

Minutes of the ECSC General Committee Meeting

Held on 2nd November 2022

Attendees:

Dave Casson (DC)
Richard Davis (RD)
John Barnes (JB)
Peter Badham (PBm)
Ray Hallett (RH)
Graham Stone (GS)
Paul Hippolite (PH)
Jon Knott (JK)
Pete Ball (PB)
John Urry (JU)

Apologies:

Mike Harvey (MH)
Tim Pressey (TP)

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: MH, TP

2) Approval of the minutes of previous meeting

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| BS | JU | All in favour | n/a | n/a |

3) Matters arising from the previous Meeting:

GS: Update on discussion with Wightfibre broadband. GS explained the deal and the extra performance it would bring. This also might be a pre-requisite to getting better cameras, etc. It was proposed that we accept Wightfibre's offer of free installation and significantly better performance for a slightly higher monthly cost (TalkTalk £32.68 for 38Mbps download and 9Mbps upload vs Wightfibre £39 for 300Mbps upload and download).

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| DC | JU | All in favour | GS | Next meeting |

- a) GS/DC: Update on information re dredging. Following DC's meeting with CHC and discussions concerning dredging in the Medina in general, it was felt that we ought to keep close to activities in case we could subsequently take advantage of them. The general feeling was that there would be an advantage to removing some mud from around the slipway and pontoon but costs need to be considered. It was suggested that DC/GS follow what is happening with CHC and report back as appropriate (perhaps using DC's monthly report or AOB?)

- b) GS/DC: Webcam/security camera proposal – carried over from several meetings. GS mentioned that we have been talking about this for almost a year now with no firm decisions being made.

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| PB | JU | Take no further action and have no further discussions about webcam/security cameras until the centre store has been paid for. | n/a | n/a |

- a) DC: Update on talks with UKSA. Ongoing...
- b) PB: Talks with GKN. PB discussed the ongoing situation which still remain fluid and very informal. There was some concern that GKN might “pull the plug” at some point leaving us with potentially large bill to get power/water installed on club premises. Whilst a risk, it was felt that we should continue discussions with GKN for the time being. GS mentioned that the club might wish to consider a solar power with battery backup as an option should we need to supply our own power in future.
- c) DC: Not asked for an assistant yet.

2) Correspondence

- a) By email/phone:
- i) Lots of emails explaining why they haven’t done their hrs (see AOB)
- b) Post, etc.:
- i) OfCom licence renewal
- ii) Letter to non-existent member K Blakeley
- iii) Invoice for flag
- iv) Notice of AGM for RYA (not responded to)
- v) [After meeting closed] Letter from DW resigning his post but not his membership.

3) Reports:

- a) Vice Commodore House Report (RD)
- i) Work on centre going well with plenty of help from lots of people. Steve Lock lined up for next stage. Some work delayed due to terrible weather and high winds. PB said it was a credit to those who have helped doing so much work.
- ii) RD specifically wanted to thank the following people for their extraordinary work on the centre store: Mike Hockin, Simon King, Steve Lock and Bob Spendley. He also thanked slipway cleaners for their efforts throughout the year: Clive Minshell, Alex McLennan and Simon King.
- iii) Work appears to be on budget at the moment and going very well.
- iv) If there is money left over, we may be able to board the ceiling to make another function room.
- v) Work needs to be organised to replace the main fuse board (DC on the case).
- vi) RD reviewed the job boards including the slipway cleaning rota.

vii) RD also discussed how we could improve the management of jobs.

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| RD | GS | RD and GS to come up with a clearer way to describe what work needs to be done and how to do it. This could include a rota of committee members or "project managers". | GS/RD | By next meeting |

viii) JB reminded us that the Wednesday club should be kept simple, visual and not on-line as this would be the preferred approach for those who do most of the work.

ix) JU, JB and BS all suggested some sort of rota for committee members like we currently have for the interviews. This should be part of the proposal put together by RD and GS (see v above)

x) Alternatively, DC suggested, a project manager approach might work by assigning a lead person to each job, task or project.

xi) The water hose for clearing the slipway is leaking and needs replacing

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| PB | JK | Buy a replacement ex-fire hose for eBay (or couplers to repair the existing hose). | PB | By next meeting |

b) Hon. Treasurers, Finance Report (DC)

i) DC reviewed the monthly report and answered general questions to the satisfaction of the meeting. Money was coming in for Christmas do. DC also questioned why we had to pay for the hall for the Prize Giving when we were paying for everything else. To be considered for next year...

c) Rear Commodore Sailing Report (JB)

i) Nothing extra to report as most information now on the website apart from risk assessment, now complete, and comms with KHM.

ii) DC suggested that non-members be taken off webcollect and payment done directly.

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| DC | GS | Remove temporary members from Webcollect | DC | By next meeting |

d) Rear Commodore Stores Report (JU).

i) JU mentioned that a lot of tidying had been done but more to do.

ii) JU also supported the idea of teams doing work like maintaining tractor, etc.

iii) No progress as yet of replacing kayak storage racks

iv) RD asked about mooring chains – this was in hand.

e) Rear Commodore Motor Boating & Fishing Report (RH)

i) Cod comp resulted in no Cod being caught. Rescheduled to 20th November.

ii) JB suggested a fishing comp on the same day as the club sailing regatta (as we did this year) so that both sailor and anglers could have a BBQ or social event together. To be considered...

iii) RH asked for more sub-committee members

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| RH | GS | Send email asking for new members | GS | By next meeting |

f) Rear Commodore Social Report (PBm)

i) PBm discussed liaising with other subcommittees to ensure events worked together.

ii) Quiz and beer planned for November (details on website)

iii) Great result from questionnaire. PBm explained that due to the age of membership (>55) some idea not well supported. Perhaps more activities at the weekends.

iv) Coffee morning this week was well supported but not always so (£57 taken for teas/coffees/cakes, etc.)

g) Health & Safety Report (JK):

i) JK sold his house on the mainland so expected to be more available in the new year

ii) JK/PB discussing disabled access to pontoon. More next month...

iii) JB reminded people should wear life jacket if working on pontoon. These are available in the central stores.

4) Resignations and New Members

a) New members: Wayne Shettle & Ian Halliday. Both accepted unanimously.

b) Resignations: David and Lin Deane, Roger Moorman. DW resigned from committee post but not his membership.

5) Agenda Items

a) JU: Proper handover or risk expulsion

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| RH | GS | An adequate handover should be done from all committee posts. This to be considered as a new rule which will need to be drafted. | GS | Next AGM? |

b) BS: Purchase of Reeds Almanac for event planning.

i) Not necessary with limited cruising and availability of on-line resources

c) PB: Update on disabled access to pontoon.

i) Legal advice has been received that confirms it's up to the club to manage risk and hence we can rightly insist how we expect wheelchair users to use the pontoon.

d) PB: Data protection

i) PB and GS have received legal advice from RYA that we DON'T have an issue with data protection in respect of how we are managing duty hours.

- ii) A lengthy discussion took place about duty hrs, who should be exempt, levies on those not completing their hrs, etc. The meeting was unable to come up with a direct recommendation favouring asking the membership what they considered to be fair.

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| RH | JK | Propose a number of different ways to pay membership with respect to including requirement to do duty hrs, paying a duty hrs waiver or increasing subs and doing no duty hrs. | GS | By AGM |

- e) PB: Dinghy park security and door in the fence
 - i) PB has received a letter from council re having a section of the fence removed and security of tennis courts and locking them at night.
 - ii) PB also discussed a gate to allow people to retrieve balls.

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| n/a | n/a | Continue contact council re putting a gate between tennis court and our dinghy park assuming costs can be agreed | PB | Next meeting |

- f) GS: Update of rules/bylaw rationalisation, links to documents, etc.
 - i) GS explained that linked documents had now been removed from most pages except Cruising page (which is very out of date with lots of historic reports) and pages containing rules, bylaws, etc. The linked documents have, where practical, been replaced with web pages containing the same information instead. This is to help with version control problems that currently exist.
 - ii) PB stated that he had organised a meeting with a number of people who, historically, had good knowledge of the club's handling of rules. The purpose of this meeting was to help simplify the presentation of rules and bylaws rather than update them. This was to take place on Friday 11/11/22 @10:30.
- g) GS: Who has to do Duty Hrs? The Rules...
 - i) GS briefly reviewed the numbers of people who had not done their hrs and hence could expect a bill
 - ii) He also presented list of names of people who a) could probably to excused from doing their hrs for various personal reasons b) people who provided excuses for not doing their hrs but who should probably still be billed £100
 - iii) Because of the numbers involved in these lists, it was decided that DC and GS should review all lists and report back to the committee with their conclusion.

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| n/a | n/a | Review all emails received about duty hrs and recommend who should be | DC/GS | Next meeting |

exempt for personal
reasons and who should be
billed £100 regardless.

- 6) AOB
 - a) None
- 7) Next meeting: 7/12/22