

# East Cowes Sailing Club

## General Committee Meeting held on

Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 19:00.

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

Dave Casson (DC)  
Paul Hippolite (PH)  
John Barnes (JB)  
Mike Harvey (MH)  
Ray Hallett (RH)  
Tim Pressey (TP)  
Graham Tracy (GT)  
Peter Ball (PB)  
Richard Davis (RD)  
John Urry (JU)

- 1) Apologies for Absence Graham Stone – Jon Knott – Tony Cole – Peter Badham
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the previous Meeting: MH - TP
- 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), GS/PB **Meeting with Trustees**, to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> December
  - b). **Duty hours** – GS – Message sent to all full members, and duty hours folder replaced in the clubhouse. After a question via (JB) it was clarified that the lead member of a family or dual membership is the person liable for the Levy, or for working the 10hrs. (not others in the group).
  - c), GS, **Sailclub manager** software package proposal. Package 2 @ £1425.60 per year for up to 200 subscriptions. – The committee requested a presentation to be held of the package to understand its capabilities and ease of use prior to agreeing to sign up for the package. (post meeting note: a presentation is planned via Zoom at the next committee meeting).
  - d), GS – **Membership secretary position**. – Position not yet filled; the suggestion is that the membership should be e-mailed to open up the position to any suitable member.

e) **GS - Cost changes** – although not completed the options for cost changes to be presented at the AGM, such as increased membership – changing fines/levies etc are in hand for the next general committee meeting.

4) Correspondence:

- a. By email/phone:
  - i. My sailing course – online RYA courses
  - ii. Christie-Lee Taylor – offer of 1<sup>st</sup> aid course
  - iii. Kraken Travel – discounted travel offers.
  - iv. Post, etc.: None

5) Reports:

- a. Vice Commodores House Report (RD)  
Work on building maintenance continues by core volunteers, all jobs requiring attention and labour are available on the club's website and notice board. Karen Harris has kindly offered to freshen up the clubhouse paintwork (RD) to source paint etc.
- b. Hon. Treasurers, Finance Report (DC)  
Finance report attached. and presented to committee members at the meeting.
- c. Rear Commodore Sailing Report (JB)  
All 2024 fixtures have been placed on the racing page of the clubs, and SCRA website.
- d. Rear Commodore Stores Report (JU).  
Danny H now ashore and ready for winter refit JB to provide worklist. PB commented on how tidy etc the yard looked thanks to JU and his small team which includes Mick Hocken.
- e. Rear Commodore Motor Boating & Fishing Report (RH)  
Fishing's all good – 5 boats took part in Saturdays comp in cold and foggy conditions. Next comp to be held 29<sup>th</sup> Dec when's its understood Lee Silk will provide the awards.
- f. Rear Commodore Social Report (PBm)  
Another successful and pleasant coffee morning raised £90 for the club. The Commodores soiree to be held at Albert cottage now has 52 members attending and the event has met the hire cost etc.
- g. Health & Safety Report (JK)  
JK met with the islands director of operations for the ambulance service, it was proposed that a key pad or safe would be placed outside of the main gate, to give access in case of a medical emergency within the club. This was unanimously agreed.

6) Resignations and New Members

- a. New member application: Andrew & Angela Hitt dual membership.
- b. Resignations: Andrea Molyneux, Darren Webster, Hillard family, Ray Plummer, Christine Luckett, Jamie Laws.
- c. Members completing the years' probation period. John Lavers, Mark & Pollyanna Waddington, all accepted by committee. PB / JU unanimous.

d. Interviews this month - ? Andrew Hitt ?

7) Agenda Items

a /b) **New members subs** (joining times in relation to re-newels) after much discussion the outcome became a matter of using the committee's discretion.

c, **Duty year** – DC to speak to GS regarding start/ finishing period. TBC

d, **GS Levy & Fines** – The committee unanimously agreed that the levy/fines & hours should be charged on a pro-rata basis.

e, Report from RYA connected meeting? TBC GS

f, **GS – Plan for exploiting Dinghy training** etc with UKSA. - On hold until UKSA investigate launching problems (UKSA dinghies have been removed from the dinghy park).

G, **A member has informed** the club that he would like his wife's membership reduced, due to her age being "almost 65". It was discussed in depth but unfortunately the committee agreed it would cause long term issues within the club and that the cut off should not be compromised hence the request has been politely rejected.

h, **PB Serving food in the clubhouse** – PDM had requested that only members of the social committee are permitted to cook food in the clubroom. After discussion and taking into account that this meant cooking hot food on equipment other than the micro wave then this was agreed. However, this should not affect the use of the micro wave by members to heat their own food after sailing etc. agreed unanimously.

J, **PB Dredging update** – PB has received communications from UK Marine consulting (ex-Cowes harbourmaster Ed Walker) regarding the quote for partial dredging of ECSC property. The goal post appears to have been moved following the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with CHC, and the then HM Shane? and the harbours chief executive officer.

Latest quotes are:

Sample plan            £3500

Sample collection      1500

Laboratory analysis    600 per sample, unknown number of samples required.

Disposal license        3500

The above cost is for samples which have to be renewed every 3 years (at a reduced cost).

Approx. 10k to be paid and obviously this does not include any dredging. However, there is also no guarantee that dredging will be allowed following the above samples and cost.

8) a, AOB –

9) Next meeting: 10/01/24

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