



Record of the June Committee Meeting

Held in the Centenary Room on the 5th June 2019

1. Present

Torsten Richter: (Chair)

Richard Davis, Rear Commodore, Fishing/Motor Boating

John Garlick, Rear Commodore, Sailing

Mike Tennuci, Rear Commodore, Stores

Paul Walker, Rear Commodore, Social

Mike Harvey, Health and Safety Officer

Chris Kershaw, Hon. Secretary

Peter Evans

Bob Spendley

2. Apologies for absence

Conal Grier; David Nixon; Dave Casson; Perry Mason

3. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting, held on 1st May 2019, were approved as a true record and signed by Torsten as Chair of the current meeting.

4. Members

a) New Member Applications

- i. The Secretary gave a brief review of the status of current and prospective applications, noting that two such were lapsed members re-applying for membership. The advice from the committee was to emphasise in any correspondence that the Working Party Opt Out charge would be applied.

b) Resignations

- i. None advised

5. Reports

a) Commodore – (from emailed report/s provided)

- i. **Race Box in the Dinghy Park** – a formal complaint has been made to the local Planning Authority – by whom we can only speculate. Within the Planning Department (PD) the matter is being conducted by Yen Edwards. Conal has provided a large amount of information to the PD to assist in the matter. At the moment, our advice is not to take any action in respect of the Box and indeed, the matter may be resolved without further action on our part. Conal also stated that he will make enquiries of the Council regarding possible contingency plans.

- ii. **Club Risk Assessment and Risk Register** – Conal reported that version 2 of his Risk Assessment had been passed on to Mike Harvey and Torsten Richter, which was confirmed. The Risk Assessment, together with the Racing RA, (which had been prepared by John Garlick, with others – whom Conal thanked for their efforts) are required by our insurers and notwithstanding that the former is still in development stage, Conal sought the approval of the Committee to forward both as they currently stand. As a formal proposal – CK proposed and Mike Harvey and John Garlick seconded; there were no objections. Finally, on this topic, CG expressed the hope that the project could be completed during June, with a view to setting an action plan in motion during July.
 - iii. **Cowes Harbour Commission and the need for dredging** – Although not in Conal’s original report, he had asked CK to report that he was in correspondence with the Cowes Harbour Commission on the problem that the Club faces in the rapid build up of mud around our berths and in particular, the slipway. Further update when Conal returns.
 - iv. **Centre Store** – All the electrical work is now complete, including yard security lighting; Conal expressed thanks to Dave Casson, noting, also, that he would support the completion of all other proposed electrical upgrades for the north and south stores to bring the Club fully up to current standards in this regard. The kitchen area is nearing completion – some tidying and cleaning up before the vinyl flooring is laid. Soap dispenser and disposable towel machines are also being sourced. The gas bottle cage has been ordered – delivery pending. (CG thanked Richard Davis for his work on this.) Finally, Conal emphasised that, due to cost overruns, there will be no additional purchasing of kitchen equipment in the foreseeable future.
 - v. **Abandoned yacht movement** – by a separate email to Torsten, Conal said that he has made available enough chain etc to enable the boat to be moved closer in, with a view to its final removal from the club’s premises for scrapping, but suggested that the motor be salvaged with a view to having it as a spare engine on Danny H.
 - vi. **General Committee Members’ responsibilities** – CG noted this as a subject pending for the moment and the Committee merely noted the latter.
 - vii. Conal noted the gratifying number of entries for Thursday evening racing and (in his email) thanked JG and his team for their efforts.
- b) **Hon. Treasurer (from emailed report provided, including Financial Statement)**
- i. **Proposed new account** – Dave Casson has suggested that a new account be opened and that he had made an appointment with Santander for which he would need some paperwork. The following formal proposal was put to the meeting – “That in order to consolidate the security of the Club’s savings, we will apply to open an account with Santander Bank and that David Casson is authorised to deal with Santander accordingly” – the latter being formally proposed by CK and seconded by Torsten Richter with no dissenting voice.
 - ii. **Finance Report** – In his note DC drew attention to several items of expenditure above the norm – noting the Annual Lease for the dinghy park (£487.37), the Centre Store electrics (£4,950.22), the gas bottle cage (£342.00). Notwithstanding these special items, he commented that the Club’s finances are buoyant.
 - iii. It was noted that DC’s report on **replacement cradles** is not due until next month.
- c) **Vice Commodore (from emailed report provided)**
- i. **CCTV** – DN’s report confirmed that all four channels are now operating; the wireless camera is screwed to the wooden lintel above the South Store front window looking out to the area around the winch. The electrical adaptations in the office have now provided a separate ceiling light, a bank of six sockets on a clean supply for the CCTV (DVD and Netbook) and a pair of sockets on the general supply for ancillary items – e.g. a vacuum cleaner.
 - ii. **Welfare Officer** – having been asked to look into the subject by Conal, David reported that he had concluded that we needed a Welfare Officer – providing a link to an RYA website on the subject. A brief discussion revealed that there was some disagreement

about the need for such an appointment in ECSC, in so far as we only have one member under the age of eighteen. It was agreed, however, that the subject should be shelved until the next meeting when David would be able to explain his thinking.

- iii. **Cruising and Newsletter** – DN undertook to produce a newsletter on his return from the “Meridian Cruise in Company” and noted that the next item on the cruising programme is the Thorness Bay Picnic on Saturday, 15th June; also, the Beaulieu Rally has now been re-booked for the following weekend (i.e 22nd June). He noted that a booking deposit had been requested.
- iv. **Member suggestions** – a Club member had made two suggestions – a) that fire extinguishers should be sited on the pontoons and b) a ladder should be affixed to the service pontoon. In the discussion that followed, it was noted that we already have a Fire Risk Assessment, provided by the local Fire Services’ there are fire stations at various approved points around the overall site and the observation was made that people should keep a fire appliance on their own boats. It was therefore felt unnecessary to add to the current appliances available. On the subject of the ladder, Mike Harvey felt that there might be some benefit, but others were not in agreement. The matter was shelved for the moment.
- v. **CHC Annual Public Meeting on 25th May** – DN reported that apart from information already in the public domain, the only item of note in the question session at the end was the dismissive treatment of reports from the audience of increasing concentrations of weed in the river.

d) **Hon. Secretary**

- i. **GKN building contractors** – CK reported that he had recently been approached by a firm of scaffolders, who were subcontractors to a roofing firm appointed by GKN; they (at last) want to do something about the guttering on the building directly to our south. It was suggested that they might like to take the opportunity to service the extractor fans in the same area. CK said that he would try to make contact with GKN. The request was also made to ask GKN to provide a direction to the Club which was visible from the road.
- ii. **ZHIK** – 20% discount on the retail price of their products (yachting clothing) was now available to club members on production of their membership card. Their local store is in Cowes High Street..
- iii. CK received communication from a new member of the local RNLI team. Having spoken to John Barnes, it seems best to keep overtures at bay, with which John Garlic concurred.

e) **Rear Commodore, Stores**

- i. Mike said he had little to report, but there is a steady stream of requests to bring boats up; people just need to be patient and aware of our relatively limited resources in this regard.

f) **Rear Commodore, Sailing**

- i. John was pleased to be able to report that there had been about 27/28 boats appearing on the start line during the Spring Series and feedback *via* WhatsApp had been very positive. He went on to summarise the results.
- ii. Richard raised the subject of the role of Danny H and its crew; where would they be best positioned – if any boat needed assistance, how would they identify them , how could they (Danny H’s crew) be directed properly from either the race box, or the yacht itself. Mike Harvey also mentioned that Peter Jackson had asked him on one occasion to try to keep track of the sail numbers to assist the race officers. There may be scope for some more discussion on this subject.
- iii. Paul Walker complained that the number of time checks and other information imparted over the radio was excessive. However, as JG pointed out, the RYA guidelines suggest that race officers should give as much information as possible, to which principle Todd is probably adhering. JG said that he would discuss with the

team to set the level of communication to a level can be deemed appropriate in the context of our racing.

- iv. Bob was a little concerned as to how a “finish” can be recognised from the perspective of the crew on Danny H – i.e. which yachts they can ignore as being on their way home and which still need to be monitored. John said he would take these matters on board and confer with his team.

g) Rear Commodore, Social

- i. Paul said that the programme was substantially fixed; the current matter in hand was the detail of the kitchen, when that was available; utensils etc but in particular, the need to obtain a freezer, which he argued, was essential.

h) Rear Commodore, Motor Boats and Fishing

- i. Richard started by saying that they (he and Mike H) had started to organise monthly meeting, which at the outset, had led to some negative feelings being expressed. However, they had persevered and they had now established the meetings on a monthly basis and were posting minutes on the notice board. He felt that after a difficult start, the idea seemed to have gained acceptance. Mike Harvey mentioned that through donations, the fishing section had been able to contribute to the cost of the gravestone of Barney (well known to local fishermen for the supply of bait in particular) who passed away not long ago. For the future, there will be a cup (for a mackerel competition) in his name. The “Round the Island Fishing” event will be deferred, due to the fact that the planned date(s) coincide with the Round the Island Race.

i) Health & Safety

- i. Mike said that he was in the process of drawing up Risk Assessment for fishing competitions. Paul Walker urged caution, saying that if we did so, we may have to present it to the Harbour Commission for their perusal and possible intervention.

6. Any Other Business

- a) **Store Room locks** – Paul suggested that we could cut a door within a door so that anybody trapped inside could use the inner door to get out. Torsten suggested that we defer the matter until Perry’s return.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3rd July

Meeting Closed at 1955

END

THESE NOTES DO NOT FORM PART OF THE MINUTES

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

Subject	Meeting Introduced	Subsequent Action	Status	b/f
North Store Room locks	April 2019	Briefly discussed and suggestions made, but deferred until Perry's return	TBA	b/f
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	Substantially complete	b/f
Stores Electrical Work	April 2019	Dave Casson to obtain quotes from suitably qualified local electricians. Done –work in hand	Substantially complete	b/f
Cradles and Slipway equipment	April 2019	Dave C and Like T to draw up plans and cost	Agenda for July meeting	b/f
CCTV	April 2019	Agreed to put up additional CCTV in operation signs	Update	b/f
Re-design of Storage Form	April 2019	Not deemed urgent at this time of year	Carry forward to autumn	b/f
Gas bottle storage cage	April 2019	Purchased – needs to be fitted .	Update	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.	Update	
Elected Officers – designated responsibilities	May 2019	Conal to circulate a schedule/list via email	Update	
Insurance level to be raised	May 2019	Conal to write or speak to insurers to obtain £1 million cover for £150.00 add. premium	Update	
Abandoned yacht	April 2019	Now taking steps to dispose of boat, but in the meantime the plan is to bring it closer inshore	Update	b/f
Banking arrangements	May 2019	Dave Casson's meeting with Santander deferred	Agenda for July	new