



## **Record of the February Committee Meeting**

**Held in the Centenary Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### **1. Present**

Torsten Richter, Commodore and Chair

Conal Grier, Vice Commodore

Dave Casson, Hon. Treasurer

Mike Tennuci, Rear Commodore Stores

Mike Harvey – Health and Safety Officer

Dave Bonham

David Nixon, Hon. Secretary

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

John Garlick, Rear Commodore Sailing

Paul Walker, Rear Commodore Social

Richard Davis, Rear Commodore Motor Boats and Fishing

Andrew Buchanan

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

The minutes of the Committee meeting, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, were approved as a true record and signed by the Commodore.

### **4. New Business**

#### **a) Pontoon Maintenance**

- i. Dave Casson reported that the Service Pontoon inner pole was causing concern.
- ii. Corner fendering was also required to help avoid the situation that had arisen last week when a boat had been damaged on the corner of the pontoon.
- iii. Dave recommended the inner pole be replaced with a galvanised RSJ bolted to a new bracket on the quayside wall.
- iv. The meeting agreed that Dave Casson should obtain a quote for the fabrication of the new bracket and RSJ fixing.
- v. The meeting agreed that Conal would purchase some corner pontoon fendering.
- vi. Wear blocks were a concern on remaining piles. Various options were discussed. Dave would contact Intermarine about wear blocks and the fitting thereof.

#### **b) Tools**

- i. Conal noted that the Club was short of tools despite the generosity of members in making donations and using their own equipment. The meeting agreed that Conal should take a view on the tools needed and purchase them on the Club's behalf.

#### **c) Slipway Cleaning**

- i. Mike Tennuci reiterated that the existing hose arrangement was proving unwieldy to deploy and stow.

- ii. Conal suggested that a coupling should be fitted to the end of the Service Pontoon to effectively halve the length of hose that needed to be deployed and stowed at any one time.
- iii. The meeting agreed that this solution should be implemented as soon as possible.
- iv. Torsten offered his services over the weekend; Mike and members of the Stores sub-committee would make slipway hose improvements a priority and the Wednesday Club would become involved where necessary.
- v. The meeting noted that there was unlikely to be a great deal of expense in the job. A bayonet hose coupling, for example, was already available.

## **5. Currently Pending Actions**

### **a) Mooring and Storage Terms and Conditions**

- i. As agreed, Conal had circulated updates and rule references.
- ii. Following a minor modification proposed by Dave Bonham, the meeting adopted the Mooring and Storage Terms and Conditions.
- iii. The Hon. Sec. would update the website before the mooring and storage invoices were distributed.
- iv. Conal and Dave Casson was keen that members should sign to show they accepted the terms and conditions. There was a discussion around the practicalities of obtaining physical signatures. Dave Casson noted that the Storage and Mooring Application Form itself had to be signed to agree to the applicable terms and conditions. Mike Tennuci pointed out that a significant number of members with property in the club had not completed forms.
- v. Torsten would send a note on Saturday to the 23 members with moorings and/or storage who had not completed forms.
- vi. Dave Casson and others underlined the importance of the annual application for moorings and storage; otherwise the Club leaves itself more vulnerable than it might otherwise be to abandoned property.

### **b) Unpaid Subscriptions/Property in the Club**

- i. Dave Casson thought that all those members who had paid their subscriptions late should be informed that this was unacceptable and would not be tolerated in future.
- ii. Dave reminded the meeting that those who had not paid their membership subscription by the 31<sup>st</sup> January by rights were expelled from the Club. To be readmitted, expelled members should: complete an application form; be proposed by a member; interviewed by a Flag Officer and have their application voted through at Committee. All the current fees for new members would apply.
- iii. Six ex-members retained property in the Club. There followed a discussion about the property/past members concerned and how best to progress individual cases. A Topaz dingy had been effectively abandoned and the owner could not be contacted. The meeting thought that this dinghy should be put up for sale with immediate effect. A dinghy purportedly in the Club had, according to the owner, been sold in September last year. The dinghy slot would be reallocated.

### **c) AGM**

- i. At Dave Casson's suggestion, when the AGM reminder was circulated, the Hon. Sec. would note those invited that fully paid up members only would be allowed entry to the meeting.
- ii. Accounts were with the auditors; it being a busy time of year they would be starting work on the E.C.S.C. accounts shortly. Dave Casson would arrange photocopying of the finance report and the Hon. Sec would arrange photocopying of the agenda and last year's minutes.
- iii. Torsten reminded Flag Officers that he would appreciate a summary of activity over the year for the Commodores' Address.
- iv. So far as was known, no members had passed away over the last year.

- v. AOB:
  - Mark Lacey's letter to Torsten. The Hon Sec. would read out the letter and Torsten's response.
  - There were two questions proposed as a result of the EGM:
    - If the proposed rule change 5a is carried; reduce the levy by 50% in view of the additional number of full members who would be eligible.
    - If the proposed rule change 5e is carried; reduce the surcharge where a full member has completed a significant proportion, but not all, of their hours.
- a) **Centre Store improvements (Conal and others)**
  - i. Plumbing was complete.
  - ii. The land drain and electrics remained to be scheduled.
  - iii. Peter Evans (who has electrical skills) would like to get involved but would not have any formal responsibility for the work.
  - iv. Dave Casson would look at sourcing the electrical components with a view to allowing the Wednesday Club to start the electrical fit-out.
  - v. The land drain involved cutting a concrete trench across the rear access way. Conal would speak to Richard.
- d) **Solicitor's Advice (Conal)**
  - i. Adrian Kerr visited the solicitor's office with a hand written letter claiming that he had offered the boat to the Club and a Club official had accepted.
  - ii. Conal had circulated the members of the Committee; none of whom had accepted said offer.
  - iii. Conal would write to the Solicitor stating that we did not wish to incur the cost of court action and so would accept the offer of the boat and its equipment.
  - iv. Various options for disposal were discussed.
- e) **Beach Hut Disposal (Conal)**
  - i. Conal hoped to collect a cheque from the purchaser in the next few days.
- f) **New Race Hut (Dave Casson)**
  - i. An order had been placed and the deposit paid.
  - ii. Subsequently the supplier had become concerned that other work and internal delays would make meeting the mid-March deadline difficult and had offered to return the deposit.
  - iii. The start of racing is 4<sup>th</sup> April and the supplier has indicated that the later date will be met. Various fall-back options were discussed within the meeting. Dave was confident that racing would not be interrupted.
  - iv. Dave Casson had discussed the Race Hut with John Barnes and others in a break-out sailing sub-committee. Some points arising were that a hooter would be replaced by a VHF sound signal (so as not to disturb local residents). Visual signals would be trialled once the hut was in position.
- a) **Hon. Treasurer**
  - i. Dave Casson had distributed the monthly accounts prior to the meeting.
  - ii. Dave explained membership fees included money carried over from last year. Once members started paying their subscription renewals, the money was held over until the year to which it applied. There was a notable miscellaneous expense of £70 which was repaid to a member who had paid this sum in November being under the erroneous impression that he had received a bill. Significant items of expense this month included Harbour Dues, the Race Hut deposit and solicitor's fees in connection with the Beach Hut disposal.

- b) **Vice Commodore**
  - i. The insurance was due, Conal enquired about the need for any changes; the tractor was covered. Torsten would supply a description of the function of the new race hut and Conal would contact the insurers with the update.
  - ii. Conal would contact Spencer Rigging; they had issued a 6 month rather than an annual inspection certificate.
- c) **Hon. Secretary**
  - i. David Nixon had nothing further to report.
- d) **Rear Commodore Stores**
  - i. Mike Tennuci enquired how Torsten would approach the email to 23 members who had not completed Mooring and Storage Application Forms and the 6 ex-members who retained storage in the club. In particular, he was concerned about the ex-members with two dinghies in the club. Conal would ring the member/s concerned and enquire about their intentions.
  - ii. Dave Casson was concerned that we seemed to repeat the same discussions time after-time. There should be a timeline and set of procedures to regularise Club workflow for billing and correspondence. Correspondence in given circumstances should be pre-written without the need to report back to the Committee.
  - iii. Mike Tennuci remarked that we still have members renewing their subscriptions in February; he felt that was unacceptable.
  - iv. Torsten advised that it would be up to next year's Committee to build on the groundwork that had been established this year.
  - v. Torsten would consult with Karen to see how we might consolidate some of these changes using WebCollect.
- e) **Rear Commodore Sailing**
  - i. John Garlick was not present.
  - ii. Mike Harvey noted that the rota for Danny H was complete.
  - iii. Mike also observed that during the annual maintenance activity recently, parts of the rubbing strake had broken-off.
  - iv. Dave Cason reported that Paul Denham was replacing the cutlass bearing which was proving difficult to extract.
- f) **Rear Commodore Social**
  - i. Paul Walker was not present.
- g) **Rear Commodore Motor Boating and Fishing**
  - i. Richard Davis was not present. Dave Bonham reported that there was an intention to reschedule the planned memorial fishing competition for the benefit of the recently deceased West Cowes tackle shop owner before the new season started.
- h) **Health and Safety Officer**
  - i. Mike Harvey had nothing further to report.

## 6. Vote of Thanks

Conal moved a vote of thanks to Torsten as the outgoing Commodore. Torsten had taken the Club forward; shown insight; leadership; hard work; a sense of humour and had been a thoroughly decent Commodore under whom to serve. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Sec. and carried unanimously by those present.

## 7. Completed Actions

- a) Storage and Mooring Terms and Conditions

## 8. New Member Applications

- a) None

## **9. Resignations**

- a) No additional resignations reported this month.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Meeting Closed at 2020**

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