



Record of the August 2019 Committee Meeting

Held in the Centenary Room on 7 August 2019

1) Present

Conal Grier, Commodore [and Chair]
David Nixon, Vice Commodore
Richard Davis, Rear Commodore, Fishing/Motor Boating
John Garlick, Rear Commodore, Sailing
Mike Tennuci, Rear Commodore, Stores
Paul Walker, Rear Commodore, Social
Dave Casson, Hon. Treasurer
Chris Kershaw, Hon. Secretary
Peter Evans
Torsten Richter
Bob Spendley

2) Apologies for absence

Mike Harvey, Health and Safety Officer; Peter (“Perry”) Mason

3) Approval of the Minutes

Approved without comment and signed by CG

4) Members

a) New Membership applications

- i) Mike Hocking is confirmed as a member. A Steve Rice was mentioned, but status could not be confirmed this evening.

b) Resignations

- i) Mark Oliver, who had offered his dinghy to the Club, which was accepted with thanks, Paul Walker having inspected it after the meeting. It may be used as a replacement for the Club’s current tender.

c) Members’ Requests/Observations

- i) Reference an email from PE to CK on the subject of Tony Bond’s ‘Chaos’; due to personal circumstances, Tony feels that he is unlikely to sail Chaos this season. It was suggested to him that the yacht be put onto its cradle; however, Tony was concerned to keep his mooring and if the mooring were to be sub-let, it should only be for such period as Chaos is ashore; also, no yard storage charges to be raised. While sympathy was expressed for Tony’s position, after some discussion

the Committee felt unable to agree to the proposal with its attendant conditions.
CG will speak to Tony to impart the decision.

5) Reports

a) Commodore

- i) The Race Hut – CG has received informal confirmation to the effect that the planning authorities have concluded that there is nothing unlawful about the change of use of the dinghy park. We await formal confirmation, but the matter appears to have been resolved.
- ii) Fees - CG suggested that at the next meeting we should consider the matter of fees.
- iii) VE Day – 75th Anniversary – an email from a David Hill (presumed to be on behalf of Councillor Karl Love) asking whether the Club would consider taking part, in some way, in East Cowes’s commemorative events. It was felt that anything the Club could do would probably be relatively insignificant, though the suggestion by JG that we could have a race, or small regatta, was probably the best idea at the moment. *CG agreed to reply.*
- iv) President – Following the sad demise of Glyn, Tony Cole will act as stand in President of the Club for the time being.
- v) Abandoned yacht – should be removed soon.
- vi) Andrew Buchanan’s request to keep Haggis2 on the hammerhead during Cowes Week – Andrew Buchanan’s request was discussed at length. Two years ago Haggis was allowed to stay on the hammerhead during Cowes Week because the Harbourmaster had fixed a barrier across the pontoon causing Haggis difficulty in exiting in reverse. Last year Haggis occupied the Hammerhead for the whole of Cowes Week, even though there was no barrier. Because the original reason for the dispensation no longer applied the latter occasion a number of complaints were made as to why Haggis had been allowed to take the space. When the subject came up again it was felt that to take up the hammerhead only on the basis of allowing Haggis’s crew to walk ashore was unfair on club members who wished to use their boats during Cowes Week. *Request refused*
- vii) Racing last Thursday – two incidents were noted – firstly, the rescue of a flying fifteen after it had become disabled by ‘Danny H’, the crew had later thanked the crew of Danny H for their timely and diligent help. Secondly, as explained by PW, some criticism of Haggis’s failure to render assistance to Joe Moore’s boat, when the latter was dismayed, had been expressed. CK, who had been crewing on Haggis, said that the helm of Haggis had confirmed with Joe’s crew that there were no injuries.
- viii) Pontoon Report – CG had produced a report prior to the meeting, which was not discussed in detail. However, CG expressed the view that it will be necessary to form sub-committees from among representatives of the various “stake-

holders". We should devote attention to being in a position to present something to the membership by the end of September.

b) Hon. Treasurer

- i) Observations on the monthly Financial Report – A substantial, but once off annual bill is included in this month's accounts - £3.4k paid to the Crown Commission. DC observed that this may well be increased in the future. The area for which we pay is related to Chart Datum and that is shifting, by the measurements of the most recent survey. In the meantime, DC, said, after negotiations with HSBC fell through; he has achieved his objective of opening a second bank account with Barclays in Newport. He was also keen to have a third signatory for the Club's accounts.

c) Vice Commodore

- i) Recent Cruises - DN reported that the Gosport Rally had been a success and had been well reviewed. He was considering producing a schedule for next year. The cruise planned for the coming August Bank Holiday will be a short one, but he proposed a late season cruise to Chichester.
- ii) Centenary Room refreshments stock – DN expressed concern that the supply of tea and biscuits was considered to be "on the house"; the supply of such was mainly contributed by individuals and possibly the same individuals time after time. PW felt that members should be reminded that they DN's proposal was to introduce an honesty box; others thought that the idea was doomed to failure – it would be nicked (essentially), or people would just ignore it. Conclusion – we will give the honesty box a try.
- iii) Door on Ladies' WC – tends to swing open. It needs a hydraulic closer. DC said he would buy one which the Wednesday Club could fit.
- iv) Main gate spring – is broken. This will need to be rectified, but it does not prevent the gate from being closed by hand. DN noted, with some annoyance, that the gate had been wedged open on Tuesday evening – presumably/possibly by one of the racing contingent. This practice is to be strongly discouraged.

d) Hon. Secretary

- i) Scaffolding/roofing (update) – CK said that he had spoken to a contact at Nicholsons (the roofers) on Friday and had been told that Nicholsons estimated another seven to ten days of work were outstanding. CK then handed the metaphorical baton to Bob Spendley who said that the whole job was being poorly conducted; Nicholsons had not removed debris and removed panels quickly enough and that we should insist on a Schedule of Works (which would have to be provided by GKN themselves.) DC reminded the meeting that GKN also had some guttering problems on the other side of our premises. *CK to contact GKN on both matters.*
- ii) Winch operating – an unscheduled discussion followed on the subject of safety procedures, required signage, hi viz jackets etc. DC said we needed some

dedicated cones to mark out the winch zone – Torsten observing that we really needed to prevent people from entering such areas. We also need another winch operator. There is a local man who would be prepared to take on the role. DC observed that where winching was involved, the boat was the main danger area. Torsten agreed that he could write operating procedures and it was tentatively agreed that perhaps we should have a list of operators, with a view to barring any other person from operating the winch.

iii) Slipway repairs – DC said that he had spoken to Steve Cox and had agreed a charge of £450.00 for the repair of the slipway, which had suffered under the stress caused by small wheels on cradles and frequent use.

e) Rear Commodore, Stores

i) Dinghy Park, unmarked trailers – MT said that he was chasing a few members over trailers left in the dinghy park. People are not leaving identifying marks on them, as required. It was suggested that Richard White may be the owner of the larger of the two trailers in question; he has paid for one. JG said that he may be able to find out. DC suggested that the code be changed.

f) Rear Commodore, Sailing

i) Regatta and Racing programme – JG expressed slight disappointment over the number of boats that participated, but, he said, people did come back to socialise afterwards. He thanked Peter Jackson for laying the courses. During last week's Thursday racing there had been fifteen boats out and he had had three enquiries from other clubs. There were now only three more races left in the evening series, which would be followed by the "Brunch" Series into the autumn.

ii) Prize-giving a reminder that the Prize-giving is taking place at the golf club on 26 October. JG asked how members would feel about holding the event at some point at Cowes Corinthian. DN said that Peter Jackson had objected to that alternative previously. DC put in a word in favour of the Lifeboat.

g) Rear Commodore, Social

i) PW first thanked the ladies for their contribution to the Regatta.

ii) Laying Up Supper – PW has rescheduled the event to 12 October; he would be unable to take part if the event were to take place on its originally scheduled date. As an aside, PW observed that plans to hold the event on club premises were dependent upon the kitchen being functional. RD noted that the kitchen needed an extractor fan. CG suggested that PW work out what was required – the fan and utensils (costed) and submit such list for approval. PW noted the event described as "the Commodore's Soiree" set for 22 December. Is this event still on?

h) Rear Commodore, Motor Boats & Fishing

i) Mackerel Competition – RD said that the event had attracted sixteen entrants fishing from six boats. He noted that some yachtsmen had taken part fishing

from their boats. Judy, fishing on “Dirty Gerty”, won a £10.00 voucher and Barney’s Cup, the newly sponsored cup available to members of the Club.

- ii) Next Competition – 1 September (partly out of curiosity to see what goes on in the Brambles Cricket match!) In passing RD noted that the official scales are not entirely accurate!
- iii) Bait Freezer – Bob has found a suitable freezer and the sums have been done. It will be set up in the South Store; RD said that he will police its use.

i) **Health & Safety**

- i) CK mentioned that Mike had asked the question as to whether to purchase some of the H & S signs that have been discussed. CG asked CK to ask Mike to contact him before going ahead.

6) **Any Other Business**

- a) DN made mention of the East Cowes regeneration plan, noting that at the last review, he had noted a scheme to put a number of containers in the area in which we may have some interest. He said that he will monitor developments.

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

- a) 1900 hrs, Wednesday, 4 September 2019

Meeting closed at 21:10 hours

END

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

Subject	Meeting Introduced	Subsequent Action	Status	
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	Installation of extractor fan TBA and cooking utensils (3.g.ii above) RD & PW	In hand	New
Cradles and Slipway equipment	April 2019	Dave C and Luke T to draw up plans and cost; Problems with obtaining wheels	Please update	b/f
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
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. Informal confirmation rec’d to the effect that our case has been upheld. Await formal confirmation. (see 5.a.i above) CG	In hand	b/f
Elected Officers –	May 2019	Conal to circulate a schedule/list via email	Please	b/f

designated responsibilities			update	
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
VE Day Commemorations	Aug 2019	Request from David Hill – would the Club like to participate in next year's local celebrations of VE Day. (5.a.iii) CG	Please update	New
Tony Bond – request (above)	Aug 2019	Conal to speak with Tony	Report in September	New
Banking arrangements	May 2019	Dave Casson's meeting with Santander deferred. Planned meeting with HSBC frustrated. DC confirmed – new account with Barclays set up	Deemed complete	b/f
Bank signatories	Aug 2019	Proposal to increase number of signatories to three. (5.b.i) DC	Please update	New
Slipway Repairs	Aug 2019	Cracks and deterioration of certain areas discussed with contractor (5.c.iii) DC	Please update	New
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	b/f
Winch Operation	Aug 2019	Address work procedures and possibly train, or appoint at least another operator	Please update	New
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	b/f
Other "dead" boats	July 2019	CG and RD to undertake investigations in September; to report to October meeting	In Hand	b/f
Scaffolding	June 2019	Work on-going – CK to stay in touch with roofers and generally maintain watch while Nicholson's are still working. Also, contact GKN (5.d.i)	In hand.	b/f
Race Box Plaque	July 2019	DC to look out for a suitable plate/plaque	Please update	b/f
Bait freezer	July 2019	Progress on installation etc.	Please update	b/f