

**DRAFT**

**SUSSEX YACHT CLUB  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE  
HELD MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013**

**Present:**

D Ramus	Commodore
T Kinch	Rear Commodore, Chair Moorings & Maintenance Cttee
L Woodhams	Rear Commodore, Hon. Treasurer
T Cork	Director, Sailing Section Captain
D Golding	Director
N Fraser-Betts	Director
K Headon	Director, Training Principal
I O'Dell	Director & Chair Dinghy Committee
G Roberts	Director
M Rummery	Director
D Skinner	Director
A Weber	Director, Safety Boat Manager
G Weston,	Director
T Leigh	Ex-officio, Secretary
Jacqui Flood	Ex-officio, Minute Secretary

**Apologies:**

S Vyse	Vice Commodore, Chair Publicity & New Members
Pat Hill	Rear Commodore, Chair, House Committee
N Haines	Director, Chair BSAC

**Absent:**

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

**SONAR WORLDS PRESENTATION**

The meeting opened with a presentation given by KH and two members of the Club's Youth Team, Olivia Cleary and George Hinchliffe, who will be representing the Club at the Sonar Worlds in America in September at the Rochester Yacht Club, New York.

They gave an outline of all the members of the team, five in total, and a Senior Team; Kevin Headon, Ian O'Dell and Dorian Woolger.

The Board was advised that the Youth Team were running two events to raise funds; try-sail on 21<sup>st</sup> July and a Triathlon on 16<sup>th</sup> August. Full details were on the website and Twitter and George was liaising with Steve Vyse regarding publicity. It was hoped that an interview with Splash FM could be arranged as the team were past winners of a Splash FM award.

The Commodore thanked all for an informative and entertaining presentation.

WHO    WHEN    STATUS

**611 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Commodore asked for any comments. None received.

Proposed: Commodore Carried unanimously

**612 MATTERS ARISING**

**612.1 603.1 – Sussex University**

This item was still ongoing. LW commented that it was getting rather urgent to close the process with the University Sailors as it was only open until the end of the current membership year.

TC Sept Ongoing

**612.2 603.2 – Heart Defib**

DSki reported that this was still ongoing.

Dski Sept Ongoing

**612.3 603.4 – RYA Grant Funding**

Ongoing

SV Sept Ongoing

**612.4 603.7 – Doug Beanlands' Email**

Commodore advised that he had spoken with Messrs Beanlands and Cross and both are happy with the Commodore's proposed course of action.

**612.5 603.9 – Life Membership**

Ongoing

PH Sept Ongoing

**612.6 603.10 – Rule Change**

Ongoing.

PH Sept Ongoing

**612.7 603.13 – West Entrance**

On agenda.

**612.8 603.14 – Rogues Gallery**

All photos now on website.

Closed

**612.9 605 RYA CEO Visit**

On agenda.

**612.10 608 Correspondence – Old Pultenay Awards**

TL advised it had been placed on the website. SV will advise further publicity plans

SV Sept Ongoing

**613 BUDGET APPROVAL**

LW asked all present if they had reviewed the proposed budget and read the proposed spending control procedures and were there any questions concerning these?

Concerns and comments were raised and the Hon. Treasurer answered the questions put to him. LW commented that the lack of attendance at the Budget Meeting meant that he made decisions without, unfortunately, having the input of the Sections not at the meeting.

Following requests for recasting of certain budgetary line items, LW reminded all that the debate should have happened at the Finance meeting and he was not willing to re-hold the meeting. TC commented that there was an increase in his predicted income from £2.5k to £6k. After discussion it was agreed that the income due from RACE, which had been postponed. TC was happy with this course of action.

Commodore stated that perhaps an option would be to re-hold the Finance meeting but reminded all that adequate notification was given and those who were not able to attend should have advised and made alternate arrangements (offered by LW and TL) in advance.

DSki stated that he did attend the meeting and did express his concerns at that time. He stated that he could not vote in favour of the budget whilst certain items remained in (RER carpet replacement and storage cupboards).

Kh commented on the dinghy section budget. It was pointed out this was in line with discussions held prior to deadline (with TL)

GW pointed out that the effective dates on the charges' sheet were incorrect. TL to amend.

TL      Asap

Concern was raised at the budget for the Bar refurbishment. The Commodore accepted that some of the Membership were concerned about the figure of £50k being budgeted but this figure also included works that would have to be done whether the Bar were being refurbished or not in order to keep the Clubhouse in good repair (electrics etc).

LW reminded the Board that there were very few items on the budget that would automatically be paid, these mainly being utilities. Other items of expenditure would require Board authority and LW assured the Board that items would not go through "on the nod".

LW commented that there were a few ways of handling the situation; 1) start again and hold a new meeting 2) go as stand with the control measures as proposed. This would permit items not budgeted for, can be purchased if they are essential to providing the services and facilities that the members require and that funds permit. Contentious items such as the RER carpet as objected to by DSki, Bar Refurbishment (which would require a full project quantified schedule of rates), replacement Dory for dinghy and training section, would all require debate and no expenditure without the express permission of the board.

Commodore asked LW to hold a separate meeting with AW and TC to discuss their individual concerns and ensure future budgets were

administered properly. All agreed.

Dski commented that he believed the Flag Officers were demeaning the past work carried out by previous boards. TK stated that this was not the case, if anything everyone present knew how much thanks should be given to those who went before. TK further reinforced Flag commitment to ensuring that the hard won achievements of previous incumbents should not be allowed to fall into disrepair and the current generation of officers must ensure that ongoing maintenance and repairs/replacements are carried out so as these assets are kept to the highest standard. All agreed.

Proposal: Budget as presented with the removal of the £3.5k RACE income and the revised spending control procedures.

Proposed: LW For: 7 Ag: Dski, AW, TC Ab: NFB GR Carried

#### **614 RYA CEO VISIT**

KH gave details of Sarah Treseder's visit on 24<sup>th</sup> July. She will be visiting at approximately 1500 for about one hour. She is visiting two clubs in Sussex and wants to get a greater understanding of how the clubs operate in the South East. Her office has issued a request for the information she requires. KH gave the bullet points and asked all to contribute for suggested answers. The questions were:

- What are you doing that really works?
- How has funding helped?
- What issues are there looking forward?
- Membership v. income?
- Where are you hoping to be in the future?

All Asap

GR commented that Sarah should be advised on how the Club integrates and works with the local community, ie. assisting the Port and other neighbours.

#### **614 WATER ACTIVITY GROUP**

KH advised that the first meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July. The group wanted to look at what activities had been held and what could happen in the future and possibly expand it. They looked at the replacement of key people and how this can be achieved. In KH's opinion, numbers participating have fallen in dinghy and keelboat racing. The group has suggested Open events, focusing on on the water activities. Minutes will be circulated and further meetings will be held. LW commented that the Sailing Section's proof of participation would be with the autumn season. LW also reminded all that a lot of Club yachts compete elsewhere. The group's aim is to improve and sustain on the water activities.

#### **615 WEBSITE AND WAVELENGTH**

Commodore congratulated SV on the production of a fantastic edition of Wavelength. It was anticipated that two more issues would be produced before the end of the calendar year if feasible. Dski also

Section Heads Asap

commented on the new design of the website and a vote of thanks was given to SV for his work on this. TL asked, in SV's absence, that all Section review their information on the new website for accuracy/spelling etc and advise SV of any changes required asap. Comm asked all to submit editorial and photos of on water activities and adventures.

#### **616 WEST ENTRANCE**

TL advised that the Club would not get a DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) compliant ramp. TL advised that a drawing had been received showing that Osbornes and WSCC were reticent not to carry the ramp farther than the entrance. Their only legal obligation was to replace the ramp. A subsequent meeting had been held and a compromise solution discussed. SYC awaits further response from WSCC and Osbornes once they have considered internally. TK stated that once actual drawings are agreed, the Club could start improving the west entrance.

GR stated he was concerned at the gradient 1:5.3 was hazardous. TK advised that he was waiting for a revision of the drawing. LW believed the Club may have some come back under the Public Rights of Way Act and would investigate further.

LW      Asap      Ongoing

KH left the meeting at 2157

#### **617 COMMENTS BOOK**

GW read through the comments received since the last meeting. Some items were given immediate written response in the book, others required further investigation and would be discussed at the next House Committee.

GW      Asap      Ongoing

DSki advised that he had arranged with the Caterer to provide bacon and sausage butties for both days of the SYC Regatta but he did not show up on the Sunday. GW stated he would raise this issue at the House Committee.

GW      Asap      Ongoing

The Board approved that House Committee would deal with the comments and respond as they felt appropriate.

GR left the meeting at 2214

#### **618 RNLI OPEN DAY**

Dski reminded all that the Board would be voting on ex-probationary members from July 2012, which totalled some 61 people. Due to many factors, the Club was unable to hold an Open Day in July 2013. Dski thanked Tim and Kate Leigh for their help on the day as well as Pat Hill, Dave Golding and also Jennie, David's wife, and their family for also helping. In DSki's opinion, the day was an opportunity to speak to the public and canvas for membership. He was disappointed at the lack of volunteers to assist on the day.

Dski advised that the Club ran a draw at the event, offering a day's sailing and lunch for two. The Commodore randomly selected five winners. TL to contact winners. Dski asked for volunteers to take the winners sailing (TK, TC, Dski, DR, LW, MR, DG all offered), his suggestion was a pursuit. Commodore and Board passed their thanks to David for his hard work before and on the day.

TL      Asap      Closed

## **619 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

### **619.1 New Members' Listing**

List read through.

Proposed: Comm      Carried Unanimously

## **620 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **620.1 Letter from Deana**

A card had been received from Deana, thanking the Club and its Members for her present and her time here over many years.

### **620.2 Lambert Smith Hampton**

TL advised that he had received a letter from the above company, who the late Charles Partridge worked for and who advise the Club on matters relating to rates. The Club has been advised not to pursue a re-evaluation appeal submitted in summer 2010 by TL and Charles for the Club as it was believed this would now be detrimental. All agreed not to pursue. TL to write and advise.

## **621 AOB**

### **621.1 BSAC Membership**

LW advised that BSAC were given 12 months to look at their membership regarding their members being members of SYC, as they have an agreement with the Club that all 007 members were to be members of SYC. The situation has declined, although the number of 007 members who are members of SYC has increased slightly. LW confirmed he was still waiting for an up to date membership listing from BSAC.

### **621.2 Funds Release Requests**

LW asked all that when requests were submitted for funds release, figures quoted should include VAT.

### **621.3 Sailing Section Calendar**

TC asked if anyone had any comments on the distributed draft calendar. He stated that there would be more sailing but spread out. SYC were hosting the Sussex Regatta in 2014

and his Committee were looking at hosting it totally at Southwick.

**621.4 Sailing Section Vice Captain**

Dski advised that TC had asked him to become Vice Captain. Dski accepted the position protem on the understanding he would stand for election at the section agm on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

**621.5 Antifoul on Floor**

IOD advised that there was some old antifoul on the floor, which had not been cleared up and was being walked in to the Clubhouse. TL to arrange removal.

TL      Asap

**621.6 Club Loan**

TL advised that after next month, the Club would be debt free for the first time in many years.

**621.7 Directors on Leave**

TL asked that when Board members are on leave, could they advise the office so that they are not chased for replies etc to emails phone calls and general enquiries.

All                      Closed

**622 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 2000h RER, Shoreham

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2240

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

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