

Minutes of the ECSC General Committee Meeting

Held on 4th January 2023

Attendees:

Dave Casson (DC)
Richard Davis (RD)
John Barnes (JB)
Paul Hippolite
Ray Hallett (RH)
John Urry (JU)
Pete Ball (PB)
Tony Cole (TC)

Apologies:

Graham Stone (GS)
Peter Badham (PBm)
Bob Spendley (BS)
Jon Knott (JK)
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: As above

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>
PH	RD	All in favour	n/a	n/a

3) Matters arising from the previous Meeting:

- a) RD/GS: 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 has created a new Duty Hrs Jobs page. RD needs to verify what GS has put on the website and take ownership of it.* RD to take instruction from GS*.**
 - i) RD: Define tasks for the new team looking after the club room (to be included in item (a) above) **Team to be formed to discuss process. Action PB-RD-GS ***
- b) RD: Organise social event for those who did most of the work on the central store. **Date TBC on completion of project. * Action RD - TP**
- c) RD: Main fuse box replacement not completed. No timetable prepared. *** Still on hold following lack of progress (interest) from contractor. Action PB-RD to investigate. ***
- d) RD: Investigating repairing or replacing kitchen hot water heater. **RD Adjusted temperature no further action required at this time action complete.**
- e) DC/RD: Complete to provision of new signatories for bank* **awaiting bank card Action complete.**

- f) GS: Remove temporary members from Webcollect. **GS to complete as part of annual Webcollect tidy up.* In Hand ***.
 - g) DC: Racebox flagpole (minutes not clear what this referred to)? **Updated flagpole being produced to improve shoreside signals/presence at ECSC race box/dinghy park. Awaiting return of Morris Scott to complete task.**
 - h) DC: Put a signing-in book in the signal station (for start of season) **In hand.**
 - i) DC: Advertise cooker for sale* **Missed comms on this matter on who was assigned task. DC now aware and will investigate the sale Action DC ***
 - j) JU: Chasing up DMR engineering and The Forge having given them drawings, etc. Still no progress but ongoing* **Both contractors are being very slow in responding in way of giving information regarding cost etc. Ongoing ***
 - k) JU: Buy a rope burner **Action complete**
 - l) JU: Investigate buying a new pallet truck or repairing the wheels. **Enquiries have confirmed that the various parts available to repair the current pallet are available. JU is assessing the options regarding repair or replace with new. Action In hand***
- 4) Correspondence
- a) By email/phone:
 - i) Lots subscription administration.
 - b) Post, etc.:
 - i) **Jewson has announced a 10% increase in the price of its goods.**
- 5) Reports:
- a) Vice Commodore House Report (RD)

MH has carried out an initial risk assessment on centre store in regards to returning storage for dinghies, however it was agreed to delay the return until completion of the works.

RD – advised salt has been made available for the pontoons to remove/stop the Ice
 - b) Hon. Treasurers, Finance Report (DC)

The financial report which had been previously circulated was explained by DC including the increase in harbour (over 8% increase) & Crown estate fees.
 - c) Rear Commodore Sailing Report (JB)

The sailing committee had recommended the race entry fees should be raised from the current £40 per season to £45 & from £5 to £6 for those wishing to enter per race. This increase was supported by the general committee. Prop DC seconded PH
 - d) Rear Commodore Stores Report (JU)

An e mail has been sent to members who have resigned in regards to removing any items in storage etc. It was acknowledged that there could possibly be a short period of overlap owing to dates of mooring licence & membership fees.
 - e) Rear Commodore Motor Boating & Fishing Report (RH)

A river fishing comp was held over the Christmas break which attracted a hardy gathering of members, although the fishing was disappointing, the gathering after at the club was best described as being very good (jolly)..

f) Rear Commodore Social Report (PBm) Nothing to report

g) Health & Safety Report (JK): Nothing to report

6) Resignations and New Members

a) New members: Application from John Lavers (Ashlett Creek SC). BS, RD and GS interviewed and all recommend him for membership.

New membership form received for Mr Kevin Norton interview to be arranged
Action RD-GS-PB + JU if available.

An application has been received from a former member requesting to re-join, however concerns were raised as to the behaviour of the former member, and of the manner in which he departed/resigned from the club. The committee agreed this application would not progress further at this time. **As this application also had no sponsor RD shall inform Mr Steve Brice of the decision.**

Resignations - since last meeting, Karen Walker, Colin & Tina Dight, David Johnson, Lewis Da Silva, David Hill, Jane Brand, Lin & Dave Dean, Geoff Waterhouse, Ursula Hollis, Barry Wood (paid membership refusing to pay levy).

7) Agenda Items

a) JU: Setting of 2023 mooring and storage rates

DC produced a document showing the proposed increase in mooring & storage fees, while no one likes to see an increase it was agreed that it was necessary in the current climate to avoid a larger increase in future years. Although there are slight variations due to "rounding up" the average increase for moorings & storage will be 6.34% for 2023

These figures unanimously agreed by the general committee Prop JB seconded JU

8) AOB

a) Key fobs – DC asked the committee to advise on whether key fobs of now ex members should be switched off? This was agreed unanimously by those present.

b) Proposed Increase in membership & joining fees for 2024

DC produced a document explaining the proposal to increase membership fees which would require to be presented and voted on at this year's AGM in preparation for 2024. The increase proposed would average at an 8% depending on membership group. The committee approved that this proposal would be put forward for members to vote on at this years AGM.

c) LEVY

Much discussion has taken place regarding the clubs' Levy/hours of labour and resulting fines which has created a heavy workload for committee members. The levy etc has resulted in a loss of members including members who have little involvement in the club, but wish to remain members of the club and to assist in running or helping the club to operate.

As this matter has been unsatisfactory resolved it has been agreed by the general committee that for 2023 the Levy and required hours to be worked should be suspended for one year. Members who have already paid the 2023 Levy shall be refunded. Prop JB – seconded PB. **Important See post meeting note below**

Post meeting note – the above regarding the Levy will be presented at this year's AGM for members to vote on prior to implementation.

A scheme for members to share the club's workload (such as the Wednesday club) will be formed to allow members to volunteer to help with maintenance and running of the club. Details to follow (see note 3 matters arising).

Post meeting Note – AGM Date – PB to propose & agree a date with DC and GS.

Next General meeting: 1/2/23