



Record of the January Committee Meeting

Held in the Centenary Room on the 2nd January 2019

1. Present

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

2. Apologies for absence

John Garlick, Rear Commodore Sailing
Dave Bonham

3. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting, held on the 5th December 2018, were approved as a true record and signed by the Commodore.

4. New Business

a) Mooring and storage contract

- i. There had been concern that the Club was not adequately protected against mooring and storage abuse.
- ii. Dave Casson distributed a set of terms and conditions intended to be signed and dated by prospective mooring and storage holder members.
- iii. It was agreed that Conal would add rule references to the updated terms and conditions. David would coordinate their agreement at the next Committee meeting, in time for them to be sent out with the mooring and storage invoices in February.

b) Keypad fault

- i. The keypad lock to the Centenary Room had failed last month. The likely reason for failure was moisture ingress.
- ii. A used replacement had been acquired at a considerable saving on the list price.
- iii. Torsten had replaced the keypad and made good the weatherproofing.
- iv. Dave Casson observed that the yard entry keypad might be due for maintenance as failure would cause considerable inconvenience. We could review as part of the 'lock to the Ladies' upgrade.

c) Nomination Sheet

- i. Torsten would announce the opening of nominations for 2019 to the membership and leave a nomination sheet in the Centenary Room.

- d) **Bosun**
 - i. The new position of Bosun would be added to the nomination sheet. Torsten would circulate the membership with terms of reference for the position.

5. Currently Pending Actions

- a) **Centre Store improvements (Conal and others)**
 - i. Richard was making significant progress on plumbing the new kitchen and thought the job should be completed well before the next meeting.
 - ii. Conal could then continue his work on the floor and strengthening the supporting stanchions.
 - iii. Further discussions about reconfiguring the sail loft should be deferred until the removal of property for fit-out and weight-bearing concerns had been addressed.
- e) **Solicitor's Advice (Conal)**
 - i. Conal reported that there had been a second letter, this time addressed to the Reverend Kerr and spelling out the possibility of legal action.
 - ii. Conal would check with the solicitor and pass any response to the Hon. Sec. for circulation to the Committee.
 - iii. The solicitor had advised an estimated cost of between £3,000 and £5,000 to take legal action. It might be that we would be faced with a decision at the next Committee meeting.
- f) **Beach Hut Disposal (Conal)**
 - i. Conal had completed the IWC forms, had them signed by the prospective purchaser and submitted them to the IWC with a covering letter. Conal did not anticipate any difficulties in completing the transfer of the lease.
 - ii. The solicitor would need proof of ownership of the beach hut. David would retrieve the original receipt for the purchase of the beach hut to help the solicitor in producing a bill of sale.
- g) **New Race Hut (Dave Casson)**
 - i. The time was now right for the acquisition of a new race hut. The budget was already agreed and Dave would continue the process.
 - ii. Mike Tennuci enquired about the planning position. Conal recounted that the shed was within permitted development dimensions and replaced the shed that the IWC had requested we remove from the strip adjacent to the tennis court. In the unlikely event that planning permission would be required, Conal's IWC contact had advised that it would be a rare event for retrospective planning consent to be refused.
 - iii. Andrew recounted an offer to use the J.O.G. race hut/starting line if there was a delay in commissioning the new race hut.
- h) **South Store Complaint**
 - i. David had asked a contact for an opinion on a valuation of that section of the South Store leased from the pub company. The contact's response was that a 'rolling lease' is perfectly adequate so why bother. It was hardly worth covering the other side's professional fees.
 - ii. The only complication that the contact foresaw was that if the pub's ownership changed hands, the lease could be terminated which could have a positive or negative impact depending on the circumstances. Although, having said that, he thought that the pub had questionable redevelopment value and was unlikely to be an attractive prospect for an investor.
- i) **Updated Membership Application Form**
 - i. The updates to the Membership Application Form were agreed.
 - ii. Conal would send David a list of club duties which should be available on the website for download alongside the Membership Application Form, Club rules bye-laws and policies
 - iii. David would have a number of the Membership Application Forms photocopied for the Centenary Room vestibule.

6. Officers' Reports

- a) **Hon. Treasurer**
 - i. Dave Casson had distributed the monthly accounts and the draft annual accounts prior to the meeting.
 - ii. Dave explained the result of income and expenditure timing differences for example receipts for the Christmas meal was posted in October and November but the expense came in December; and reported a draft surplus in excess of £11,000 for the year.
 - iii. Dave would contact the accountants shortly and an audited set of final accounts would be ready in time for the AGM.
- b) **Vice Commodore**
 - i. See pending actions
- c) **Hon. Secretary**
 - i. David Nixon would produce a newsletter before the AGM.
- d) **Rear Commodore Stores**
 - i. Mike Tennuci had nothing further to report.
- e) **Rear Commodore Sailing**
 - i. John Garlick was indisposed but had submitted his apologies together with an activity report to the Hon Sec. prior to the meeting. John's report was as follows:
 - Have partly emptied race hut and will complete next Wednesday.
 - Have agreed refurbishment programme with JB for Danny H which I hope the Wednesday Club will undertake (painting/varnish/antifoul etc.)
 - If members have not seen UPDATED LNTM number 33 of 2018, I suggest checking out. Dredging starts today (2nd Jan); the new small ship channel exits into deep water adjacent to the east side of the new breakwater and does not continue across the Shrape. For our racing it should mean less boats off the Shrape as the navigation buoys will be moved.
 - I had meeting with RC Sailing CCYC, together with Matt Grier, Trust Director for Andy Cassell Foundation. They would like to bring Sonars over for Thursday evening, as teaching people to race on the ISC start is putting their members off and they have had good reports of our friendly racing.
 - Andrew and Becky, with the rest of Haggis crew, myself, and Steve Horne on his J109 raced at CCYC on Boxing Day. Although we did not win we had a good race and showed support for another Club.
- f) **Rear Commodore Social**
 - i. Paul Walker reported that the Commodore's Soiree on 23rd December had been well attended and a great success.
 - ii. Paul had booked the Osborne Lodge for the AGM on Thursday 21st February.
 - iii. The draft social programme for the year is:
 - Fish and Chip Supper; Friday or Saturday 1st/2nd February
 - Fitting-out Supper; Friday or Saturday 29/30th March
 - Regatta BBQ; Saturday 20th July
 - Cowes Fireworks BBQ; Friday 16th August
 - Christmas Meal; Lifeboat; 7th December
 - Commodore's Soiree; provisionally Sunday 22nd December
 - iv. Combining the Laying-up Supper with the Prize-giving with a different format and venue was discussed. Without the R.C. Sailing no conclusions could be reached.
 - v. David would issue a fixture list (sailing, fishing, cruising and social) excerpt with the next newsletter.

g) **Rear Commodore Motor Boating and Fishing**

- i. Richard Davis reminded the meeting of the Winter Freeze-up Fishing Competition on Sunday 13th January. If the weather was unfavourable for the Solent, boats would venture up-river.
- ii. Responding to a question from Torsten, Cowes Corinthians anglers were welcome to attend but were not aware of the list of events. David would circulate the proposed fixture list to local clubs.
- iii. Andrew would post an invitation to the January competition on Facebook.
- iv. Mike Harvey reported that Dave Bonham was proposing a memorial fishing competition for the benefit of the recently deceased West Cowes tackle shop owner. The fishing competition entrance fees would be donated to the family.

h) **Health and Safety Officer**

- i. Mike Harvey had nothing further to report.

7. Completed Actions

- a) Non-payment of levy email.
- b) Valuation opinion on the South Store lease.

8. New Member Applications

Name	Membership Type	Approval/Conditions	Payment notes
Tony Mansbridge	Senior	Approved	Bank Transfer

9. Resignations

a) **List of Resignations from Karen**

Individual	Roger	Boxell	
Dual SC	Peter	Brand	
Individual	Michael	Butler	
SC	John	Cole	
Individual	Thomas	Denham	
Dual SC	Alan	Gentry	
SC	David	George	
Dual	Mike	Hill	
Family	Paul	Hippolite	Family only
Dual SC/R Wadsworth	Gordon	MacDonald	
Individual	Duncan	McMorrin	
Individual	Jeff	Noel	
Individual	Simon	Rhodes	
SC	Ben	Smith	

b) **Other Resignations**

- i. Torsten reported the resignations of Alan Yates and Terence Fisher.

c) **EGM and Exemption**

- i. Karen had received a resignation letter from a set of joint members in which they cited the EGM which they believed mandated a work requirement or levy on all members. They were both experiencing ill-health and believed it iniquitous that they would be expected to contribute their labour or a levy to the Club.

ii. David would write to them explaining the exemption procedure and asking them to consider their resignations.

d) **Levy Defaulters Not Invoiced for Membership**

i. A number of members had not paid their levy so had not been invoiced for this year's membership. Alan Yates had already resigned (see above); Michael More; Noel and Francis Mizzen; Andrew Graham; Derek Hartley; Terrence Fisher (see above); Derek Hartley (is corresponding with Torsten).

e) **Levy Exemption Request**

i. John Bonham has sent a note to Karen about his health and the Committee agreed an exemption from the levy.

f) **Key Fob deactivation**

i. Torsten would deactivate the key fobs of defaulting members shortly.

g) **Subverting Web Collect**

i. Karen (via Paul) reported that a member who had not paid his levy managed to raise a WebCollect invoice for his membership subscription.

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 6th February 2019

Meeting Closed at 2020

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