

Sussex Yacht Club

Minutes of House/BARCO Committee Meeting held at Shoreham

on January 19th 2018

Present:, Ian Bush, Brenda West, Ann Macey, Natalie Stansell, David Nunn, Giles Weston, Mark Sharp.

Apologies for absence: Helen Foster, Pauline Munck.

Minutes last meeting: Approved

STEWARD

Good feedback for New Years Eve. Comments re absence of Sitting Plans. Grace & Loyal Toast. Note for next year.

Poor attendance at January Club Night due to poor advertising & publicity.

We have stock of prepared ready meals in the freezer which are popular with lunch time diners.

FINANCES

Some figures still to be clarified for December 2017. Natalie & David Nunn have meetings arranged for final figures.

The food costs need to be looked at as costs are increasing, as well as staff costs.

Some events are booked over a year in advance and costed at the current price at the time of booking. We need to make allowances for increases in food and staff costs by the date of the event.

It may be necessary to ask the Club for assistance to cover the VAT bill due to be paid in February.

Considering the debts which were incurred when BARCO was established, the position is very much better then this time last year.

BUSINESS PLAN

A plan is needed to work to, with events listed and costed. DN to circulate a plan.

STAFF

Contracts have all been done.

BAR

Licensing – Nats has been in contact with the Licensing Officer and will have a meeting to review the licenses (Club & personal).

EPOS update: We need to advise the members of the changes to come into effect.

The changes in data protection are due to be advised to members and non-members, in a mailshot. The EPOS changes also need to be included, together with the reminder that to receive the IN THE WIND by e-mail, it is necessary to opt in to receive it.

Action TL/Office

Bar prices review update:

Seasonal increases are received at this time of year so bar prices will be reviewed.

RESTAURANT/CATERING

Advertising and publicity is needed on a rolling month by month basis. IN THE WIND must be circulated well before the end of the month showing at least the coming two months events.

Club nights

Feb: Toad in the Hole Adverts already

March:

BOOKINGS EVENTS:

16th Feb Chinese New Year Supper and Chinese decorations

17th Feb AGM Contributions of sandwiches & cakes for after the meeting.

9th March Commodores party. Invites to be sent after the AGM.

11th March Mothers Day. Every 4 people mum gets free lunch and flowers

17th March Paddys lunch

1st April Easter Sunday Egg Hunt 11am-1200. Followed by special roast

6th April club night

20th April St Georges Day

May club night

24th Royal Escape Supper (Briefing)

Security:

Urgently need the lamp replaced by the entrance as it is impossible to see who is pressing the buzzer for entry. **Ian to action.**

Complaint about smoking at the top of steps..River Room.

Notice to be put up **Nats arranging.**

Charity Bookings:

These are accepted subject to available space and need to be balanced with existing bookings and courses etc.

Nats reviewing.

Food in restaurant:

There was a reported incident of own food being consumed in the restaurant.

Nats has dealt with this issue.

Any Other Business:

GW advised that there is an old film showing the Club, which we discussed incorporating into a history evening. Ongoing. **Nats/SV**

GW also suggested that it is time for another wine tasting evening. A previous evening was well attended and enjoyable. **Nats to research.**

GW asked about a celebration for a NY function being on the 30th – (Nearly NYE). He had attended one which was successful, with none of the expensive costs associated with NYE. **Ongoing for discussion.**

Date of next meeting: **Friday 16th February 09.30am**