



Record of the July 2020 Committee Meeting

Held by Teleconference on 1st July 2020

1 Present

David Nixon, Commodore and Chair
Torsten Richter, Vice Commodore
Linda Richter, Rear Commodore, Social
Richard Davis, Rear Commodore, Motor Boats and Fishing
Dave Casson, Deputy to the Rear Commodore, Stores and Acting Treasurer
Chris Kershaw, Hon Secretary
Mike Harvey, Health & Safety Officer
Peter Mason
David Tebay
Paul Walker

2 Apologies for Absence

Mike Tennuci, Tony Cole, Peter Jackson

3 Commodore's Introduction

David N welcomed back to the Committee Torsten Richter and Richard Davis. He went on to note that we were short of a Rear Commodore, Sailing and the Treasurer's position was also, strictly vacant, CK adding that the job of Deputy to the Rear Commodore, Stores was probably demanding enough and should probably take priority on Dave C's agenda without having to keep the treasurer's job functioning as well.

David N said that he would mention the vacancies in the next news letter that he was currently preparing. It was thought that formal applications should be sought in the usual way, although we cannot use the notice boards in the Centenary Rooms for obvious reasons. CK said that we should use the notice board in the Central Store and said that he would put up forms for both jobs in the near future.

4 Approval of the Minutes of previous meetings held on 3rd June (routine, monthly meeting) and 17th June (Extraordinary Meeting)

Both were duly approved and will be posted to the website in the near future.

5 Members

a New Membership applications

CK mentioned first – Stephen Ross Palmer, who had filled in an application form and submitted a cheque, which CK is holding. Being fairly new to the area, he has not stated a sponsor. CK said he would try to meet him; second – Alexander McLennan, who has been sponsored by Ian Molyneux (DC noted that his father had been a member.) CK will try to arrange the Flag Officer interview in the next few days; third – Lewis Edward da Silva, whose interviews are complete.

The latter was duly approved by those present and CK will send the application form to Karen Walker.

b Resignations

None

c Members – Requests/Observations/Suggestions

CK noted that he had recently felt obliged to write to a probationary member regarding conduct. Data Protection was also an issue, embarrassingly and he asked all committee members to note the club's responsibilities under Data Protection legislation. The message is - "be very careful about disseminating the personal information of any member to anyone, including within the club. The information we store on every member should be regarded as private and confidential".

d Payment Query (Not on Agenda)

Paul Walker, on behalf of Karen, asked Dave Casson whether he could confirm whether he had received any money from a recently accepted member – Lee Silk. Dave C thought that the money had not been received. Richard Davis said that he had spoken to Lee recently, who admitted he had not paid as at that date; he added that he would follow up with him in the near future.

6 Reports

a Hon Treasurer

David Casson had produced both the official monthly report (it was sent too late for the meeting) and had sent an email commenting on some of the matters affecting the monthly figures, which he ran through.

The club had had to refund Tony Mansbridge who had been unable to take up his mooring for the year (£335.50 – appearing, effectively, as negative income.) We had had income during the month, the largest sum being a late payment in cash of a member's mooring fees and some other smaller fees due. The amount of £75.00 had been received by way of work levy, opt-out, but Paul Walker reminded the meeting that we had agreed last month that we should refund this, in the light of the plan to carry all work levy matters forward to next year.

The concreting work having been completed by Mike Butler, the payment due to him accounts for the expense entry of £1,633.00. Another significant expense item – "Dinghy Park Costs" - £499.46, being the annual lease on the tennis court site payable to the council.

He also noted that we had at last managed to sort out the direct debit with our main insurer,

GJ & W – they have not taken any instalments as yet for the current year’s insurance. However, they will now commence doing so and to catch up, will have to take two instalments each month for three months. The omission was entirely their fault and although a minor inconvenience, can be catered for, but this factor significantly increases the overall monthly deficit, which is £1,730.46.

b Sailing

Peter Jackson had submitted a written report prior to the meeting. In it he noted that we had been invited by Cowes Corinthian to enter their Thursday evening series commencing 2 July, with starting from a committee vessel in the vicinity of our own line. They were expecting in the region of twelve boats.

Little interest had been shown in our own proposed series, which had been planned to start with effect from 6 August, but planning would continue nonetheless in the hope of greater uptake.

There was a problem with the use of our start box during the pandemic, due to limited space and the age of those who would be involved in race management. In answer to a question from Mike Harvey, David Nixon (who had been present at the last Sailing sub-committee) said that *Danny H* would not be needed for any of the racing currently planned. (She is still out of the water.)

All other events are cancelled, although the prize-giving event planned, informally, before the lockdown for the Waverley Park on 24th October, was still open, in theory and the Rear Commodore, Social was invited to monitor the situation.

7 Matters Arising

a CHC - negotiations

Paul Walker said that he had been in touch with Tony Cole, who had been updating himself on matters to date. He hoped that it would be possible to get in touch with the Harbourmaster in the near future and hoped that matters would develop from there to the extent that they should be able to report to the Committee at the next meeting.

b Moorings - Waiting List

David N confirmed that he had posted the most up to date copy of the Waiting List to the website. Given that there has been some complaints emanating from certain quarters within the club about the allocation of berths, he said that he would support Dave C in his decisions. The bye-laws are clear – allocation of places is at the absolute discretion of the Rear Commodore, Stores; therefore, in the current circumstances, David C would exercise that discretion.

There was some discussion about the value of the form, in its current form. David C explained that the idea of the List had been Conal Grier’s in the interests of transparency. However, it was very clear from the way that all applicants had completed the form that there was basically a dash for deep water. If the club decides not to proceed with any plan involving CHC, the form would be rather pointless.

Paul W suggested, leaving that aside, it was probably useful in so far as it did give us

an indication of who was interested on moving. He also observed that a number of members had already put their names down with the Harbourmaster, whose fees are still competitive with those of the Marina. Paul W suggested that the subject might be added to the news letter.

c Work Levy

CK began the discussion by apologising that he had not carried out any research with a view to assessing the financial implications of the tentative conclusion of the last meeting which had been to effectively write-off the current year and to carry forward payments made and work carried out to the next financial year. It would probably cost in the region of £2k, but we could afford it and to do so seemed to be the fairest way of dealing with the disruption caused by the shut-down.

Dave C observed that what had been carried out this year had lacked some organisation and noted that there were still things that needed to be done; we should continue to encourage members to put in some time, but advise them that their efforts would eventually be recognised.

David N asked whether it was appropriate to include in the news letter and the general view was that it should be.

Dave C made the point that he would have to make some accounting adjustments, because revenue derived in respect of the Opt-out currently assigned to the current year (i.e. 2020-2021) would have to be carried forward to the following year and that he would need a note to the effect that this had been formally agreed. So: -

Paul Walker proposed that payments made by members seeking to opt-out from the obligation to do the required number of hours of work for the club for the year 2020 – 2021 should be carried forward and applied to the following financial year; Chris Kershaw seconded the proposal and the proposal was agreed unanimously.

Finally, it was agreed that the member who had paid £75.00 recently should be refunded.

d Stores Report

Dave C noted several boat movements recently. He has been lenient in some cases, because of current general circumstances and sometimes individual circumstances; however, it was agreed that with generally a loosening of restrictions generally it was felt that from now on the rules should be applied.

Dave C said that he would ask three members in particular, what their intentions were with regard to boats still ashore. He noted that we had a problem looming with regard to one member from whom he had been unable to elicit any reply in recent times. The member had undertaken major refurbishment of the boat concerned, but there was a fear that he was too short of money to carry on to completion. There was a risk that the boat might be in danger of being abandoned, although it was noted that another member had expressed a tentative interest in buying the boat concerned. Richard Davis said that he would try to contact the member concerned.

Dave C went on to say that he had taken over the notice board in the centre stores that Torsten had recently used for his work on the CHC proposals and one of the first things he had done was to put up a copy of the Stores and Moorings Bye-Laws. He was particularly anxious to discourage what seemed to have been recently prevalent practice of selling boats

to other members without advising the club. (There is, in fact, an obligation to advise the club in writing.) It was generally agreed that the above should be strongly discouraged, with the possibility of sanction. He explained a recent case by way of illustration and also because he needed to establish the parties concerned. There was a risk to the club in terms of insurance (or potential lack of) as well as being an administrative problem.

He also noted that a large rubber dinghy had been placed in the tender storage racks on the north wall of the centre store. It was far too large for those racks and he would ask the member to discuss alternative options.

He commented on the difficulty of keeping tabs on equipment, including tenders, on shore. Ideally, everything should be labelled, but we had run out and the normal supplier Hitech in Newport, had been closed for some time during the lockdown. However, they should be open again now and he would follow this up.

Finally, he noted that we had been informed by his son that Trevor Evans had died. His son was now aware that there was an outboard, a tender and a locker to deal with, although everything had been paid up for the year. His son had undertaken to clear the property in due course.

e Grand Parade of Sail

David Nixon noted that this was scheduled to take place on 15th August – followed by what would probably be the only rally of the year – initially, to Portland Marina and then on to the South West from there, with a possible destination of Plymouth, but Dartmouth was possibly the best realistic target. Paul Walker said that he might be able to join the rally.

8 Any Other Business

- a** Linda said she still had hopes of being able to arrange the prize-giving social event at the Waverley, as previously noted; everything would depend upon progress against the virus and potential further government imposition.
- b** CK ran through a number of outstanding items to check on progress/completion. Most of the matters itemised in the Agenda had been completed, although the small safe had not been replaced as yet and David C said that he had not been able to contact White Shipyard with regard to the new gangway for the pontoon – another effect of the pandemic. He would keep the subject under review.
- c** Richard Davis reminded the meeting that a **fishing competition** was due to take place on Sunday, 19th July. It was agreed that this should be allowed to go ahead. Mike Harvey undertook to write some safety rules – mainly in the context of the need for reducing risk of infection – e.g. there would be no formal gathering/social after the event.
- d** David T asked about the clubhouse and when it might be deemed safe to open it again. David N commented that the RYA current advice was somewhat equivocal. Linda noted that notwithstanding that pubs etc would now be allowed to open, very strict controls were imposed upon such establishments, which we could not possibly adhere to; as a committee, we would simply not be able to have enough control.

It was agreed that the subject should be discussed at the next meeting.

- e** Dave C noted that the winch wire was fraying a bit. He also noted that he had fitted a strut to the gate, by way of a “silent closer” of the gate, which was self evidently an improvement.

There remained the question of the effect of our security lights on our residential neighbours; we may need to devise some sort of shading.

Meeting Closed at 20:25 hrs

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 5th August 2020