

RATIFIED

SUSSEX YACHT CLUB

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

HELD MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2011

Present:

A Saunders	Commodore, Meeting Chair
David Ramus	Vice Commodore & Hon. Treasurer
D Skinner	Rear Commodore, Chair Moorings & Maintenance Cttee
C West	Rear Commodore, Chair House Cttee
J Pryke	Director, Captain, Dinghy Section
K Headon	Director, Training Principal
K Phelps	Director, Safety Boat Manager
D Lee	Director, Chair, BSAC
Di Saunders	Director
M Twell	Director
B Watkins	Director
Pat Hill	Director
G Roberts	Director
T Leigh	Ex-officio, Secretary
Jacqui Flood	Ex-officio, Minute Secretary

Apologies:

M Mayall	Director, Publicity
L Woodhams	Director, Sailing Section Captain

Absent:

D McSwein	Director
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What: Action to be completed

Who: Person assigned to complete the Action

When: Deadline; date by which the Action is to be completed by assignee

Status: Ongoing, On Hold, Over Due, Complete

	WHAT	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
283	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING			
	Agreed true record of meeting.			
	Proposed: DSki 2 nd : DL Carried Unanimously			
284	MATTERS ARISING			
284.1	272.1 Membership Matters			
	Item on agenda.			
284.2	272.2 Club Development Plan			
	Item on agenda.			
294.3	272.3 Pigeon Cull			
	GR reported that most of the pigeons had now left, which may have had something to do with the fox that appeared in the yard. The fox has now also left. Moorings & Maintenance will conduct a thorough clean of the area in the Summer and purchase more effective netting.	M&M	Ongoing	Ongoing
284.4	274 Sub Committees			
	KP commented that the House Committee were encouraging the Caterer to sign his contract. KP stated that he had been very unsatisfied with the last two meals he had had at the Club and asked whether other complaints had been received. CW advised that he had received a verbal complaint, which had been dealt with.			

	284.5	277.1 Funds Release – Race Marks			
		TL advised that a FEPA license was not required for the race marks but a CPA was. The MMO advised that if the Club wanted to site the marks before the application was made, they would not have a problem with it. It was therefore agreed that GR should place the order. GR to provide TL with spec for order.	GR/TL	Asap	Ongoing
	284.6	277.2 Funds Release – Safety Boat			
		KP advised that order had been placed.			
	284.7	279 Rule Book			
		Ongoing item.			
	284.8	282.5 – SYC Weather Station on the Web			
		TL advised this was again up and running.			Complete
	284.9	282.6 Wording on Office Shutters			
		CW advised that his committee had discussed this matter and believed that any attempt to remove/amend the wording would cause more damage. They had therefore decided to leave wording as is.			Complete
285		MEMBERSHIP MATTERS			
	285.1	New Members' Listing			
		Listing read through. Noted sad loss of Robert Bannister.			
		Proposed: CW 2 nd : JP Carried Unanimously			
	285.2	Report on New Members' Survey			
		In MM's absence the Commodore advised that Miles had only received one set of feedback. From that it transpires that almost none of those members surveyed receive email communications. They have high praise of the boatyard facilities. Commodore asked those yet to make their calls to do so asap in order that the findings could be reported next meeting.	Survey Takers	Asap	Ongoing
286		RECOGNITION AWARD			
		Commodore reminded all that KP last month made a suggestion that a new recognition award be made with different criteria to that of the Percy Ludgate Trophy. This award could be given to any member, who would include Directors and after discussion it was felt that it should be awarded from the Commodore, with nominations and reasons for nomination being given to him.			
		After further discussion it was agreed that, unless special circumstances, the award(s) would be presented once a year at the AGM. Item to be brought to October meeting, with nominations required for November's meeting. The Commodore would be the only person who would know who the recipient(s) are.	All	October	Ongoing
287		CLUB DEVELOPMENT PLAN			
		The Commodore reported that unfortunately he had not received any communication from the Past Commodore regarding the above. After discussion it was felt that the most expedient way forward would be to start again using noted the Secretary had. Commodore and Secretary to work on this and email to Board before next meeting.	Commodore/TL	Asap	Ongoing
288		FOOTBRIDGE			
		Commodore thanked PH for her recent input in to progress on the footbridge. The Commodore advised that TL, Frank Kay and himself held a meeting with West Sussex County Council and a representative of Osbornes, the contractors, to discuss their plans and the Club's concerns.			

	The Commodore reported that both WSCC and Osbornes took on all the Club's concerns, ie. encroachment on to west access to the Club, effect on dinghy and Sailability sailing in the river and use of the West Slip. The Commodore stated that he would keep the meeting informed.			
	DSki thanked the Commodore and Secretary and stated that he was now quite happy with the way the Club was dealing with this situation.			
289	PUBLICITY STAND – PADDLE ROUND THE PIER			
	KP advised the meeting that the annual Paddle Round the Pier, which will be held on 2 nd and 3 rd July, was one of the biggest events of its kind. It was anticipated that it would attract some 50,000 people this year and KP suggested that the Club may like to take a publicity stand at the event.			
	All agreed that it would be an ideal opportunity to introduce the public to the Club and the Commodore asked KP and MM to get together and bring a proposal forward for April's meeting regarding the cost of stand/materials etc.	KP/ MM	April	Ongoing
290	PARKING ISSUES			
	CW commented that during the summer months the boat park was less full than in winter. His committee has made the suggestion that an area be kept aside for Member parking during this time. DSki stated that Members are now bringing their boats out at different times of the year than previously and for shorter periods. DSki advised that his committee had suggested that the area by the bins could be used but on designating an area it would be difficult to reclaim the area should it be required for boat parking.			
	Discussions were held and it was felt that the current system of parking where possible was the best solution. Comment was made on the masts currently in the boat yard and if they could be moved it would free up more parking spaces.			
	CW asked whether the yellow lines were being adhered to. TL advised that they were still being abused and he had arranged for stickers to be placed on offending vehicles and a log kept. Any persistent offenders would be written to.			
	DSki advised that helpers will be sought for a work party to fill skips with rubbish.	DSki	Ongoing	
291	CORRESPONDENCE			
	None			
292	ANY OTHER BUSINESSES			
	292.1 Youth Team			
	KH proudly announced that the SYC Youth Team had won the Splash FM Sporting Team of 2011. Congratulations were given to the team.			
	292.2 Advertising Banners			
	CW advised that he was seeking planning permission to display banners to attract new members. He expressed concern with the current BSAC banner, which had been up for some while without planning permission. PH suggested that the BSAC banner be removed asap. CW to keep meeting informed of progress.	CW	Ongoing	Ongoing
	292.3 Meeting with Shoreham Port Authority			
	DSki advised that he and GR were holding a meeting with SPA next week and he would report back to April's meeting.	DSki	April	Ongoing
	292.4 Ladder for New Piles			
	GR advised that these were originally sourced at a cost of £200 but on further investigation it was decided that larger, galvanised ones were required at a cost of some £6-700. The Commodore asked DSki to come to	DSki	April	Ongoing

	the next meeting with a proposal for release of funds.				
	292.4	Non-used Vessels on Moorings			
	MT commented that he had been approached by some Members regarding vessels on the moorings that were not used. MT was advised that Club Rule 25 had laid down procedures which should be followed.				
	292.5	SYC Chairs			
	KP asked whether any consideration had been given to his request for the RNLI to borrow the Restaurant Chairs for a forthcoming event. Commodore said they would speak outside the meeting.		AS/KP	Ongoing	Ongoing
	292.6	Lifeboat Ball			
	KP reminded all of the above event and asked if those who were able to could support it as it was Peter Huxtable's last event before he stands down as Coxswain.				
	292.7	Sign on Side Wall			
	KP commented that the sign needed repainting.		TL	Asap	Ongoing
	292.8	ASR Launch			
	KP asked whether there was any update on the ASR Launch. Commodore advised that the item was in the hands of the Club's Solicitors.				
	292.9	On-line Shop			
	DL asked whether there was any further news on the proposed On-line Shop. TL advised he was having a meeting with Steve Vyse on Thursday and would speak with him then.		TL	Asap	Ongoing
	292.10	Heating at Shoreham			
	DSau asked what was happening with the defective heating at Shoreham. TL advised that there were two faults and that Dravo were trying to source a compatible control system. He was waiting to hear from Dravo.		TL	Ongoing	Ongoing
	292.11	On-line Members' Survey			
	JF advised that she had devised a dummy Members' Survey using a company called Survey Monkey. She would liaise with MM on his return from leave to take further.				
	Commodore advised that at the last Lecture it was stated that the preferred method of receiving communication from the Club was by email.				
	He also advised that of the 533 In The Wind emails sent, only 197 were opened. TL stated that most email systems did not actually require the recipient to open the email in order to view it so the figure may not be that accurate.				
	DR asked CW if he could attend the next House Committee meeting as he had concerns regarding attendance at Club events.		CW	Asap	Ongoing
	292.12	HMS Shoreham			
	Commodore advised that HMS Shoreham received the freedom of Shoreham on Saturday and that the signing ceremony took place at SYC. There would be an article and photos in the next Wavelength.		Commodore	Asap	Ongoing
293	DATE OF NEXT MEETING				
	Next meeting Monday 18 th April, although this is subject to change due to ½ year figures being required. All will be kept informed.				

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2121 hours.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 18th April, 2000 hours.

I agree the above to be a true summary of the meeting.
