

SUSSEX YACHT CLUB

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

HELD MONDAY 19th DECEMBER 2011

Present:	A Saunders	Commodore & Chair
	David Ramus	Vice Commodore & Hon. Treasurer
	D Skinner	Rear Commodore, Chair Moorings & Maintenance Cttee
	C West	Rear Commodore, Chair House Cttee
	K Phelps	Director, Safety Boat Manager
	B Watkins	Director
	M Mayall	Director, Publicity
	Di Saunders	Director
	G Roberts	Director, Health & Safety
	M Twell	Director
	Pat Hill	Director
	K Headon	Director, Training Principal
	D Lee	Director, Chair, BSAC
	Terry Kinch	Ex-officio, Director Elect
	Tim Cork	Ex-officio, Director Elect
	Ian O'Dell	Ex-officio, Director Elect, Captain Dinghy Section
	Steve Vyse	Ex-officio, Director Elect
	Dave Norwood	Ex-officio, Director Elect, Chair BSAC
	T Leigh	Ex-officio, Secretary
	Jacqui Flood	Ex-officio, Minute Secretary
Apologies:	L Woodhams	Director, Sailing Section Captain
	J Pryke	Director

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
387	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING			
	Commodore asked all if they had received the communication from Susan Large and her requested amendments to the November Main Committee Minutes. All stated that had and had read them.			
	DSki commented that he was more than happy with the minutes the Minute Secretary had taken and he would only vote on those. DL seconded DSKI's comments. Commodore advised the Committee that at no time did anyone visit him at his house to discuss the matter of the petition.			
	SV asked whether the Board should set a precedent in allowing someone who was not part of the Board? BW commented that Mrs Large attended, and was able to speak, the meeting and therefore had a right to comment on the minutes.			
	It was a proposed that the minutes as taken by the Minute Secretary be accepted as a true summary of the meeting.			
	SV asked whether the Board should set a precedent in allowing someone who was not part of the Board? BW commented that Mrs Large attended, and was able to speak, the meeting and therefore had a right to comment on the minutes.			
	Proposed: DSKI 2 nd : DL For: 9 Ag: 1 (BW)			
	TL advised that KP would have voted against acceptance of the minutes if any of the amendments were accepted.			

	TL asked whether there were any extracts from Mrs Large's comments that should be made part of the official minutes. All those in favour of the proposal agreed that the minutes taken were an accurate reflection of the meeting.			
	CW commented that he believed some of the members were under the misapprehension that the Board were trying to get rid of Ho, which was not the case.			
388	MATTERS ARISING			
388.1	377.1 Mooring Extension at Southwick			
	Item still ongoing.	Dski		Ongoing
388.2	377.2 Club Development Plan			
	To be brought to January's meeting.	Comm		Ongoing
388.3	377.5 Fixture Card			
	Printed, to be distributed with Wavelength.			CLOSED
388.4	381 Shoreham Regeneration			
	Commodore advised that he and Terry Kinch were still to meet with Jane Huntley, Shoreham Harbour Development Manager.	Comm/ TK		Ongoing
388.5	384.4 E-mail from Andrew Smith			
	Commodore advised that he had replied to Mr Smith			CLOSED
390	BAR FRANCHISE - UPDATE			
	Commodore advised that he and Dave Ramus met with Hocine and Giles Weston, Ho's representative, to discuss the matter of the contract and ways forward for the Bar. Commodore also advised that Hocine's account was up to date.			
	Commodore stated that several minor objections to the contract had been made and that the contract was back with the solicitors. Pat Hill advised that one area of conflict was the confidentiality clause as it was believed Hocine's business affairs should not be subject to public knowledge.			
	Commodore advised that the contract would detail the items owned by Hocine, not those owned by the Club, and give opening hours. It also stated that Hocine would be invoiced in arrears and pay by standing order.			
	CW commented that he hoped to arrange another meeting with Hocine, Giles and David to take matters further.			
	MM asked whether longstanding debts should not be brought to the Board's notice? Commodore stated that Hocine was a different case in point. TL advised that when a debt was potentially going to break the three month rule, the Treasurer was advised and he decided what action should be taken as whether the Board should be made aware of the situation. DR stated that dealing with debts from members was different to franchisees.			
391	CATERING FRANCHISE			
	Commodore advised that the current caterer had been offered a short term contract until 31 st March. House Committee will advertise the position and take forward.	CW		Ongoing
	DSki commented that he had enjoyed a couple of meals at the Club recently. BW seconded DSki's comments and that he had enjoyed some excellent meals himself.			
392	NEW MEMBERS' LISTING			
	List read through. SV asked if details of new members' boats, if know, been added to the list.			
	Proposed: DSki 2 nd : DL Carried Unanimously			

393	YACHT CLUB FLOTILLA				
	TL advised that the Club had been approached by a company offering flotilla holidays in Tahiti and they were offering a 30% discount. He asked the Board if they wished him to investigate further. SV asked if the company were ABTA members. TL confirmed they were certified. BW believed that the approach was purely an advertising opportunity for the company and that the Club should not entertain it.				
	TL reminded all that the Club had a history of arranging group flotilla holidays for the members but in past years they had not been taken up.				
394	CORRESPONDENCE				
	394.1	Keith Chittenden			
		Letter from Keith Chittenden thanking the Club for the use of Southwick clubhouse for a Christmas event. They raised £1250 for the Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice in Arundel.			
	394.2	Catering			
		Commodore advised he had received several items of communication regarding the catering. All had been very positive, especially from Lancing Sailing Club, who wished to book next year.			
	394.3	Request from Sailability			
		As request had come from Sailability, via Kevin Headon, for financial help regarding the charges made by the Club for moorings and trailer storage.			
		Sailability receive a 20% discount on mooring fees. KP asked whether they had received the monies donated via the Friends of the Royal Escape. Commodore advised that he still needed to speak with Jill Stevenson, who was still a signatory on the account in order that the monies from the account be accessible by the Club.			
		TK asked whether the Club paid Sailability any monies for the use of the sonars? KH advised that the Club were charged a small charter fee which was paid from the Youth fund. Commodore did remind all the Club does donate a lot of time and money to Sailability already. KH stated that this year, the Youth Team had used the sonars more than Sailability. DSki suggested that the request be passed to Moorings and Maintenance Committee for their discussion and report back next meeting.			
		MM suggested that the Board remit back the monies charged for trailer storage. DR believed this was a good idea. SV suggested that perhaps some Sailability members could get involved with the 2012 Royal Escape Race in some way.			
		Proposal; waive charges for trailer parking at £700. Mooring issue to be dealt with by Moorings and Maintenance.			
		Proposed: MM 2 nd : DR Carried unanimously.			
	394.4	Letter from Commanding Officer of HMS Shoreham			
		Commanding Officer, Sarah West, wrote to the Commodore to thank the Club for hosting HMS Shoreham's ship's company and commented on the excellent food.			
	394.5	Letter from Adur District Council			
		Letter of thanks to the Club for the HMS Shoreham event, again excellent food.			
	394.6	Lt Commander Toby Shaughnessy			
		Letter received from the above introducing himself as the new Lt.			

		Commander of HMS Shoreham and that he hoped to visit the Club when next possible.			
	394.7	SAILABILITY			
		Letter of thanks from Sailability for an excellent Christmas meal.			
	394.8	Pam and Vernon Hardman			
		Letter of thanks received for the very excellent Panto, granddaughter thoroughly enjoyed it.			
395	ANY OTHER BUSINESS				
	395.1	Race Marks			
		GR advised that one race mark was ashore and that Ambex had disappeared. Number 1 mark was off station and hope to bring in next couple of days.	GR		Ongoing
	395.2	Wavelength			
		MM asked if anyone would like to volunteer to co-ordinate the advertising for Wavelength. It would involve liaising with advertisers and getting copy.	All		Ongoing
	395.3	Email from MMO Regarding License			
		TL asked if anyone had any comments on the email he circulated from the MMO on their proposal of awarding a license to the people constructing the new footbridge as the deadline for replies was tomorrow. TL advised that Osbournes, the company building the bridge, wished to give a presentation after the AGM in January.			
	395.4	Footbridge			
		SV asked whether the new footbridge would have any impact on the Club's moorings. Commodore confirmed that it would not.			
396	DATE OF NEXT MEETING				
	Monday 23 rd January 2012				

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2104

The Commodore invited all present to join him for a festive drink in the bar.

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