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## SUSSEX YACHT CLUB

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

HELD MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2009

<b>Present:</b>	D Copeman	Commodore
	A Saunders	Vice Commodore & Chair
	David Ramus	Rear Commodore & Hon. Treasurer
	W Camp	Director, Chair House Committee
	G Whittington	Director
	Di Saunders	Director
	K Phelps	Director, Safety Boat Manager
	D Skinner	Director, Captain, Sailing Section & Acting Chair, Moorings & Maintenance Committee
	D McSwein	Director, Webmaster
	M Mayall	Director, Publicity
	T Voice	Director
	J Pryke	Director, Captain, Dinghy Section
	T Leigh	Ex-officio, Secretary
	Jacqui Flood	Ex-officio, Minute Secretary
	D Lee	Ex-officio, Chair, BSAC, standing for election as Director
	M Twell	Ex-officio, standing for election as Director
	B Watkins	Ex-officio, standing for election as Director
<b>Apologies:</b>	T Moulard	Rear Commodore, Chair Moorings & Maintenance Committee
	M Lindsay-Hills	Director, Chair Sussex Sailability
	K Headon	Director, Training Principal

Commodore thanked all for attending the rescheduled meeting at such short notice and hoped that the meeting would be kept relatively short due to forecasted inclement weather.

TL read a statement from Tony Moulard, advising all of the progress of his illness and the positive prognosis he had received. All wished him well.

### ACTION

#### 129 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Commodore asked for comments on accuracy, none received.

DMcS asked what was happening regarding the possible new website. TL advised that Steve Vyse would be submitting a proposal for the Committees' consideration in due course, probably Jan/Feb.

Proposed: WC      2<sup>nd</sup>: AS      Carried unanimously

**130 MATTERS ARISING****130.1 128.4 RNLI Lockers**

TL confirmed these had been collected. WC to arrange allocation and payment system.

**130.2 123 Shoreham Beach Weather**

TL advised that this item had been dealt with and that a donation had been made and the Yacht Club now advertises on the site.

**130.3 124 Lift**

BW advised that he had spoken to Vernon Hardman and Frank Kay seeking their views on the possibility of obtaining a further grant. It was both their views that this would be unlikely.

TL read an e-mail from MLH which stated he had approached Awards for All and RYA Sailability and both had said no. He was still awaiting a response from Sport England.

MLH

**130.4 127.2 Boatshed**

TL advised that he had written to Boatshed advising them that it would not be a viable proposal for them to have space for an office at the Club.

**131 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

List read through.

Proposed: Dski      2<sup>nd</sup>: GW      Carried unanimously

**132 AGM MATTERS****132.1 Election of Officers – Update**

TL confirmed that KP had withdrawn his nomination to restand at the AGM and therefore there would now not be an election. Commodore thanked Keith for all his help and hard work.

**132.2 Report on Companies Act Seminar**

TL stated that he would circulate a paper on this matter. Commodore asked all to read carefully as there changes that affected all Directors.

TL/ALL

**133 FINANCE****133.1 Request for Big Boat Cradles**

Dski advised that the current cradles do not support some of the deeper draft boats (>2.4) that the new hoist is capable of lifting. There is currently a boat in the yard with a very deep draft 2.5 - that is not sitting satisfactorily in the cradle.

Dski stated that he was seeking £2,500 to purchase a suitable cradle. TL confirmed that it was not their intention to place an order but M&M were looking for Committee approval to spend the amount if it were felt necessary. GW stated that the Club should be proactive especially when it concerned safety. KP asked whether purchasing one cradle would negate the possibility of hosting another similar boat. TL advised that there were no similar boats booked to come out and the boatpark was now fully booked for 2009, early 2010.

Proposed: Dski      2<sup>nd</sup>: GW      Carried unanimously

#### 134 SAILABILITY

##### 134.1 Request for a New Trustee/Treasurer

MLH had confirmed, via e-mail, that Doug Taylor had agreed to act as Treasurer for Sailability.

#### 135 DSUK DINNER

It was felt that as KH was unable to attend the meeting, this item would be dealt with next month.

#### 136 BOATSWAIN

KP expressed concern regarding the Boatswains' Department's workload. He believed that various Committees, noticeably Moorings and Maintenance and Buildings Maintenance, were demanding too much of the Boatswains' time.

TL advised that at Ben's appraisal the issue of staffing was discussed and Ben felt that with the extra help received during the school holidays, his staffing levels were OK. TL also stated that Ben sat on both of the Committees KP referred to and therefore had an opportunity to disagree with the timescales and schedules agreed at the meetings, which he had not. Both Committees have instructed Tim/Ben to ensure all outstanding actions be completed by 31/1/10. Subcommittee to review after this date.

#### 137 CORRESPONDENCE

##### 137.1 Joss Woolf

TL stated that Mrs Woolf was an infrequent, social member of the Club who lived in the London Postal District, which excluded her from applying for Country membership. After discussion it was felt that this rule of excluding eligible London Postal Districts was some what out dated and the Commodore asked that it be discussed at a future meeting. It was confirmed that if Mrs Woolf was eligible, she would be offered Country Membership as an exception to the current rule.

JF

**137.2 Keith Chittenden**

Letter of thanks received from Keith for the Riverside Xmas Party at Southwick.

**137.3 Colin Hinchliffe**

Mr Hinchliffe wrote asking for permission to launch a small planning hull vessel bought for his son in order that he may obtain the necessary "hours" to attend the Safety Boat course. KP advised that the usual route for obtaining this qualification would be; Powerboat Level 1&2, providing cover for safety boat duties, thus obtaining "hours", then completing the Safety Boat Course. It was therefore felt more appropriate that Mr Hinchliffe speak to KH.

KH

**138 BSAC – LOAN**

TV, representing BSAC, advised that they had sold their dive boat, "Nikaria" and wished to replace it with a new 8m rib (the standard vessel used by Diving Clubs). BSAC wished to purchase a new vessel, which would cost in the region of £35,000, as this would diminish maintenance issues. They have £20,000 and were seeking a Club loan with the remaining £15,000.

Following previous meetings held with the Commodore and Treasurer, various possible financing options were discussed, amongst which were:

1. Club loaning money
2. Club standing as guarantor for a bank loan
3. Seeking loan from a Marine Finance Company
4. Private Finance
5. Club offering its building as security to a loan
6. BSAC Members' Debenture

The Treasurer was quite happy that if the Club were to issue a loan, over an agreed repayment period of five years, interest free, it would be able to keep its "headroom" at around the desired £50,000 mark.

The Commodore stated that he wished to recommend that the Club offered BSAC a loan and that it would be the start of fully integrating them in to the Club as a bone fide Section with input in to the budget process.

Proposed: TV      2<sup>nd</sup>: AS      Carried unanimously

Commodore also noted that at previous meeting he had asked BSAC to provide free of charge surveying of racing marks and moorings as part of the integration process.

**139 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**139.1 Icy Weather**

GW asked why the entrance and car park were not salted. TL advised that clearance had been conducted on the Friday but unfortunately the Boatswains did not work weekends and the Club was unable to source any salt.

**139.2 Thank You**

Commodore thanks all present for their work during the year and that it had made his role somewhat easier.

**140 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2210.

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