

Minutes of the ECSC General Committee Meeting

Held on 5th October 2022

Attendees:

Dave Casson (DC)
Richard Davis (RD)
John Barnes (JB)
Mike Harvey (MH)
Ray Hallett (RH)
Graham Stone (GS) Arrived late.
Paul Hippolite (PH)
Tim Pressey (TP)
Patti Urry (PU) – standing in for DW
John Urry (JU)

Apologies:

Bob Spendley (BS)
Daniel Wirdham (DW)
Jon Knott (JK)

It should be noted that all actions assigned from previous meetings have been completed unless minuted again here. Where actions are carried over as incomplete, for whatever reason, the *Completed by date/timescale* should be marked with an asterix (*) to highlight the fact that the action remains incomplete from an earlier date. Please refer to minutes of earlier meetings if needed.

1) Apologises for absence: BS, JK, DW

2) Approval of the minutes of previous meeting

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
TP	MH	All in favour	n/a	n/a

3) Matters arising from the previous Meeting:

- a) Update on discussion with Wightfibre broadband – GS: Carried over until next meeting as GS late for start of meeting.
- b) DC provided evidence of dredging requirements to Ed Walker (CHM). GS contribution held over until next meeting.
- c) GS/DC: Webcam/security camera proposal – carried over to next meetings.
- d) DC explained that the new signatories paperwork had been completed and ready to be signed on 6/10/22.
- e) Talks with UKSA: DC reported that Ben Willows had made contact with several councillors regarding the delays and stalling of the proposed new seafront slipway. Ben has now asked his team to look into materials or products which could be placed on the beach to aid launching of dinghies.
- f) Steels: TP stated that the order had been placed and steels now at the forge.
- g) Horizontal racks for kayaks: JU reported enough poles had been collected in the club to produce the yard kayak racking. However, further new clamps are required.
- h) Changing hauling-out fees: It was proposed that boats not on club moorings should contribute to running / maintenance cost of hauling out equipment etc (£50), as currently there is no charge. It was noted that club mooring holders are currently contracted within their mooring agreement to have fourteen days ashore (the

charge for this is within their mooring fees). DC wished it to be noted that he disagreed with this proposal. It was also proposed that boats being hauled out on club equipment shall be no longer than 24ft and weigh no more than 2 tons, but always at discretion of RC stores. The relevant bylaw will need to be changed to make this happen.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
JB	JU	Limit weight/length of boats to be pulled out to 2 tons and 24' using club cradle (except private cradles). Agree unanimously.	GS	Amend Stores bylaw accordingly
JB	PU	A charge of £25 for members, at the discretion of the RC Stores, for extra haul-outs over and above the normal entitlement, and £50 for boats not on club moorings. Agreed by all except DC.	GS	Amend Stores bylaw accordingly

- i) Feedback on proposal to holding bingo night. PU on behalf of DW stated that no action taken to date and none expected in the short term.
- j) Re resignation of Lisa Guy. It was reiterated (and minuted here) that Lisa resigned *after* being excluded from club racing, etc.
- k) Update on signage rule change for mobility scooters on pontoon: PB described a number of instances where club members had been reminded NOT to use mobility scooters on the pontoons and the sign explaining this would remain in place. Unfortunately, the sign was still being ignored.

4) Correspondence

a) By email/phone:

- i) Still tickets @>£100 for charity event from Esplanade and North House. Not interested, too expensive!
- ii) Solent Handbook and directory (forwarded to DC or JB). Not interested in inclusion as few if any leads expected to arise from inclusion.
- iii) Discussion with Wightfibre re broadband package. For next meeting.
- iv) Wightfire re booking a date for service of extinguishers (forwarded to house@.../RD). Done

b) Post, etc.:

- i) OfCom licence renewal (given to DC). Completed.
- ii) Biffa re bins (given to DC). Completed.

5) Reports:

- a) Vice Commodore House Report (RD)

- i) RD showed his job sheet and said he was very pleased how it was working. All jobs in hand and all steels for central store ordered.
- b) Hon. Treasurers, Finance Report (DC)
 - i) DC reviewed the monthly report and answered general questions to the satisfaction of the meeting.
- c) Rear Commodore Sailing Report (JB)

Last race was last week so season over. Supper/Prize-giving coming soon. JB discussed specific trophies that are awarded to specific individuals, all of which appear to be in hand. Club history book by Graham Tracey gathering dust. It was suggested that these be taken to the supper to be sold for “a donation” (but expected to be >£5). Committee asked wear “sailing smart” attire or smart casual at least.
- d) Rear Commodore Stores Report (JU)

JU said that his attempt to tidy up was going well after his email to the club. Risers have been inspected and temporary repairs made where needed. Suggest changing them every 4 years. Tractor service organised and fortnightly checks organised. Kayak has been stolen from Dinghy park which has been reported to police. This prompted a brief discussion about adding security. Future involvement of UKSA might change this. All drawings/CAD files for new cradle (for hauling out) completed and provided to the suppliers for quotation.
- e) Rear Commodore Motor Boating & Fishing Report (RH)

MH reported from the Sole competition but no sizeable fish caught. RD wins the annual championship! Next competition for Cod 16th October. Everything else on the website.
- f) Rear Commodore Social Report (PU for DW)
 - i) Cancellation fee for band £105. PB explained how the cancellation came about due to the terrible weather. Lots of effort put into trying to find alternatives but nothing practical available. No booking yet made for Christmas dinner although we understand the Vic has been talked to.
 - ii) It was explained that DW wants to “step back” from his role as VC Social but it wasn’t clear to everyone what he would and would not be doing.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
PB	GS	Discuss with DW what the committee need of him as far as activities are concerned	PB	Next meeting

g) Health & Safety Report (JK): No report available

6) Resignations and New Members

- a) New member application from Terry Kearney. All approved.
 - i) Concerns were raised that some new members clearly wanted membership purely to house a dinghy rather than becoming active members.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
PB	GS	Amend the interview questions to include more emphasis that new	GS	Next meeting

members would be expected join in and not just store dinghies. Also emphasise 1 year probation period *might* involve excluding inactive new members.

b) No resignations.

7) Agenda Items

a) GS argued for a rota for new member interviews as it was becoming difficult to get committee members to respond to call for volunteers. He also suggest fixed date of last Wednesday of the month for all interviews. All agreed (with the exception of JB who was already sufficiently busy with other club related meetings and asked to be excluded from the rota, which was agreed by the committee).

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
GS	PB	Create a rota for new member interviews and arrange all interviews for last Wednesday is every month. Amend joining process too.	GS	Next meeting

b) GS argued that the current practice for recording time given by members for club maintenance was time consuming and impractical. He suggested a better way to record time would be more like “loyaty card stamps” used in coffee shops. This would resemble a large board with member names on it against which would be 10 hrs worth of time per person. Having done, for example, 2 hrs work they would “stamp” 2 hrs worth of time against their name. This would be easily to view, easier to administer and simpler to use. This was agreed.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
GS	PB	Produce a “loyalty card” time recording system for all maintenance work and post in club along with email to members explaining how to use it.	GS	Beginning of new maintenance year

c) GS explained that we currently have multiple copies of most important club documents in rules, bylaw, processes and procedures making it almost impossible to be sure that the most current version is. He proposed having a single web page for all documents instead of links to physical documents ensuring that we only ever have one version of everything. This was agreed.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
GS	PB	Remove all linked documents from the website and replace with	GS	Next meeting

web pages containing the same information

- d) Assistant treasurer or finance officer from the membership in order for them to work with me and be able to take over if the need be. (DC) DC explained his thinking to find an assistant to safeguard our finances and to ease the workload of the treasurer.

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DC	GS	Send email to the members requesting an assistant. This person would be police and financially checked.	DC	Next meeting

- e) PB provided an update on GKN with regards to formalizing the Electric/Water agreement and the sign Repositioning. He explained his discussions with Gary Hearnese from GKN but having trouble get commitment or finalizing our arrangements with them. Ongoing...
- f) Reminder for everyone regarding H&S in the club. PB asked all committee to be more aware of risks.

8) AOB

a) None

9) Next meeting: 2/11/22

East Cowes Sailing Club
Monthly Finance Report
 January 2022

	Jan 22
Income	
Bank Interest Earned	0.46
Duty Waiver	225.00
Membership Fees	7,529.00
Social Income	33.00
Storage	
Mooring Fees	68.35
Mooring Sub-Let	43.00
Total Storage	111.35
Visitor Berth Fees	10.00
Total Income	7,908.81
Expense	
Dinghy Park Costs	
Dinghy Park Rent / Rates etc	7.00
Total Dinghy Park Costs	7.00
Hire Costs	40.00
Internet expences	29.95
Maintenance & Repair	
Changing room refurbishment	64.00
Cradles & Equipment	74.70
Dinghy Park & Race Box	100.00
Maintenance & Repair - Other	14.62
Total Maintenance & Repair	253.32
Office Expense	
Phones	9.25
Stationary	157.77
Total Office Expense	167.02
Rent and Rates	
Harbour Dues	3,813.32
Total Rent and Rates	3,813.32
Social Expenditure	12.00
Subs. to other organisations	105.00
Tool Purchase	149.99
Tools Consumables	3.51
Waste Disposal	37.87
Total Expense	4,618.98
Surplus for the Month	3,289.83