

# East Cowes Sailing Club

## General Committee Meeting

### Minutes

Of meeting held on

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 19:00.

#### Attendees

Peter Ball (PB)  
Richard Davis (RD)  
John Barnes (JB)  
Paul Walker (PW)  
Dave Casson (DC)  
Ray Hallett (RH)  
Bob Spendley (BS)  
Paul Hippolite (PH)  
Mike Harvey (MH)  
Tim Pressey (TP)  
Dan Wirdham (DW)  
John Urry (JU)

- 1) Apologies for Absence: Graham Stone & Jon Knott
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the previous Meeting: Proposed BS seconded PH.
- 3) Matters arising from the previous Meeting:

All actions from the previous committee meeting had been completed with the exception of the following (some progress reports to be provided under the flag officers reports)

  - a. Offer of hammerhead for IoW festival weekend, no further action due to change of plans by visitor.
  - b. Central Store: Action project team (BS, TP, RD, PB) to liaise with engineer to establish plans to refurb steel work etc including costing of repairs.
  - c. Terms of Honorary memberships for President & Vice Presidents will remain as at present. (No changes in regards to honorary VP family members).
  - d. Webcams/Security cameras – This project is to be placed on hold for the foreseeable future until centre store repair project is resolved.
  - e. Design of new cradle is more than 50% complete, JU & DC along with stores team to determine size and weights of vessels suitable for launch and recovery into the club taking into account skill sets and equipment used.
- 4) Correspondence:

- a. By email/phone:
  - i. RYA general news letters
  - ii. Advert for boat jumble at Northwood House 3<sup>rd</sup> April
  - iii. CHC newsletter (nothing specific to report)
  - iv. There have been many emails from members asking if they've paid, do they have to submit mooring forms, etc. The process of mooring and storage renewals will be looked into with the possibility of a running renewal rather than having to re-apply each year, RC stores (JU) investigating for possible introduction for 2023.
  - v. Public liability insurance has been increased for the dinghy park (up to £10m) to comply with council policy.
  - vi. The club has been in discussion with UKSA re planning permission for Norris Castle development. Our intention has been to support their objection which is purely concerning crossing the road with dinghies from our dinghy park.
  - vii. BT Openreach have placed an overhead cable across the entrance of the dinghy park, the club had previously paid BT to have the original cable placed under ground. (GS) is in contact with BT to have this resolved.
- b. Post, etc.:
  - i. None

## 5) Reports:

- a. Vice Commodores House Report (RD)
  - i. Update on central stores, Concrete blocks have been removed to allow inspection of steel supports, early signs are corrosion in the upper regions of steels is not as bad as expected although engineers report is required. Action PB BS TP RD
  - ii. Dinghy Park cleaning and fence repairs have been carried out and completed, thanks to all who volunteered to help.
  - iii. Ray Hallet has carried out Stirling work in the North store repairing the steel supports and stairways leading up to the Ladies changing room. Thank you, Ray.
- b. Hon. Treasurers, Finance Report (DC)
  - i. DC has produced the monthly finance report, currently there are four members who have failed to pay outstanding storage bills, these members will be liable to a 20% surcharge.
  - ii. The three club insurance policies are due for renewal totalling approx. £8k these policies will be reviewed prior to 2023.
  - iii. DC has indicated he may wish to stand down as Finance at the next AGM, DC and PB will investigate a replacement or to use an outside accountant. Action DC PB for next committee meeting.
- c. Rear Commodore Sailing Report (JB) Preparations for the 1<sup>st</sup> race to take place on Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> April are all in place. Approx 15 entries received with more arriving, and fees paid to date.

- d. Rear Commodore Stores Report (JU) It has been a busy start with the launching of Mana, and Maurice Scotts Trident 24, two of the clubs larger/heavier boats and the hauling out of Lee and Pauls fast fishing boats. There are a couple of boats which are overstaying their 1<sup>st</sup> April launch dates although they are now aware of the wish to get them launched.
- e. Rear Commodore Motor Boating & Fishing Report (RH) There will be a “biggest Skate” competition held on 24<sup>th</sup> April. Its been agreed the cost of renting the bait boxes held in the fisherman’s freezer will increase from £3 to £5 per annum. Proposed RH seconded PH (vote unanimously in favour)
- f. Rear Commodore Social Report (DW) With summer on its way DW raised the question whether a brick-built barbecue would make a better proposition than a steel version which would corrode, after a fairly long discussion DW was asked to investigate a stainless-steel barbecue. It was agreed any monies received from the sale of the club’s kitchen equipment would be available for this purchase. DW was congratulated on another successful coffee morning held at the club. Also planned is a boat Rally to Seaview yacht club, more details to follow.
- g. Health & Safety (JK) Nothing to report.

#### 6) Potential New Members

- a. 3 new membership applications proposed TP seconded by PB (majority vote in favour)
  - i. Jeff Adams (interviewed by RD)
  - ii. Giles Ferrier (no interview arranged)
  - iii. Daniel Mahoney (no interview arranged)
  - iv. Stuart Greenfield (no interview arranged) awaiting further details.

#### 7) Agenda Items

- a. Payment of subs in instalments – No payments by instalments will be allowed proposed DW seconded BS (unanimous vote in favour)
- b. Hammerhead mooring fees will rise to £20 per night with immediate effect, proposed TP seconded PB (unanimous vote in favour)
- c. Planning permission objections re Norris Castle development (GS) see v1 in 4. Correspondence.
- d. BT Openreach relocation of overhead cable (GS) see vii in 4 correspondence.
- e. Status of committee meeting actions: TP asked why we can’t have a status of *In Progress* for lengthier task (GS) JB replied that “in Progress” can encourage tasks to be become less important which may roll on month to month, we should all be encouraged to have a target date to aid planning.

- 8) Any other Business: DC has had electrical quotes for work to be carried out in the North and South stores. DC felt it essential to have this work carried out, total cost would be approx. £7500. It was agreed to carry out the work in the North store

electrical cabinet as a priority at a cost of approx. £2000 and delay the South store work until the centre store repair work had been carried out. Proposed TP seconded BS (unanimous vote in favour).

9) Date of Next Meeting: 4/5/22