

EAST COWES



SAILING CLUB

Record of the Special Committee Meeting

Held by Zoom Conference on 10 February 2021

At 1900 hours

1 Present

David Nixon, Commodore (DN)
Torsten Richter, Vice Commodore (TR)
Linda Richter, Rear Commodore, Social (LR)
Paul Walker, Rear Commodore, Stores and Moorings (PW)
David Casson, Hon. Treasurer (DC)
Chris Kershaw, Secretary (CK)
Mike Harvey, Health & Safety Officer (MH)
David Tebay, (DT)
Karen Walker (KW) also present

2 Apologies for Absence

Richard Davies

3 Purpose of Meeting

To discuss and agree a reduction of fees and charges, as proposed by DC by way of recognition of the loss of amenity suffered by the membership at large in consequence of the necessary restrictions on the Club's activities during 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

4 Report

KW and PW had undertaken to calculate the charges which would accrue and for which boat owning members would be liable on 1st April 2021 at current rates. PW said that they had worked out the total in respect of "everything that floats" as being - £25,736.40.

5 Discussion

A percentage reduction of 10% had been suggested; both significant and easy to determine. DT observed that CHC had offered an 8% reduction on their berth holders. DC commented that what CHC offered was irrelevant to our considerations; nevertheless, since that concession would be widely known on the River, it might be perceived as an informal benchmark.

DC commented on his own experience, which was that he had lost 4/5 weeks of usage of club facilities, which was nearer the 10% mark. CK and DT both felt that 10% was quite high, especially given that we had already made a major concession by waiving the Duty Levy. LR pointed out that we had received government funds in recognition of such problems.

DC also felt that the reduction should be applied to annual storage charges. However, he did feel that the reduction should not be offered to new members, who had, for the purpose in mind, suffered no loss of amenity during 2020. Against this, it was argued that the number of such members was so small as to be negligible.

The meeting was ultimately in favour of the concession of 10% applicable to annual mooring and storage charges, as explained in Rule 29.

6 Proposal and Agreement

DC proposed and PW seconded the following form of words to formally endorse the agreement reached in the discussions: -

“In acknowledgement of the loss of amenity caused by the Club’s adherence to government measures in place in consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic during the calendar year 2020, the Committee has decided that all annual mooring and annual storage charges due in advance on 1st April 2021 shall be reduced by 10%. The reduction is offered as a gesture of goodwill and without prejudice.”

The proposal was agreed by all present.

7 Meeting closed at 1935 hrs