

SUSSEX YACHT CLUB

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE

HELD MONDAY 23rd APRIL 2012

Present:

A Saunders	Commodore & Chair
D Ramus	Vice Commodore
D Skinner	Rear Commodore, Chair Moorings & Maintenance Cttee
C West	Rear Commodore, Chair House Cttee
L Woodhams	Rear Commodore, Hon. Treasurer
B Watkins	Director
D Saunders	Director
G Roberts	Director, Health & Safety
P Hill	Director
K Headon	Director, Training Principal
T Kinch	Director
T Cork	Director, Sailing Section Captain
I O'Dell	Director, Captain Dinghy Section
S Vyse	Director
D Norwood	Director, Chair BSAC
T Leigh	Ex-officio, Secretary
J Flood	Ex-officio, Minute Secretary

Apologies: M Mayall Director, Publicity

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
445	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING			
	Agreed as true record of the meeting.			
	Proposed: DSau 2 nd : Dski Carried unanimously			
446	MATTERS ARISING			
446.1	431.13 – Crewing Programme			
	TC reported that this item was being investigated by his Committee.	TC		Ongoing
446.2	432 – Southwick Mooring Extension			
	TK advised that the item of the obstructing vessel was being dealt with between himself and the Port.	TK		Ongoing
446.3	432 – Southwick Mooring Extension – Warranty			
	GR informed the meeting that he had not identified the exact warranty offered by Solent Marine for the pontoons but they would have a warranty.			
446.4	432 – Southwick Mooring Extension – Dual Docker System			
	GR reported that he had viewed the dual docker system and believed it inappropriate for the Club's needs.			Closed
446.5	433 – Adele Boysons' Memorial			
	SV distributed details of the trophy he proposed be bought in Mrs Boysons' memory. The cost of the trophy would be £4-500 and he believed it could be funded from the Royal Escape Race. He would advise if he would be seeking additional funds from the Club. After agreement, he would show the proposed trophy to Tony Boysons.	SV		Ongoing
446.6	434 – Bar Franchise Update			

		Commodore confirmed that Giles Weston was in receipt of the final version of Hocine's contract for his signature.	Comm		Ongoing
446.7	435 - Twinning				
		TL advised that Mr Passmore would still like to speak to the Club and was aware that the Club would not be offering any financial assistance.	Awaiting contact		Ongoing
446.8	437.2 – BSAC Membership				
		DN advised that he would speak with his Membership Secretary regarding the item of BSAC Members being Members of SYC.	DN	May	Ongoing
446.9	438 – Sunday Duty Director				
		CW confirmed that his Committee were still to discuss the item. TL reminded that the Office had designed a "Director Available" board. Commodore commented that if all were happy with using this board to show their availability on a Sunday it should be actioned.			
		KH commented that sometimes Directors wanted to visit the Club on a purely social basis. All were advised that they should only inform the Bar to put their photo on the board if they were available for duty.	All		Closed
		Commodore confirmed he would speak to Hocine regarding the utilising of the board.	Comm		Asap
446.10	440.1 – Fixture Card				
		SV reported that this item was in a work in progress and he hoped to have a proof for May's meeting.	SV	May	Ongoing
446.11	440.2 – Members' Survey				
		SV advised he would be bringing this to May's meeting.	SV	May	Ongoing
446.12	440.3 – Members' Report Book				
		SV stated he would reproduce the comments received in the last month and pass to House Committee.	SV	Asap	Ongoing
446.13	440.4 – Club Brochure				
		SV stated that he was still working on this as he wanted the brochure to be a polished article and did not want to rush its publication.	SV		Ongoing
446.14	441 – Port Byelaws – Car Parking				
		TL stated he had spoken with Julian Seaman regarding the issue of cars being left at Southwick during sailing. He had suggested to Julian that the Port could operate a registered car system and Julian confirmed he would investigate this.			
446.15	441 – Port Byelaws - Scrub				
		TL advised he had spoken to Julian regarding the possibility of a spot where vessels could scrub off. Julian advised he would investigate and come back.	TL		Ongoing
447	FINANCE MATTERS				
447.1	Distribution of ½ Year Figures				
		LW asked whether anyone had any queries. Dski commented that expenses were down some £7.5k.			
		KH commented that he believed the Training figures were incorrect. TL commented that the figures were correct but the reason for the reduction had altered due to more in depth recent analysis not available at the time the budgets were drawn.			
		Dski asked that thanks be given to TL and the Boatswains for their excellent work on the diversification results.			
447.2	Budget for 2012/13				
		LW asked whether everyone had seen the proforma and asked if there			

		were any issues. There were none. LW advised that the increase applied was close to RPI where possible. LW asked that if any Section felt that anything needed to be markedly different this should be raised at the Finance Committee and must be justified. He confirmed that the proforma was for guidance.			
		SV asked whether LW could justify to the Membership a 4% increase. GR commented that there were no incentives for Sections to make cuts in their budgets. LW was confident that monies spent would actually be more than RPI. SV stated that transparency was needed for the Members.			
		SV asked whether there would be a possibility of putting targets to the Sections so that prices could be held?			
		LW commented that this was discussed last year and he did not feel that prices should be held. Commodore stated that this discussion should be held at the Finance Committee meeting.			
		CW commented that previously membership income matched salary costs, it was now 40% less. LW advised this was an inappropriate and purely political measure and was a reflection of the decrease in membership fees not in the increase in salaries. There are other measures of income v's expenditure which give more accurate measurement of trends. LW agreed that decreases on some types of membership was a concern which he intended to address in the budget.			
	447.3	Funds Release – Racing Prizes			
		LW advised that funds had been agreed and in order to receive a discounted price the order had already been placed. He apologised for not following procedure on this occasion and asked for retrospective agreement at £1504 plus VAT.			
		Proposed: LW 2 nd : TC Carried unanimously			
	447.4	Funds Release – Strops			
		Dski advised that £800 had been budgeted for this item. He had obtained two quotes and the best one was for £970 inc Vat, for which he was requesting funds release.			
		Proposed: Dski 2 nd : GR Carried unanimously			
	447.5	Broadband Network Increase			
		TL advised that it was agreed at a recent Flag Officers' meeting to increase the broadband coverage at the Club by installing an additional broadband connection in the Bar with an extension through the roof void to the restaurant to extend the range in accordance with member request. The ongoing cost would be £15 per month.			
448		RAMPION WINDFARM			
		LW advised that he had, on behalf of the Club, attended four meetings regarding the proposed windfarm. He was concerned that the company proposing the windfarm did not understand the concerns of sailors and other channel users			
		BW commented that Tim Loughton MP was fronting a campaign against the windfarm, citing that they were inefficient, ugly and not wanted by residents, details were on his website.			
		SV commented he had concern regarding the Royal Escape Race. He believed that the Club should voice concern on safety grounds. It was agreed that Eon needed to understand the impact the farm would have on the Club's activities. SV stated that the Club needed to decide what stance they wished to take either for or against the windfarm.			
		Commodore advised that he had viewed Mr Loughton's website and could not			

	find anything regarding the windfarm on it. SV stated he would make contact with Mr Loughton to ascertain his views.			
	SV stated that before talks are entered in to with Eon a direction must be agreed. Commodore asked the meeting for their views and all agreed that the windfarm was not wanted.			
	TL asked whether anyone knew the Port's view? Dski advised that the Port was anxious to get the maintenance contract and was bidding against Newhaven Port. TL commented that the Club would effectively be going against the Port on this matter.			
	LW reminded that he wanted the Board's agreement for him and SV to enter in to discussions with Eon. GR believed that they could not enter in to dialogue without having a point of view. TK stated that the Board did not want the windfarm and talks could start from this viewpoint but if it were still to go ahead the Club should be kept advised of progress.			
	Proposed: LW and SV shall engage in a dialogue with E.ON working on behalf of the Club and other yacht clubs if they wish in representing the issues affecting our activities and we should seek to minimise, mitigate and offset the impact that this project may have on sailing in the affected area, specifically with regard our largest event; The Royal Escape Race.	LW/SV		Ongoing
	Proposed: LW 2 nd : SV Carried unanimously			
449	MEMBERSHIP MATTERS			
	449.1 New Members' Listing			
	List read through.			
	Proposed: CW 2 nd : DR Carried unanimously			
450	SUSSEX UNIVERSITY SAILING SOCIETY			
	SUSS had made a request to the Club for possible group membership for some of its students. It was agreed, after discussion, that TC would meet with their representative, having first spoken to KH and IOD to take the matter forward.	TC	Asap	Ongoing
	KH reminded the Meeting that SUSS had on two occasions, previously been Members of the Club and the scheme had not worked to either parties benefit.			
451	PUBLICITY MATTERS			
	451.1 Establish Chair of Committee			
	Commodore stated that it was unfortunate that Miles was unable to attend the Meeting but the appointment of a Chair for this committee could not be delayed any further. It was his intention to appoint SV as Chair.			
	SV commented that, in his proposed, new position, he wished to act as publisher of Wavelength, Miles carrying on the excellent work he already does for the magazine as Editor and that he would proof the publication.			
	TL reminded SV that Publicity also had responsibility for New Members.			
	Proposed that SV be appointed Chair of Publicity & New Members' Committee.			
	Proposed: Commodore Carried unanimously			
	451.2 Wavelength			
	TL advised that extra articles were required for the next edition.			
452	HOSEPIPE BAN			
	TL advised that Southern Water had indicated that the Club was considered as a commercial business, which are exempt from the ban. However, he had spoken to two people at Southern Water neither of whom could give a definitive answer to the question of private members using hosepipes in the yard and on the moorings. It was agreed that in the absence of clear instructions from Southern			

	Water, we would do nothing to mitigate use of hosepipes by members on SYC premises although we should be careful of potential abuse.			
453	HEATING SYSTEM SHOREHAM			
	BW advised that he had received tenders for this work and two were considered most appropriate/cost effective. The tender he wished to proceed with came in at £13800 including vat and the proposed system was very good.			
	TC commented that previously quotes were coming in at £9k and asked what the increase was. BW reminded the meeting that he requested £15k for the work and that the £9k quotes did not include VAT nor contingency.			
	BW advised that a start date for the work has yet to be set.	BW		Ongoing
454	CORRESPONDENCE			
	454.1 Planning Application – Old Parcellforce Depot			
	LW commented that a similar application had been made and rejected a couple of years ago. GR asked whether the Club would be making a formal objection. Commodore stated that it should. TL to arrange letter of objection and pass to PH for review. TL asked all present to email him by Friday 27 th April with any particular objections they had in order that all may be included in the letter.	All	27/4	Ongoing
455	ANY OTHER BUSINESS			
	455.1 House Committee Spend			
	CW advised that the House Committee had agreed purchases for a refrigerated cold display cabinet in order that fresh sandwiches are made available behind the bar, a basic BBQ and a basic gazebo.			
	455.2 Club Open Day – 9th June			
	Dski asked if any Directors would not be available on the day. Those who were available would be put on a rota. GR asked whether Cowes Rig was required. It was agreed that Club polo shirts would suffice. TL advised that any Directors who did not have a Club polo shirt could obtain one from the Office. Dski provided each Director with flyers for the Day and ask they be sensibly distributed.			
	455.3 Security at Southwick			
	Commodore advised that on at least two occasions the Southwick Clubhouse had been left unsecured with doors left open and lights left on. The Commodore believed that the access code should be changed at regular intervals. It was also agreed that JF would arrange for the emergency access code to be changed.	Comm /JF	Asap	Ongoing
456	DATE OF NEXT MEETING			
	Monday 21 st May – CW/GR gave apologies.			

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2209

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