

# Minutes of the ECSC General Committee Meeting

Held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## **Attendees:**

Paul Hippolite (PH)  
John Barnes (JB)  
Mike Harvey (MH)  
John Urry (JU)  
Tim Pressey (TP)  
Graham Stone (GS)  
Graham Tracy (GT)  
Tony Cole (TC)  
Ray Hallett (RH)  
Pete Badham (PBh)  
Richard Davis (RD)

## **Apologies:**

Peter Ball (PB)  
Jon Knott (JK)  
Dave Casson (DC)

**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: See 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>
MH	JU	All in favour	n/a	n/a

3) Matters arising from the previous Meeting:

a) RD: Get costs for treating underneath clubhouse

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	This was not completed. Action passed to TP	TP	Next meeting*

b) GS/RD: Update the website with current jobs and whiteboard on bosuns store

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	This action was not completed.	GS/RD	Next meeting*

c) JB: Replacement of DannyH – draw up list of boat options with costs.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	This action was not completed.	JB	Next meeting*

d) PB/RD: Get quote for 2 signs: Strongly suggest lifejackets are worn and no dinghies allowed on the pontoon.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	This action was not completed. Passed to TC.	TC	Next meeting*
n/a	n/a	When wording for signs available, email the club explaining the decision for signs	GS	ASAP

#### 4) Correspondence

##### a) By email/phone:

- i) Invitation to join Pickleball league. No response given.
- ii) The following from PB:

Discussion regarding Paul Walker's mooring on the hammerhead. As I understand he has sold his boat ( hasn't informed the stores officer as per club rules). I would propose that we write to him to give him notice on the mooring. Then Danny H can be moored there during summer months. Rent berths out during Cowes week to maximise income for the club. Club members have better use on the hammerhead for competitions etc the rest of the year. PB also sent apologies for absence.

- iii) The H&S report from JK was also sent by email together with his apologies for absence.

##### b) Post, etc.:

- i) Junk mail only

#### 5) Reports:

##### a) Vice Commodore House Report (RD)

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	All Doors to be completed by next meeting	RD	Next meeting

Fire equipment has been checked and updated. RD expressed frustration that maintenance work still hard to get done and thought it inevitable that would have to reintroduce the levy system. A meeting needs to be held before next committee meeting to decide how we want to reintroduce it.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	Organise a meeting to discuss levy	RD	Next meeting

##### a) Hon. Treasurers, Finance Report (DC)

- i) DC had emailed the committee with his finance report prior to the meeting. No further discussions where had regarding his report as DC was unable to attend this meeting.

##### b) Rear Commodore Sailing Report (JB)

- i) JB summarised final races and mentioned that the Prize Giving dinner had been organised.
- c) Rear Commodore Stores Report (JU)
  - i) JU emailed everyone about outboards. 13 still un-owned. These ought to be disposed of.
  - ii) Kayak rack improved. Thanks to Ian Molineux for his efforts.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
GS	MH	Dispose of all unlabelled outboard. All agreed.	JU	n/a
n/a	n/a	Write to PW that his berth on the hammerhead will no longer be available. Offer Paul Walker the berth currently occupied by DannyH. All agreed.	JU	Next meeting

- d) Rear Commodore Motor Boating & Fishing Report (MH)
  - i) MH reviewed all recent competitions, results on the website. Average turnout 4-5 boats, fewer for night competition. Re rallies, 6 boats going to Lymington. Sadly, we didn't get the grant MH had applied for perhaps due to our location/demographic or the level of details we provided. Can apply next time when a grant becomes available.
- e) Rear Commodore Social Report
  - i) Coffee morning to restart next month. Wedding went really well. Good feedback re location and we could do more of such events. Next subcommittee meeting next week to discuss other social events for the coming months.
- f) Health & Safety Report (JK):
  - i) Lifejackets
 

Following the incident involving a club member and a visitor (who both accidentally fell into the river from a CHC pontoon) the commodore asked me to write a report of the circumstances to the Cowes Harbour Master.

A couple of weeks ago Peter Ball, John Barnes and myself met with the Harbour Master and one of his colleagues and one of the topics discussed was how to prevent further similar incidents occurring.

My view is that we need to run an internal campaign reaching all members to remind them of the strong advice to wear lifejackets when launching and retrieving dinghies from the slipway.

- ii) Risk assessments
 

In June I asked all those who have responsibilities on the risk register to review the ones specific to their roles within the club and to let me know if those risks needed amending or removing. Having not heard from anyone I think we can safely assume that all risks on the register are still relevant and appropriate.

iii) BBQ

My thanks to Richard for giving me an update (on the day) of the fire safety measures he had taken to ensure he could safely manage an incident should it occur.

2) Membership Updates

- a) New member application: Rob Cullen. All agreed.
- b) Resignations: None.
- c) Members completing Probation year: Paul Risbridger and family. GS mentioned that he had called Paul and found that due to engine issues and subsequent lack of confidence, and work commitments on the mainland, they may not renew their membership despite offers of help.
- d) Rota for new member interviews (27/9/23): JK, GT and PH

3) Agenda Items

- a) GS: Merchandise process. GS explained that he had granted Jane Paull new rights in webcollect to make the process simpler and less errorprone.
- b) GS: WhatsApp group. Now stands at 49 members with members being updated twice a week with details of maintenance jobs required. TP now has admin rights to the group.
- c) PB: PB/JB/JK meeting with harbour master. JB explained that new harbourmaster wanted to meet people. Also discussed getting a license to get the mud surveyed and tested. This would be a multi-stage process taking some months/years. Lots of work needed to define what we want and how much we want to spend. What's more, this work needs to be done in a co-ordinated way and the cost split between all stakeholders. The walk ashore pontoon was also brought up. It was made clear we were still not interested.
- d) PB: I'm still speaking with the solicitor with reference to GT becoming a trustee. TC is investigating. Will report directly to PB. Ongoing...
- e) PB: PB/DC had a slipway meeting with CHC and Red Funnel on Wednesday, via Teams. Details to be discussed next meeting when PB available.
- f) PB: In PBs opinion, the duty levy needs to come back at the next AGM. GS had warned the membership this might happen due to inactivity. This was discussed briefly but the meeting felt that we have little choice but to reinstate the levy system.

4) AOB

- a) GT asked if we had get anyone to help DC as Treasurer. JU is currently in discussions with PB and DC with a view to taking over the role next year. Naturally, we would need to replace the Stores officer. RH has expressed an interest in this role.
- b) TC reported on unpaid bills. Many apparently many unpaid bills had been paid but Webcollect not updated to reflect this. GS agreed to do this when supplied with the details. Two remaining outstanding bills were trivial and not worth chasing. Remaining 7 require further investigation.

5) Next meeting: 4/10/23