30pm via Zoom**

**\*\*\*Summary of actions raised from this meeting\*\*\***

**ACTION: JB will arrange a visit by WBYC members to a sister Gig club, and consider arranging a taster day locally so that local interest can be gauged.**

**ACTION:JB and JP to resolve email issues**

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**ACTION: TH to arrange repairs to the clubhouse**