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**SUSSEX YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE
HELD MONDAY 21ST JULY 2014**

Present:

D Ramus	Commodore
T Kinch	Rear Commodore, Chair Moorings & Maintenance Cttee
L Woodhams	Rear Commodore, Hon. Treasurer
D Golding	Director, Buildings Maintenance Committee
N Fraser-Betts	Director, House Committee
K Headon	Director, Training Principal
G Roberts	Director, Moorings & Maintenance Committee
M Rummery	Director, Moorings & Maintenance Committee
D Skinner	Director, Moorings & Maintenance Committee
A Weber	Director, Safety Boat Manager
G Weston	Director, House Committee
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
Hazel Arnold	Director, Rally Secretary
T Cork	Director, Sailing Section Captain
M Naldrett	Director, Chair BSAC Committee

Absent: J Pryke Director, Chair, Dinghy Committee

KH Joined meeting 2015

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

WHO WHEN STATUS

760 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 16TH JUNE 2014

Agreed true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Commodore For: 8 Ab: 1 (GW) Carried

761 MATTERS ARISING

761.1 753.3 Wavelength

In SV's absence, TL advised that he had requested an update on the status of Wavelength from SV but had not yet received a reply. Considerable concern was expressed as to the lateness of the publication given it has been promised since March when it was then six months overdue. Commodore confirmed he would speak urgently with SV and communicate a publication date via the secretariat.

Comm Asap Ongoing

761.2 753.1 – Bar Refurbishment Update

LW advised that the contractors to whom he had been speaking had now withdrawn their interest in the job. It has been decided to conduct the work requested by the Environmental Health Officer. Funds for the refurbishment will be carried over until next year for a full refurbishment. He advised that he did have an alternative contractor and would source others for quotation.

LW advised that he was experiencing difficulty obtaining quotations as the sum involved was considered too small by most contractors to warrant them investing their time, although far from a small sum for the Club.

LW confirmed that the work required by Environmental Health in the Cellar had now been completed and he thanked MR and TL.

LW

Ongoing

761.3 753.2 – EPOS Till

TK advised that he had regrettably not been able to proceed further with this item and will bring it to September's meeting.

TK

Sept

Ongoing

KH joined meeting 0815

761.4 759.4 – Sailability Parking

TK reported that after the recent chaos of Sailability parking, he attended one of the committee meetings to discuss a way forward. The Club purchased barriers and a sign for Sailability, which was used at a recent sailing day and proved very successful. Sailability also had a person responsible for parking, which was also a success. Item now closed.

761.5 Alan Chaplin

Background: Mr Chaplin wrote to the Club following the Black Rock Race querying the handicap method used for the Race. The Commodore asked JP and SV to investigate this matter.

The board was advised that SV and JP had investigated the matter and were satisfied that the correct handicaps had been used on the day and that the results were upheld.

SV had written to Mr Chaplin explaining the rationale and as no reply has been received assume Mr Chaplin was satisfied with the response received.

762 BUDGET APPROVAL

LW asked whether anyone had any queries on the distributed budget papers. There were none. LW thanked all for their input to the budget and confirmed that the Office now held copies of all Section budgets.

LW asked whether anyone had any questions of a more general

nature?

DSki advised that he had been provided by the Office a balance sheet that showed a sum of £540k in cash reserves. LW reminded all budget holders that they were able to get a breakdown of their budgets from the Office upon request.

GR commented that many Members may not be happy that the Club has such a large amount in the bank. LW reminded all that the funds were not held in one account for security and the funds were there to cover replacement of depreciating assets such as the travel hoist.

LW stated that the Club has been generating a surplus of funds in the region of £50-60k per annum, which has built up. There were many reasons as to why there was a large sum of money currently in the bank; the Bar Refurbishment did not proceed and monies are held in reserve for known, future expenditures, ie hoist replacement

LW commented that projects that had been completed had been done so well and in budget. He would rather that a project be delayed and completed properly than rushed

LW proposed the budget as drafted and distributed to the board:

Proposed: LW 2nd: Commodore Carried unanimously

763 PURCHASING PROCEDURES

LW asked if there were any questions regarding the new Purchasing Procedures, effective October 2014. It did not differ vastly from the previous procedure. The main change being that budget holders would be allowed to give the Office delegated authority so that the Office did not have to seek approval of pre-advised, within budget items. LW asked that all budget holders provide TL with their criteria if they so desired.

Proposed: LW 2nd: TK Carried unanimously

764 OPEN DAY REPORT

Dski reported that as a result of the Open Day the Club gained 13 new memberships, 27 new Members with an income of £2487 against a spend of just over £1000 of which some £500 is for material that can be reused for future Open Days.

Dski asked that consideration be given for next year that a high tide date would be preferable to the Club. Commodore said he would speak with the Beach Dreams organisers regarding dates for 2015. Commodore thanked all those who helped at both locations.

Comm

Ongoing

765 SAILABILITY DONOR REQUEST

TL advised that there was a possibility of Sailability receiving a substantial donation, of some £12k from the Sussex Division of "Wooden Spoon". The donor was asking for a plaque to be erected

at the Club to mark their donation. TL was seeking the Board's views.

Dski said he would be in favour of such a plaque if it were small and tasteful. TK stated that he was in agreement if it were a way of securing donations but perhaps it, and any future ones, were time limited for display purposes and only for an amount in excess of a specific sum.

GW commented that he did not like plaques and wondered whether offering the donor advertising in x editions of Wavelength might be an alternative.

Commodore stated that in principle all in agreement and when full details are received from donor, if donation happens, it should be passed to House Committee to action. TL to respond to John MacTear.

TL Asap Ongoing

766 COMMENTS BOOK

GW reported that there had been no new, dated comments since March and one un-dated complimenting the Bar on their stock of red wine.

767 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

List read through, noted majority of applicants were from the Open Day.

A discussion was held regarding one new applicant, which is in the Confidential Minutes of this meeting.

After discussion, it was agreed that this applicant would be written to, advising them that their application would be considered again at September's meeting.

TL Asap Ongoing

A further discussion was held regarding a new applicant and as to whether his partner should also join the Club. It was decided that until such time as their partner exceeded the six visit rule, it was permissible for their membership to be as a Single Member. Office to monitor.

767.1 Nigel Haines and Jack Voss

Commodore noted the passing of both Nigel and Jack. Nigel, a past Chair of BSAC and Director of SYC was tragically killed in a diving accident in Malta. His funeral will be held on Tuesday 22nd July and donations are to the RNLI.

Jack Voss was the Admiral of BMYC and Honorary Member of the Sussex Yacht Club. Jack worked closely with SYC, especially with the Royal Escape Race. Both will be missed.

Proposed: Commodore

Carried unanimously

768 CORRESPONDENCE

TL reported that he did not have any correspondence with the exception of an update letter from the new Commander of HMS Shoreham. Once this has been acknowledged, TL will distribute to all.

TL Asap Ongoing

768.1 Letter from Member Regarding Their Account

Due to the confidential nature of the subject, this minute is noted in the Confidential Minutes of the meeting.

769 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

769.1 SYC's 125th Anniversary

GW reminded all that SYC will celebrate its 125 Anniversary in 2017 and he believed that work should start now on planning a celebration. Dski concurred as the planning for the 100th Anniversary took two years. It was decided that the Membership would be asked for ideas and volunteers to plan the celebrations. This would be addressed at the Forum in September and advertised. Dski advised that he was willing to advise the Forum on what was involved in the 1992 celebrations.

TL Asap Ongoing

769.2 Donation to Sailability

TL advised that Sailability has been chosen as Sainsbury's West Hove Branch's "Charity of the Year".

769.3 Dilapidation Report Southwick

TL advised that the survey is running at some 250 pages and the surveyor from Parsons Son and Basley hopes to be able to provide it to the Club shortly. The Office will scan and put on memory sticks for the Board.

769.4 Royal British Legion – Every Man Remembered

TL advised that the Club, along with many households, had received a request from the Legion for a donation in remembrance of those who lost their lives in WWI, either a known or unknown person. All agreed that the Club should provide a donation exceptionally given the key anniversary this year. The Legion was suggesting £19.14 but the Board wished to give £191.40. A poppy with a message from the Club would be planted in France.

769.5 Future of Southwick

LW advised that he had heard many versions of what the Club was doing with Southwick. He wanted the Membership advised and proposed that it be discussed at the Forum in September. Office to advertise.

TL Asap Ongoing

769.6 West Entrance

Dski advised that a small group had been set up to discuss

the proposed new West Entrance. He would have a report available for September's meeting. LW asked if it could be made available before the meeting. Dski said it could be.

Dski Asap Ongoing

769.7 Monarch's Walk Association

Dski advised that the film made by one of his crew on the Monarch's Walk and the transporting of a late walker's ashes to Fecamp will be made available to the Club shortly.

769.8 Match Racing Evening

KH thanked all on behalf of the Youth Team for a successful Match Race evening. Some £315.60 was raised. Commodore thanked all for a fantastically organised event and wished them good luck for Cowes.

769.9 New Member

Commodore congratulated Marco and his partner Elizabeth on the arrival of their new baby daughter, Isabella.

770 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th September 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2207

Date of Next meeting: Monday 15th September 2014.

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

