

Minutes of the ECSC General Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 10th January 2024

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Dave Casson (DC)
Peter Badham (PBm)
Tony Cole (TC)

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 asterisk (*) 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>
JU	PB	All in favour	n/a	n/a

3) Matters arising from the previous Meeting:

- a) GS: Membership secretary position. No respondents from an email sent by PB.
- b) JB: Worklist for DannyH in hand
- c) JK: Keypad/safe for emergency services access to club premises. This has been bought and plans in place for installation
- d) GS: Fines/Levys

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	Draft a rule change to allow members to pay a proportion of the levy if they have done some but not all of their duty hours	GS	Next meeting and AGM

4) Correspondence

- a) By email/phone:
 - i) Advert from Andrew Simpson (AKA Bart) Yachting offering formal RYA courses.

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PB	GS	Put a copy of this message on the website	GS	Next meeting

b) Post, etc.:

- i) Christmas cards from Yacht Haven, RNLI, UKSA and Harbourmaster and others

5) Reports:

a) Vice Commodore House Report (RD)

- i) Nothing to report

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. DC suggested a 5% rise in membership subscription. This was discussed with some mixed feelings. This would be taken to the AGM for a decision.

c) Rear Commodore Sailing Report (JB)

- i) Subcommittee meeting 24th January in the Clubhouse

d) Rear Commodore Stores Report (JU)

- i) Nothing to report

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

- i) Fishing social recently went well. Cod competition this coming Sunday. Rallies booked and being organised

f) Rear Commodore Social Report (PBm)

- i) Social events for the year being planned up until 2025 including Burns Night.

g) Health & Safety Report (JK):

- i) Meeting with TP and RD re. risk assessment to be arranged shortly.

6) Resignations and New Members

- a) New members: Andrew & Angela Hitt, James McEvoy. Proposed PB, GT. Agreed unanimously.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	Write to Andrew, Angela and James informing them of our decision	GS	Next meeting

- b) Resignations: Wayne Shettle, John Lockett, Pam Garland, Jo Murphy, Alan Hickman, Trevor Pointon, Mrs Bird, Melisa Murphy, Paul Risbridger (and family), Daniel Wirdham (and family), Jamie Laws, Darren Webster

- c) Members completing the first year probation: Geoff Watson, Karen James. The committee were happy to accept these as permanent members. Proposed PB, seconded JK, agreed unanimously.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	Write to Karen and Geoff informing them of our decision	GS	Next meeting

d) Interview rota for this month: GS, MH, RH

7) Agenda Items

a) PB: Update on Trustees and Harbour Master

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	Meetings to be arranged	PB	Next meeting

b) PB: Bed levelling.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	Need to find a person who can do it and a price or a way to do it ourselves.	PB	Next meeting

c) GS: Pro rata levy/waiver payments

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n/a	n/a	Draft change of rules to allow members to pay a proportion of the levy if they've done a proportion of their duty hours	GS	Next meeting and AGM

d) GS: Report from RYA Connected meeting.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	Present summarise of the event	GS	Next meeting

8) AOB

a) Discussion about SCM:

- i) Jeremy Pocock from Sailing Club Manager did a demo to the meeting of the software via Zoom. This was helpful and well received.
- ii) PB and TC have previously discussed with other clubs who uses SCM. Most clubs who use it like it but it hasn't worked for all. Amongst the feedback was that Customer Service good and they were approachable
- iii) The cost was a concern for some but this was balanced against the free voluntary work already done. GS explained that this was not inconsiderable.
- iv) Another concern was what would happen if they went bust. This would be difficult to guard against with any software provider
- v) There was a feeling that we ought to try SCM for a year. This was voted on.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
PB	GS	Agree to adopt SCM provided we can try for one year before committing any further. Write to Jeremy proposing this. This was agreed 9:2 in favour.	GS	Next meeting

b) Alice Chambers has asked that she could be exempt from doing Duty Hrs for personal reasons. Agreed unanimously.

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PB	GS	Write to Alice informing her of our decision	GS	Next meeting

c) Reminder from PB that members should not use the pontoons for launching dinghies.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	Draft a new rule	GS	Next meeting and AGM

9) Next meeting: 7/2/24