



Record of the October Committee Meeting

Held in the Centenary Room on 2nd October 2019

1) Present

Conal Grier, Commodore and Chair
David Nixon, Vice Commodore
Richard Davis, Rear Commodore, Fishing/Motor Boating
Mike Tennuci, Rear Commodore, Stores
Paul Walker, Rear Commodore, Social
Dave Casson, Hon. Treasurer
Chris Kershaw, Hon. Secretary
Peter Evans
Peter (“Perry”) Mason

2) Apologies for absence

Bob Spendley; Mike Harvey; Torsten Richter; John Garlick

Before the meeting got under way Conal noted the performance of our youngest member, Will Morris, who, together with his sailing partner Liam, had won the Silver medal in their class (B3) at the World Blind and Partially Sighted Championships, which were held in Canada fairly recently – congratulations are due to them both.

3) Approval of the Minutes

DC commented that the name of Nik (*sic*) Penman (see 4.c.i) should have been “Eric” Penman. No further observations were made and the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4) Members

a) New Membership applications

- i) The application of **Graham Stone** was discussed, because the delay in his acceptance was, partially, the result of the status of the sponsor, who was within his period of probation and thus ineligible to act as sponsor. Differing views were expressed, but CG defended the rule, which, he pointed out, was in place to prevent the takeover of the club by groups with their own agenda for the future of the club. In this instance, it is not felt that this is remotely applicable, RD strongly defending his support for the applicant and it was agreed unanimously to accept the application. (*CK to inform Graham, as promised during a conversation prior to the meeting.*)

- ii) CK had received an enquiry from **Lisa and Roger Guy** concerning their application – both as to progress of their application and raising the issue of fees for the current year. John Garlick had made it clear by previous email that he was very supportive of the application and CG mentioned that he knew them to be members of ISC. We do not have the application (*P.S. The application form has been recovered from the post box and the matter is now in hand.*)

b) Resignations

- i) The committee heard from CG with deep regret, the news of, first, the demise of Frances Mizen and the extreme ill health of her husband, Noel; the latter is in hospital and is unlikely to recover. CG has been dealing with his nephew, Edward White.

c) Members' Requests/Observations

- i) None

5) Reports

a) Commodore

- i) **The Lowein Cup**, as Conal reminded/advised members present, is awarded to a club member for outstanding service to the club during the year. Nominations are now sought. CG had his own suggestion with which all present were in accord and although alternative persons were mooted it was felt unanimously that CG's nominee should be awarded the cup; the name will be revealed at the Prize Giving event in a few weeks time.
- ii) On the subject of prizes, or more specifically, the trophies, the subject of "keeper" glasses was also discussed (i.e. a glass trophy which the winner would be given as a permanent reminder of the prize in question.) CG commented that on the whole the sailing fraternity have the majority of the trophies but he felt that there was no good reason why the practice of giving glass mementoes should not be extended to other trophies, of which there are very few. RD reckoned there was only one fishing competition to which the idea would apply and there are two cruising trophies. It was felt that within reason the cost of extending the practice to all trophy winners was not too much of an issue and it was agreed that we would extend the practice to all the club's prize winners. *DN said he would inform John Urry, who deals with the purchase of such glasses.*

iii) Pontoon Working Group –

- (1) The following "proposal for general approval" was included within CG's written report for the meeting: - Overall size of craft to be accommodated on pontoon berths – recommendation for approval: - the dimensions of craft MUST fall within a 7m (23') length overall X 2.5m (8'1") max beam measurement. **N.B.** The pontoon and Hammer-head Bye-Laws will be amended for approval at the December meeting – this will include a clause with effect that in the future all craft will be measured PRIOR to allocation of berthing rights. Other factors such as estimated displacement and keel

configuration will also be taken into account. Some berths may be restricted to smaller craft to ensure adequate berthing space for adjacent craft.

- (2) Pontoon – reconfiguration of berths for the 2020 Season recommendations: -
No changes to the current bay size will be undertaken; however, minor adjustments to even out the available space will be undertaken – subject to a survey of all boats currently accommodated.

- iv) Update on dredging – CG’s report included a summary of the *status quo*, the major points being that the CHC is undertaking a survey of the whole river with a view to establishing dredging requirements. The potential cost to the club for our own patch may be in the region of £10K and will, in any event, entail a considerable amount of work by the club and members individually. Cpt. Peter Jackson will liaise with CHC for the club.
- v) Hammerhead and pontoon related matters– there will be another meeting of the Pontoon Working Party in late October to consider further options. The letters to berth holders, as discussed and agreed at the last meeting, were sent and there have been two responses to date.
- vi) Signage – The sign makers have come back with quotations for the various signs proposed – the total cost would be about £500.00. We have agreed that we need the signs in principle and *CG thought that for this sort of money we should be getting good quality, long lasting signs and recommended the expenditure; DC seconded and the expenditure was approved.* PE asked where the sign for the tennis court was going, DC replying – on the front fencing. As a postscript to the main signage, DC mentioned in respect of the club logo, modern method is to print and then laminate (with extra laminations to reduce the effect of time etc.) The thought arose that we could ask them to make some that could be used for ECSC boats. CG said he would ask the question.

b) Hon. Treasurer

- i) DC referred to the monthly report sent to all members of the committee and pointed out the “loss” for the month of c £340. He noted that he had capitalised the cost of the two refrigerators – total c £840, which, it was agreed, was the correct accounting treatment. He had also advanced PW £500 for the purchase of pots and pans for the kitchen and to cover food for the Laying-up Supper; another significant cost had been insurance renewal (c £550). It was observed that at this time of the year, income is light, so the loss should not be the cause of too much concern. Some income was derived from the forthcoming social events and after Xmas, the duty levy would be invoiced and pre-paid membership could be brought into the New Year’s accounts. MT added that there would be some bills to be paid for shore storage (i.e. income for the club); there are nine boats scheduled to come out. DN noted, in a passing comment, that he was re-designing the Renewal form and the website, the latter in conjunction with Joe.

c) **Vice Commodore**

- i) DN first mentioned the last rally, which was to Ryde. Only two boats sailed to Ryde, but the associated social (pub crawl) was expanded by the arrival of others by bus. The Festive Food Festival planned for 14th December is likely to be land based, with mulled wine, mince pies and “bring a plate” nibbles in the Centenary Room.
- ii) He went on to comment that the Honesty Box seems to be working quite well, although, it is rumoured that one person has complained about it, in principle! DC asked if Flag Officers could access the box to fund supplies. DN said that provided an appropriate record was placed in the box, this would be acceptable.
- iii) Cruising Awards – Two cruising cups will be awarded on 26th October – one for the best log and the other for the most impressive cruise. The awardees have been decided and agreed at the last Sailing Sub-committee.
- iv) Web-site – DN noted that a number of people now accessed the site from mobiles and the current format was not deemed use-friendly for small screen devices. He and Joe would look at the problem. DC repeated a point he had raised last month about the amount of clutter on the site (out of date records and so on) and the classification of some matters.
- v) Personal Work Log – CG produced a “Personal Log form” as part of his work on the Duty Board. Given that the time to tally up the record of hours worked is fast approaching, DN thought that it might be appropriate to circulate the form, together with the usual reminder. A discussion followed – DC arguing that hours should be recorded in the main register (held in the Centenary Room). The counter argument is that it is not always conveniently accessible to some members – for example, anyone attending the Race Box on the Esplanade. CG made the point that, however we try to monitor and register the log, it is ultimately a matter of trust; we have never had a thorough going verification process. CG finally said that it is a subject that we may wish to re-visit in time.
- vi) Subs Invoice and Storage and Mooring Application – In his written report to the meeting DN asked if we should consider circulating Storage and Mooring Applications Forms with the subscription invoices. MT stated that the winter storage application forms have gone out, which only applies to owners wishing to bring their boats ashore (there being nine so far, which is probably it for the year). The suggestion was made that the renewal application should be separate from storage – the latter falling due in March; the two forms could be sent at the same time. Renewals have to be made by 1st January and we need to make it clear that storage applications will not be accepted unless subscriptions are up to date. CG said that he would write an appropriate note to accompany the renewal forms. There will be a news letter in early November.

d) **Hon. Secretary**

- i) Scaffolding – CK noted that the original work had been completed. However, in the meantime, GKN had discovered that they needed work done on the other side of the same roof (i.e. the south facing side). Nicholsons had been given the job and CK has been told that the current scaffolding will provide access. Therefore, the scaffolding will remain for a little longer. GKN have also given authority for the guttering on their building to our north to be repaired (in fact – replaced). Work on this should follow as soon as the first above is completed and the original scaffolding is struck.
- ii) Cowes Handbook entry – CK said that he had revised the wording of our entry in the “Cowes Handbook”.
- iii) Island Sailing Clubs “get together” – in October a number of Solent sailing clubs convene a meeting of secretaries and racing officials. The main meeting is scheduled for 8th October (at which we won’t be represented this year), but the suggestion has been made that Seaview Y C may host a meeting in late October, because a significant number of people cannot attend the earlier meeting.
- iv) Radio Licence (for the start box) – DC confirmed has been paid and CK was able to confirm payment has been acknowledged in writing.

e) **Rear Commodore, Stores**

- i) MT said that he had applications for hauling out for eight or nine boats on the same day, which was impractical; he will sort this out as best he can. He will give priority to Danny H and there will have to be some movement in the yard to make way for other boats. Yin Yang is coming out for the winter. Mention was made again of the Mizen’s dinghies, there being two. CG said that he would contact Edward White, who is Noel’s nephew and who has been in touch with us to find out the status quo. CG will confirm that everything is paid up to 31st March 2020 and will ask him to make some decisions based on that information in due course.

f) **Rear Commodore, Sailing**

- i) In JG’s absence, DC said that we were looking at some modifications in the dinghy park. He had also attended a meeting of the Cowes Week Committee recently. A Saturday race starting from the Squadron line was being considered for next year.

g) **Rear Commodore, Social**

- i) PW said that any queries relating to the Prize-Giving event, such as special dietary requirements, would have to be passed on to Peter Jackson. He commented that quite a few non-members will be attending and he felt that we should accept that people should be allowed to attend without having the meal. Twenty-one people have booked so far. He reminded the meeting that the Laying –Up Supper was a week on Saturday. Nineteen places had been taken up so far and he thought the event should be well attended. The *Lifeboat* have still not

provided the menu for the Xmas dinner on 7th December. It was noted that the President's "soiree" had still not been scheduled; unfortunately, the apparently only available date (14th December) would clash with the last cruise (see above under Vice Commodore's report), which was planned to be an onshore social anyway. Some further thought will have to be given to this.

h) Rear Commodore, Motor Boats & Fishing

- i) RD, on the subject of the recently purchased refrigerator, said that we would be hiring out the bait boxes to members at £3.00/annum, which would bring in £60.00, on the assumption that all twenty boxes would be taken up. DC added that, for accounting purposes, he has put the cost of the boxes under "Fishing Expenses". RD expressed himself satisfied with this development; it would be genuinely useful for regular fishermen at a small cost to the club and provided the refrigerator lasted, the scheme should be self financing. He went on to mention another competition in the near future – the Heaviest Cod Competition. MH has worked on a H & S assessment for fishing – it specifies things which should probably be a "given", (e.g. the wearing of life-jackets; to have flares on board; be in possession of a two-way radio etc.) but good for the club to have established under its general H & S policies.

i) Health & Safety

- i) MH not in attendance. CG has mentioned progress on the signage - (see above under Commodore's report).

6) Any Other Business

- a) None

7) Time and Date of next meeting

- a) 1900 hrs, Wednesday, 6th November 2019

Meeting closed at 20:48