

**RATIFIED**

**SUSSEX YACHT CLUB**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE**

**HELD MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010**

**Present:** D Copeman Commodore  
A Saunders Vice Commodore & Chair  
W Camp Rear Commodore, Chair House Committee  
D Skinner Director, Captain, Sailing Section &  
Acting Chair, Moorings & Maintenance Committee  
M Lindsay-Hills Director, Chair Sussex Sailability  
K Headon Director, Training Principal  
D McSwein Director, Webmaster  
M Mayall Director, Publicity  
Di Saunders Director  
T Voice Director  
J Pryke Director, Captain, Dinghy Section  
D Lee Director, Chair, BSAC  
B Watkins Director  
T Leigh Ex-officio, Secretary  
Jacqui Flood Ex-officio, Minute Secretary

**Apologies:** David Ramus Rear Commodore & Hon. Treasurer  
M Twell Director  
G Whittington Director

AS welcomed all to the meeting and confirmed the Commodore was unfortunately running slightly late.

**ACTION**

**149 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

AS asked for comments, none received.

Proposed: Dski 2<sup>nd</sup>: DSau Carried Unanimously

**150 MATTERS ARISING**

**150.1 130.1 Lockers**

WC confirmed that once keys received, House Committee would look at the item again.

**WC**

**150.2 142.1 Lift**

BW reported that work had started on the lift and that further building work was required as the west wall only comes half way up and needed to be built up to the roof. BW to obtain price for extra work.

**BW**

**150.3 142.3 Colin Hinchcliffe**

KH confirmed he had been in email communication with Mr Hinchcliffe to discuss training possibilities for his son, George.

**KH**

- 150.4 143.2 Lapsed Members**  
All actioned.

**151 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

**151.1 New Members' Listing**

List read through and it was noted that Matt Carter, Catering Franchisee had applied for membership. BW commented that he did not think appropriate that a Club employee should be a Member of the Club as they would have the right to attend Board meetings as an observer. TL advised that any observer could be asked to leave a meeting at any time.

It was pointed out to BW that Mr Carter was not an employee of the Club and that past employees had also been Members. WC commented that Mr Carter was encouraged to apply for membership by the House Committee in order that he could apply for hirings in his name and be solely responsible for such hirings. Any requests made by Mr Carter would have to be on the appropriate form and agreed by the House Committee.

MLH asked whether Mr Carter would have to remain on the premises when such hirings are taking place. WC confirmed that he would. MLH believed that this would be a good thing. TV commented that the discussion should be about the rule pertaining to groups hiring the Club and not an individual applicant.

AS asked for vote on all applications except Mr Carter.

Proposed: MLH 2<sup>nd</sup>: DMcS Carried Unanimously

Vote for Mr Carter's application.

Proposed: WC 2<sup>nd</sup> Dski For 11 Ag 1 (BW) Carried

Commodore arrived at 1948

**152 FINANCE**

**152.1** Item held in Confidential Minutes.

**152.2 Release of Funds – Dishwasher**

WC reported that the dishwasher requires replacing and he was looking for a maximum of £1,500. TL advised that there was £1,000 in the capex budget for such a contingency. WC was therefore looking for £500 over budgeted funds. AS confirmed that the existing machine had been leaking for some time.

Proposed: WC 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dski Carried Unanimously

**153 DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

Commodore advised that he wanted to put in a 5 year business plan which would outline future plans, roles and responsibilities. He wished to dedicate one whole meeting to this item which would be April's.

**ACTION**

TL stated that all sub committees needed to bring input in to the plan. The April meeting, which will be on the fourth Monday, 26<sup>th</sup>, gave nine weeks for sub committees to meet and prepare their own plans to bring to the March meeting for questions. Commodore advised that anyone wanting guidance could refer to the RYA website that has a Club Development Plan section.

Commodore stated that he would distribute a framework to each sub committee for guidance and asked all to come up with objectives that were not just specific to their section but to the Club as a whole. The Commodore also asked for any comments on his suggested objectives.

**Commdoore**

Dski asked whether contingencies could be included. The Commodore confirmed that they could. Dski also asked that a paper document be produced. Again, the Commodore confirmed it would. TL stated that half year financial figures would also be available for the April meeting.

**Sub-Comms.**

**154 AGM MATTERS**

**154.1 Honorary Members**

At the AGM Giles Weston queried why three people had either been removed from the Honorary Members' listing or had never appeared. They were Sally Gillett, Stuart Dodd and Barbara Rudkin.

TL advised that in September 2005 the Board agreed to terminate Sally's Honorary Membership as she had little or no contact with the Club.

Stuart Dodd, unfortunately had been removed off the list in error. Commodore asked that with the Board's agreement, Mr Dodd would be immediately reinstated. (After further investigation Stuart Dodd is in fact Alexander Dodd and the Board agreed to remove Mr Alexander Dodd at October 2009's Board meeting.)

**154.2 Hocine**

Comment was made at the AGM that some recognition should be made to Hocine for his years of valued service. WC asked for any suggestions.

**All**

**154.3 Guidelines for RIB Storage**

TL confirmed guidelines drawn up and distributed. BW stated that he believed this item was turned down. TL reminded all that although the change to the rule was rejected, it was felt that the current rule could accommodate the request.

Commodore stated that at the time Rule 37 was conceived, the Club did not want to encourage planing craft in the Club. At that time, there was no health and safety issues regarding dinghy sailing but now it is a requirement to have safety boats for both sailing and training. Commodore stated that to encourage and facilitate dinghy sailing at the Club more safety boats were required and therefore some Members are asked to use their own ribs.

**ACTION**

TL asked that the Board agree guidelines under which the Office can operate and manage the storage. TV commented that he did not believe the spaces be made available to those who do not offer their vessels as safety boats or participate in Club events. The Commodore confirmed that he was also not satisfied with this guideline and asked, with agreement, that it be made a condition of letting that their vessel is used by the Club.

Commodore offered to speak with BW, JP and KH to discuss further.

Commodore suggested that recommendations are adopted with amendment to item 6 and addition of item 12, removal of space.

**TL**

Proposed: Commodore For 12 Ag: 1 (BW) Carried

**154.4 Travel Hoist Financing**

BW advised that it was his intention to discuss this item further. Commodore asked BW to speak to TL and DR regarding the matter and that a record will be published in the next month's minutes.

**154.5 Members Talking at AGM**

Dski asked whether it would be appropriate to limit the amount of times one Member could speak at an AGM. The Commodore stated that he disapproved of this as the Members were shareholders and had every right to ask as much as they wished. It was the Chair's responsibility to control the meeting.

**154.6 Fly Tipping in the Yard**

Unfortunately GW was unable to attend the meeting but was concerned that the skips and bins were being abused with boat and domestic waste. There is an amenity tip a few hundred yards down the road. Club usage of skips has increased due mainly to fly tipping.

Commodore stated that the Club must be prepared to prosecute fly tippers. Notice must be put up stating that fly tippers will be prosecuted.

**TL**

**155 RULE 12**

WC reminded all that change to Rule 12 was brought to the meeting some months ago to encourage footfall to the restaurant. A proposal for word change has been suggested by House Committee. BW asked whether it had not been going on for a while. The Commodore agreed it had but the Board wanted a rule that worked.

Proposed: WC 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dski Carried Unanimously

Change of Rule to be posted on notice board for 7 days.

**JF**

**156 CORRESPONDENCE****156.1 Vernon Hardman**

TL advised that he had received an email from Vernon who was expressing his, and other's, dissatisfaction of a group using the Bar area on a Friday lunch time once per month. TL advised that the Club agreed to these as a possible means of attracting new members and giving income to the Franchisees. Mr Hardman also commented that the group did not appear to use either franchisee.

Discussion was held as to what could be done to rectify this situation as the building is for Members' use first. It was decided that the group would be offered the use of the Training Room at a flat fee and encouraged to use the bar and restaurant after their event. TL to advise group leader and Mr Hardman.

TL

**156.2 RNLI Training Centre**

Letter of thanks received from the above for the use of the External Training Room, free of charge, for a Radio Course they were running.

**156.3 Katy Turquoise**

Letter received from Katy thanking those who helped in recovering the Sports 16 and apologising for allowing it to sink in the first place.

**156.4 Ann and Tony Payne**

Letter of thanks received for Honorary Membership.

**157 ANY OTHER BUSINESS****157.1 Restaurant Floor**

WC advised that the Caterers had submitted a claim, which after negotiation his Committee had agreed to pay, for loss of income whilst the refurbishment of the floor was being refurbished. Commodore stated that the Committee had handled the situation as well as they could.

**157.2 Bridge Afternoon**

MLH advised that Sailability had a successful afternoon and raised some £1,000 with 15 tables.

**157.3 Directors' Listing**

MLH advised that WC's email address was misspelt.

JF

**157.4 Restaurant Floor**

BW commented that furniture was being dragged over the floor ruining the work carried out. All asked to monitor and try to prevent.

**157.5 Sailing Section Meeting**

Dski announced that the Dinghy Section would be joining in with coffee from 1000 hours on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> and after the meeting; they would also be joining in with drinks and food. All reminded to attend Sailing Meeting.

**ACTION**

**157.6 Club Diaries**

TL advised that Club diaries are supplied free to the Club and that we sell approximately 75 per year, charging £1 which goes to the RNLI. If the Club wanted diaries in 2011, total cost implications must be looked in to. TL advised all that tide tables are available from the Office. TL asked to look in to Club diaries.

**TL**

**157.7 Website**

DMcS asked all to ensure all sections' information on the website were kept up to date. All agreed.

**DMcS**

**157.8 Changes to Website**

TL advised that the website will be changing ownership in 11 days. Current provider has had notice served. New provider, who is hosting temporarily at this time, is already taking content from the current website. TL asked that if anyone makes any changes, to inform the Office in order they are made on the new website.

**157.9 Change of Start Date**

Commodore asked that future meetings be put back to 2000 hours. It would be his intention to target meeting for one and half hours, finishing at 2130 latest.

**ALL**

**158 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2000 hours.

**NB** April meeting will be on **MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2000 hours.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2115.

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