

Minutes of the ECSC General Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 8th November 2023

Attendees:

Graham Tracy (GT)
Paul Hippolite (PH)
Peter Badham (PBm)
Mike Harvey (MH)
Ray Hallett (RH)
John Urry (JU)
Tim Pressey (TP)
Graham Stone (GS)
Richard Davis (RD)
Peter Ball (PB)
Jon Knott (JK)

Apologies:

Dave Casson (DC)
Tony Cole (TC)
John Barnes (JB)

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) Apologies 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	PBm	All in favour	n/a	n/a

3) Matters arising from the previous Meeting:

a) None

4) Correspondence

a) By email/phone:

i) Just adverts, mostly from RYA

b) Post, etc.:

i) None

5) Reports:

a) Vice Commodore House Report (RD)

i) Centre store completed. Discussions still need to be had regarding its future use. See later.

ii) Wear block work underway, mostly completed.

iii) Lights around clubhouse replaced and working

iv) Richard had noted names of those had completed lots of work this year. Names to be handed to PB

- v) Work needed for metal staircase. We have some replacement parts but still need some concrete blocks replacing. All agreed the work should be undertaken.
- b) Hon. Treasurers, Finance Report (DC)
 - i) DC presented the monthly finance report by email prior to the meeting. He was unable to attend the meeting in person.
- c) Rear Commodore Sailing Report (JB)
 - i) None provided in his absence. The committee voted unanimously for Peter Jackson to be an honorary member (Proposed PB, seconded JK). GS to write to him
- d) Rear Commodore Stores Report (JU)
 - i) Nothing to report but RD mentioned that he had repaired the jet washers.
- e) Rear Commodore Motor Boating & Fishing Report (MH)
 - i) Last competition won by Brian Gourley with a nice Cod. Cod competition due this weekend. Results and rally information for next year now on the website.
- f) Rear Commodore Social Report (PBm)
 - i) Commodore's soiree organised with payment still coming in. Sunday coffee morning brought in £77 and very well attended. Volunteers still needed to help and make cakes, etc. Rebecca's cakes going down very well! Prize giving went down very well with lots of good feedback.
- g) Health & Safety Report (JK):
 - i) Nothing to report.
- 6) Resignations and New Members
 - a) New members: Robert Cullen, Rebecca Murphy
 - b) Resignations: None.
 - c) Members completing the first year probation: Ian Halliday, Terry Kearney, Wayne Shettle. The committee were happy to accept these as permanent members. Proposed JU, seconded MH, voted unanimously.
 - d) Interview rota for this month: GS, JK, MH more
- 7) Agenda Items
 - a) Dredging:
 - i) Ed Walker now a consultant for the dredging operation as no current harbourmaster. Despite providing plans previously, we are being asked where we want dredging to take place. CHC/Tracey have met regarding the detrimental effect of the breakwater on silting and have asked CHC to pay for dredging. This is being considered. We need to attend a meeting to discuss this further (PB, JU and JB).
 - b) Trustees:
 - i) Club still needs 3 trustees and GT still interested given that we are now missing a trustee. However, the trustees need to be reminded of their responsibilities with

a view to possibly changed to the club being incorporated as a limited company.
A meeting of the trustees plus PB/GS is being planned.

ii) GS to attend the meeting on Saturday 9th December at CCYC to see what they have done.

c) Duty Levy:

i) Firstly, all (except one or two) felt we should reintroduce the levy system because work being done by the same people as usual with very little help from members. Concern was expressed about the current cost of living crisis and how this could adversely affect membership, particularly with respect to younger members.

ii) A lively discussion took place with the following recommendations:

(1) Reintroduce the Duty Hours system as it currently is

(2) Investigate the cost the use of specialist sailing club software to help with admin

(3) Create a membership secretary role to cover the admin of all of the above

(4) Take options for cost changes to AGM including increasing membership, changing levy/fine, introducing incentives, etc.

1) AOB

a) None

2) Next meeting: 6/12/23