



Record of the [month] Committee Meeting

Held in the Centenary Room on 3rd July 2019

1) Present

Conal Grier, Commodore (and Chair)
David Nixon, Vice Commodore
Richard Davis, Rear Commodore, Fishing/Motor Boating
John Garlick, Rear Commodore, Sailing
Dave Casson, Hon. Treasurer
Mike Harvey, Health and Safety Officer
Chris Kershaw, Hon. Secretary
Peter Evans
Torsten Richter
Bob Spendley

2) Apologies for absence

Mike Tennuci, Rear Commodore, Stores; Paul Walker, Rear Commodore, Social Peter ("Perry") Mason

3) Approval of the Minutes

No comments; signed by the Commodore

4) Members

a) New Membership applications

- i) CG was in possession of an application from Jon Knott; unfortunately, as is all too common, the latter had signed the Data Protection declaration, but not the application itself. However, having been sponsored and supported appropriately in all other respects, subject to the completion of the application, his application was accepted by the committee.
- ii) We need some more membership and race entry forms, which Dave Casson kindly agreed to obtain.
- iii) In passing, Bob Spendley asked why we cannot do the storage forms on line. Dave Casson answered that we needed the member's signature. Nevertheless, this should not be insurmountable and it was agreed that we could revisit the matter in the future.

b) Resignations

- i) None

c) **Members' Requests/Observations**

- i) An email to Conal from Joe Moore dated 23rd June proposing some changes to the hammerhead was discussed. A fairly controversial subject, after some discussion it was agreed we should defer the matter. Joe's email raises the whole subject of our pontoon layout and it was agreed that the subject needed to be aired objectively, taking account of membership interest as a whole and that therefore a working group should be formed. (Conal mentioned that one of our problems was the accumulation of mud on the subject of which he has already taken up with CHC). However, first, it would be necessary for the committee to establish the terms of reference etc. for such a group. CG formally proposed the setting up of such a work party Bob Spendley seconded; agreement was unanimous. Conal and David Nixon will set out the terms of reference.

5) **Reports**

a) **Commodore**

- i) Race Box and planning permission – CG is still in earnest discussions and correspondence with the local Planning Authority. There is a significant history of correspondence on which Conal has drawn to defend our recent actions. In connection with current Island Council “thinking” on the matter, Dave Casson mentioned that he had heard that there is a consultative body engaged by, or within the Council to look at the presentation of the Island from the perspective of tourism etc. and it was agreed that it would be interesting to establish their current plans for the East Cowes sea front. Bob said that he might be able to get sight of any drawings and the like. Dave C said that if there are radical proposals for the front we should insist on having some input.
- ii) Risk Assessment – has been forwarded to the insurance company and from thence on to the underwriters. CG had noted a piece on training and wondered whether we should consider spending some money on training in certain key areas. He presented an advertisement from a company called Gallagher, who purport to specialise in this sort of thing. Torsten commented that he had various tools available, but he has not had time to run in the numbers. Conal asked – do we feel that we have the relevant expertise? Torsten and Mike H felt that we did. Mike Harvey mentioned, while on the subject of Risk Assessment et al that the Fishing sub—committee had discussed safety guidelines for competitions and members/participants will now have to sign a disclaimer as a prerequisite to taking part in any competition.
- iii) UKSA – request to use the dinghy park - We have been approached by UKSA with a request to use the dinghy park; apparently, we had allowed them to do so in the past. The reason for this is that they would prefer not to have to negotiate the river (as they have to do at present) with strings of dinghies in tow at busy times. CG said that while we should be willing to help them, we cannot be seen

to be overtly charging them for the facility. Possibly, some form of block associate membership might be the way round the problem.

- iv) The Hulk – now that all legalities have petered out, arrangements have been made for the boat to be removed to Kingston, where it will be scrapped (unfortunately at the club's expense). The motor has been salvaged and after servicing and the fitting of a stern bracket, will be available as an auxiliary for the *Danny H*. In summary – we have been hard done by in consequence of this episode, but, as Dave Casson said, if people dig their heels in, there is little that we can do about it. Bob observed that we probably have several “dead” boats on the pontoons. Richard suggested that such boats should be moved to swinging moorings to make room for active owners. *It was felt that we needed to tackle this problem and Conal and Richard undertook to have a look at the “fleet” to try to identify the likely culprits. This exercise is to be carried out during September and reported on in the October meeting.*

b) **Hon. Treasurer**

- i) Monthly Statement - The Treasurer's report was briefly discussed; Bob asked whether *the Mooring and Tender* items were new or outstanding, to which Dave C said the Mooring Fees were probably sub-lets and the Tender storage was with regard to new members. He commented that we are on top of such detail. The insurance is the standard annual, incorporating £205.00 for Officers' liability. We had had to repair the water pump on *Danny H*.
- ii) New Bank Account - Dave is still keen to open another bank account with a bank not part of the Lloyds Group (the attempt last month to deal with Santander having foundered). To that end, he is trying to arrange a meeting with HSBC in the near future.
- iii) Club Cradles – Although not strictly a financial matter, the subject was discussed at this point. Dave said that he had drawn a design to replace the most dilapidated of our current cradles, commenting that finding suitable wheels is the biggest problem. He will be able to present a quotation shortly.

c) **Vice Commodore**

- i) Use of the hammerhead – David said that he had had to become involved in a complaint concerning the use of the hammerhead on Thursday. He concluded that there had been some abuse of the rules. For practical reasons, preference should be given to club racing boats on Thursday evenings. The subject requires a root and branch review. Conal suggested that the sensible thing would be to dedicate the hammerhead spots according to current need – so racing boats when racing is/has taken place and fishing boats in the event of fishing competitions.
- ii) Cruising – David said that the publications were complete. Turnout this week and next is disappointing. He felt that he had learned that it was better to organise

club cruises at the beginning and end of the season; in the middle of the season people were often away cruising independently.

- iii) Welfare Officer – David acknowledged views expressed in the last meeting during his absence, but felt that, in so far as we are RYA affiliated, if we have such an appointee, at least it is a box ticked. We need to keep the subject in kilter with our overall risk assessment exercise.

d) **Hon. Secretary**

- i) CK -Nothing to report; one or two enquiries regarding membership, but these were really enquiries about moorings.
- ii) Scaffolding – Bob expressed some reservations about the scaffolding. CG asked CK to contact GKN as a matter of urgency.

e) **Rear Commodore, Stores**

- i) In his absence, Dave C said that he was covering. Some rubbish had been removed recently.

f) **Rear Commodore, Sailing**

- i) Club Polo shirts – John G said that he had ordered and bought nine (he should be reimbursed) Gareth Davies had recently brought Glyn down to see the race hut and he had given Glyn one of the shirts and one each for Ray and Eddy. He felt that three of the shirts should be paid for by the Club. *This was proposed by CG, seconded by CK and carried unanimously.* He also felt that it would be appropriate to have a plaque on the race box dedicated to Glyn. *This was again put forward as a formal resolution – proposed by BS, seconded by MH and carried.* Dave Casson said he would look out for something; it was agreed that the hut could be called the Glyn Davies Race Hut. Regarding the sale of these polo shirts, it was agreed that could be added to the list of club merchandise. Dave Casson reminded the meeting that this was Patti's province. Finally, it was felt that £15.00 would be a suitable price for these. (*Postscript:* Products now on the website under "Merchandise" nfa)

- ii) Regatta (20th July) – Peter Jackson has planned the day and written the race instructions; there will be only three races. Food preparation was being attended to – a salad and buffet. It was hoped that the social event after the racing would be an inclusive event; sailors and fishermen all welcome and encouraged to attend. Mike H asked whether the Danny H would be required – the regatta is not on the rota. Given the potential number of boats that could be out it was felt that it should be deployed.

- iii) Passage Race to Yarmouth – 13th July starting at 11:00.

g) **Rear Commodore, Social**

- i) No Report

h) **Rear Commodore, Motor Boats & Fishing**

- i) No Report

i) **Health & Safety**

- i) Mike Harvey commented that the subject had been covered above

6) **Any Other Business**

- a) Proposed freezer for bait (Bob Spendley) – a general problem for fishermen is that of surplus bait and several had complained that they had no means of storing it, which led to quite a lot of waste. The proposal was that the club would buy a suitable freezer and that individual fishermen would then effectively, hire space within it, or pay an annual fee for the space. For practical purposes, this would mean that there would be individual storage boxes. The aim would be to make the scheme self funding. The subject was debated, Dave Casson commenting that we had tried freezers in the past; he was also concerned about the effect of power outages. Conal said that in general, we were trying to avoid the keeping of foodstuffs on site. Then there was the matter of where such a freezer could be stored, Conal suggesting the South Store upstairs (to avoid the risk of flooding). Dave C thought the North store would be preferable; it was more fire proof and if the freezer was raised off the floor enough the risk of damage from flooding would be negated. Torsten asked whether it would be kept locked. Bob took this on board and said that if approval were given the Fishing Committee would be monitoring the usage. Dave C also mentioned that we would have to check whether we had a suitable socket. *In the end the scheme was approved – Proposed by Conal and seconded by Torsten.*
- b) Centenary Room Fridge – In passing, Dave C mentioned that the ‘fridge behind us needed a clear out! Also, the room is sometimes left in a mess after Thursday sailing. Could members please ensure that they take their own rubbish home as far as possible and leave the room in a tidy state. (*Postscript* – Richard has kindly cleared out the fridge – no further action.)
- c) Potential new member – Dave C mentioned the application of a former member – Mike Hocking, who has returned to the area. Conal said that he had met him and that he felt that his renewed membership could be put forward; he should be introduced to another Flag Officer for formal approval, but, subject to the latter, his application could be accelerated.

7) **Time and Date of next meeting**

- a) 1900 hrs, Wednesday, 7th August 2019 – given that Cowes Week does not start until 10th.

The meeting was concluded at 20:40

Summary of Action Points, Implementation Plans – Brought forward (b/f) and from above meeting

Subject	Meeting Introduced	Subsequent Action	Status	
North Store Room locks	April 2019	Perry has made appropriate modifications	Complete	Closed this month
Club Risk Assessment – sub-committee	April 2019	Conal, Torsten and Mike Harvey to meet to establish best means to proceed. Further discussed, as above	In hand	b/f
Kitchen drainage and plumbing	April 2019	Flooring the last thing to be completed	Complete?	b/f
Stores Electrical Work	April 2019	Work understood to be completed	Complete?	b/f
Cradles and Slipway equipment	April 2019	Dave C and Like T to draw up plans and cost; Problems with obtaining wheels	Please update	b/f
CCTV	April 2019	Agreed to put up additional CCTV in operation signs	Complete	Closed this month
Re-design of Storage Form	April 2019	Not deemed urgent at this time of year, but suggest we commence in time for October report	Carry forward to autumn	b/f
Gas bottle storage cage	April 2019	Purchased – and now fitted at the back of North Store	Complete	Closed this month
Complaint re Race Box – Mr and Mrs Hall	May 2019	Conal to write to inform of the Committee’s decision. Official complaint is now in hand. Conal has been in contact with the Planning Authority	Please update	b/f
Elected Officers – designated responsibilities	May 2019	Conal to circulate a schedule/list via email	Please update	b/f
Insurance level to be raised	May 2019	Further cover for Officer’s liability obtained; draft of our Risk Assessment etc sent	Complete?	b/f ?
Abandoned yacht	April 2019	Now taking steps to dispose of boat, but in the meantime the plan is to bring it closer inshore. Removal still to be organised	Please Update	b/f
Banking arrangements	May 2019	Dave Casson’s meeting with Santander deferred. Planned meeting with HSBC frustrated	Please update	b/f
Pontoons	July 2019	Agreed to form a suitable working party. Terms of reference to be considered by CG and DN before setting up a working committee	Please update	New – as above minuted
UKSA request to use the dinghy park	July 2019	In principle, approved above, but the matter of a form of consideration (i.e. not a straightforward cash transaction) remains to be decided. CG?	Please update	New – as above minuted
Other “dead” boats	July 2019	CG and RD to undertake investigations in September; to report to October meeting	In Hand	New – as above minuted
Scaffolding	June 2019	Work on-going – CK to stay in touch with roofers and generally maintain watch while Nicholson’s are still working	I’ll update as close to the meeting as possible.	b/f
Race Box Plaque	July 2019	DC to look out for a suitable plate/plaque	Please update	New – as above minuted
Bait freezer	July 2019	Fishing Committee to put to the fishing fraternity	Please update	New – as above minuted

