



## **Record of the December Committee Meeting**

**Held in the Centenary Room on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

### **1. Present**

Torsten Richter, Commodore and Chair  
Conal Grier, Vice Commodore  
John Garlick, Rear Commodore Sailing  
Richard Davis, Rear Commodore Motor Boats and Fishing  
Mike Tennuci, Rear Commodore Stores  
Paul Walker, Rear Commodore Social  
Mike Harvey – Health and Safety Officer  
Dave Bonham  
David Nixon, Hon. Secretary

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Dave Casson, Hon. Treasurer  
Andrew Buchanan

### **3. Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes of the Committee meeting, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018, were approved as a true record and signed by the Commodore.

### **4. New Business**

- a) **Unbecoming Conduct of some Members towards Club Officials and Volunteers**
  - i. The stores team had been the butt of some members' dissatisfaction with, for example, yard placements.
  - ii. Torsten would write to the membership about unbecoming conduct.
- b) **Rules Update**
  - i. The latest rule revision was available on the website (<https://www.eastcowessc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/ECSCRulesRevisedEGMSeptember2018.pdf>).
  - ii. David would put forward a clarification for agreement at the next meeting to the effect that members, other than the main member, in a Dual or Family membership could share the discharge of duty hours provided they were engaged on separate tasks.
  - iii. Associate Memberships had now ceased. There was a discussion around reinstating Associate Memberships in certain circumstances. The meeting thought that the circumstances put forward would be better served by duty exemptions.
- c) **Duty Exemption Applications for 2019**
  - i. Members and club officials on behalf of members had put forward applications for duty exemptions. The meeting considered each case individually. Some general guidance emerged from the discussion. Ill-health and/or residence abroad for 7 or more months in the qualifying year would be looked on favourably. Age alone was not sufficient reason for an exemption. David would draft an email to those members who were successful in an application for exemptions from the levy for 2019.

d) **Non-payment of Levy for 2018**

- i. A number of members had not paid the levy by the due date of 30<sup>th</sup> November. David would draft an email explaining to late-payers that they would not be invited to renew their membership for 2019; their key fobs would be deactivated at the end of the current membership year and that they should remove any property stored at the club by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

**5. Pending Actions**

a) **Centre Store improvements (Conal and others)**

- i. The Bosun's workshop and storage area together with the upstairs kitchen was proceeding steadily.  
ii. Richard had chalked out the plumbing pipe runs.  
iii. Torsten mentioned that the club ought to consider formalising the position of Bosun.

e) **Solicitor's Letter**

- i. Conal reported that a second letter had been sent, this time addressed to the Reverend Kerr.  
ii. Court action was now a possibility. The solicitor had advised an estimated cost of between £3,000 and £5,000. Nothing would be authorised without Committee approval.

f) **Beach Hut Disposal**

- i. The prospective purchaser had agreed a sum of £5,500. Conal would arrange for a formal bill of sale to be drawn up by the Club solicitor.

g) **South Store Complaint**

- i. There had been no response from GKN to David's request for a contact to discuss matters of mutual interest.  
ii. David had spoken to the 'Criterion' property manager for the Victoria Tavern and followed up in writing with an offer to share the Club's maintenance intentions for the South Store subject to Committee approval. He also noted that the Committee might wish to enquire about buying the freehold of the rear part of the South Store currently on lease from the pub company.  
iii. The meeting agreed to David's offer to ask a suitably qualified contact for a free valuation of the rear part of the South Store.

h) **Updated Membership and Storage Application Forms**

- i. Conal proposed that new members should be granted the same levy payment options as existing members. David would modify the application form accordingly and circulate an updated draft.  
ii. Conal was concerned that the terms and conditions noted on the rear of the storage application form did not offer sufficient protection to the Club. David agreed to supplement the existing terms and conditions with ideas from, for example, the CHC mooring contract and circulate an updated draft.

**6. Officers' Reports**

a) **Hon. Treasurer**

- i. Dave Casson was indisposed, but distributed the monthly accounts subsequent to the meeting.

b) **Vice Commodore**

- i. See pending actions

c) **Hon. Secretary**

- i. David would send out Christmas Cards to other clubs.

d) **Rear Commodore Stores**

- i. Mike Tennuci had sent out a reminder for members to apply for next year's moorings and storage using the updated storage application form.

- e) **Rear Commodore Sailing**
  - i. David, for John Garlick, noted the upcoming Festive Food Cruise on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December.
- f) **Rear Commodore Social**
  - i. Paul Walker would send out an invitation to the Commodores Soiree at 1700 on Sunday 23rd December. The meeting agreed a budget of £150 for the event.
  - ii. David would write thanking the Lifeboat for the Christmas Meal on 1st December.
- g) **Rear Commodore Motor Boating and Fishing**
  - i. Mike Harvey for Richard Davis advised the meeting of the Winter Freeze-up Fishing Competition on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January. If the weather was unfavourable for the Solent, boats would venture up-river.
  - ii. There were some additions and modifications to next year's fishing programme published in the last newsletter. Mike would arrange to have the updated programme published on the website (<https://www.eastcowessc.co.uk/motorboats-fishing/>).
- h) **Health and Safety Officer**
  - i. Mike Harvey introduced the idea of a defibrillator for the Club. After an inconclusive discussion, the meeting agreed to revisit the idea in the future.

## 7. Completed Actions

- a) Rules typesetting tidy-up
- b) Club merchandise addition: *East Cowes Sailing Club 1912-2012*

## 8. New Member Applications

Name	Membership Type	Approval/Conditions	Payment notes
Jonathon Wilkins	Senior	Approved	Bank Transfer
David Wragg	Full member	Approved	Bank Transfer
Don Lang	Full member	Approved (needs to supply a date-of-birth)	Bank Transfer

## 9. Resignations

Roger Boxell; John Cole; David George; Jeff Noel; Ben Smith; Michael Butler; Simon Rhodes; Thomas Denham; Mike Hill; Alan Gentry; Duncan McMorrin.

## 10. AOB

- a) Agenda topics must be raised with the Hon. Secretary prior to the meeting.
- b) Unless urgent, other business is not accepted during the meeting.

**Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019**

**Meeting Closed at 2050**

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