



Record of the May 2020 Committee Meeting

Telephone Conference – 6 May 2020

1) Present

David Nixon, Commodore and Chair
Torsten Richter, Vice Commodore
Linda Richter, Rear Commodore, Social
Richard Davis, Rear Commodore, Fishing/Motor Boating
Peter Jackson, *representing* Rear Commodore, Sailing
Mike Tennuci, Rear Commodore, Stores
Chris Kershaw, Hon. Secretary
Mike Harvey, Health and Safety Officer
Paul Walker
Peter (“Perry”) Mason
David Tebay

2) Apologies for absence

John Garlick; David Casson

3) Approval of the Minutes

David Nixon acknowledged one mistake – a minor error, in naming Peter Ball as ‘Bell’ which he undertook to correct before posting to the website. Otherwise, the Minutes were deemed satisfactory.

4) Members

a) New Membership applications

i) CK had specified two names in the notes to the Agenda, being *Edward Quayle* (b/f from the previous meeting) and *Ann Coulson and her partner*. Both had sponsors, but it was felt that neither could be approved without the completion of the normal procedures. CK to advise both of the position.

b) Resignations

i) None

c) Members’ Requests/Observations

i) None

5) Matters Arising

a) Appointment of a new Trustee

i) It was confirmed that the Committee were happy to confirm the appointment of Graham Tracey. It was felt that the Commodore should advise Graham in writing,

but that this could wait until more pressing matters were concluded; plus the fact that the legal process would cost a not insignificant sum!

b) Finance Report

- i) David Casson had distributed the Financial Statement in its standard form prior to the meeting. The Report was accepted without comment, in DC's absence. However, David noted, subsequently, that the period incorporated our major revenue stream for the year; from now on, expenditure would predominate. However, we have just paid one of the major requirements of the year *viz.* two of the Club's three insurance policies.

c) Secretary

- i) CK observed that we had renewed our three insurances, substantially on the same terms as had been agreed last year. The general property insurance is paid by monthly instalments. David Nixon explained that there had been a slight increase in the cost of these.

d) Rear Commodore Stores

- i) Mike T, by email had previously brought attention to the fact that he had run into a problem with a member (un-named), who had, despite requests, refused to provide details of his boat's insurance and was refusing to answer calls or emails. The boat occupies a position on the pontoons.
- ii) Initial reaction from several of those present was that a formal letter should be issued and the boat removed to a mud berth. Paul Walker advised a more cautious approach. Richard Davis explained that the member had in fact, sold his boat to a non-member, who had hopes of joining the club. While it was obvious that the situation was entirely unsatisfactory, Paul Walker suggested that the best course of action would be for the Commodore to speak with the member concerned, which David N agreed to do, if the member concerned cooperates.

e) Covid-19

- i) In an earlier email, as set out in the notes to the Agenda, David N had noted that the NHS tracking app would shortly be available to Islanders, but that there was no consequential easing of the lockdown restrictions.
- ii) At the moment, both CHC and the RYA continue to advocate strict adherence to the restrictions and he concluded that therefore, the Club must remain closed.
- iii) However, he would monitor both the above for any developments.
- iv) There are signs that CHC is looking ahead with regard to the work that it intends to undertake, but that did not alter our position and he stressed the need (despite the Club's unique position) to stay in lockstep with both CHC and the RYA.
- v) The Club premises are not being neglected and Peter Ball and Dave Cason are making regular visits. Peter Ball has helpfully offered to take requests from individual boat owners to inspect, or (for example) pump out bilges for owners.

Perry is currently co-ordinating these requests and will report back to this committee.

f) CHC Pontoon development

- i) A note of David Nixon's summary of the current position was given in the notes to the Agenda for today's meeting; broadly, we have agreed that we will send a letter to every member of the club (a draft of the intended letter having been distributed with the Agenda) setting out the four realistic alternatives as we perceive them (a separate sheet would set out the pros and cons of each of the four alternatives), stating that they will be approached in two weeks time asking them to make their choices.
- ii) We now need to decide when to start the ball rolling.
- iii) There was discussion as to whether the chartlet produced by Peter Jackson should supplement the letter. Some thought that it might be confusing.
- iv) Printing of the number of letters required would present a problem at present, as WBS are not fully operational. While we would have to cater for the few that do not have email facilities, it was thought that it would be acceptable to send the letter by email for the majority of members; the number of "the few" is thought to be about fifteen. Karen Walker will be able to identify these and Torsten said that he would be willing and able to deal with that number.
- v) Torsten also remarked that the Harbour Master had confirmed their schedule for the overall scheme and that therefore, they will have to commence their own procurement procedures in the near future.

g) Any other Business

- i) Perry informed the meeting that he had heard that CHC were looking to replace some of their marine pontoons and may be looking for a buyer.
- ii) Torsten agreed to follow up at David Nixon's suggestion.

Time and Date of next meeting - 1900 hrs, Wednesday, 3rd June 2020

Meeting closed at 20:10