

**DRAFT**

**SUSSEX YACHT CLUB  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE  
HELD MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2013**

**Present:**

D Ramus	Commodore
S Vyse	Vice Commodore, Chair, Publicity & New Members
Pat Hill	Rear Commodore, Chair, House Committee
L Woodhams	Rear Commodore, Hon. Treasurer
D Golding	Director
N Fraser-Betts	Director
N Haines	Director, Chair BSAC
K Headon	Director, Training Principal
I O'Dell	Director & Chair Dinghy Committee
M Rummery	Director
D Skinner	Director
A Weber	Director, Safety Boat Manager
G Weston,	Director
T Leigh	Ex-officio, Secretary
Paula Fox	Ex-officio, Minute Secretary

**Apologies:**

T Kinch	Rear Commodore, Chair, Moorings & Maintenance Cttee
T Cork	Director, Sailing Section Captain
Graham Roberts	Director

**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

**602 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**WHO    WHEN    STATUS**

Agreed true summary of the meeting.

Proposed: Commodore    2<sup>nd</sup>: SV    Carried Unanimously    DSki ab

**603 MATTERS ARISING**

**603.1 582.2 – Sussex University**

TC    Sept    Ongoing

This item is still ongoing.

**603.2 582.3 – Heart Defib**

DSki reported that this item is still ongoing.

DSki    Sept    Ongoing

**603.3 582.5 – Wavelength**

SV advised that he was still awaiting the new bar plan for Wavelength and as soon as this was received Wavelength would go straight to press.

**603.4 582.6 – RYA Grant Funding**

This item was still ongoing

SV Sept Ongoing

**603.5 582.9 – Funds Release Gift for Deana**

Commodore reported that a small gathering was held for Deana last week, she was presented with £200 from the club members, £200 from the club, a card and a plaque. Deana was very happy with this.

CLOSED

**603.6 582.12 – Bar Committee**

Commodore advised that a meeting had been arranged with the bar committee to discuss plans further.

**603.7 582.13 - Doug Beanland's Email**

Commodore advised that he was still to speak with Messrs Beanlands and Cross.

Comm ASAP Ongoing

**603.8 582.15 – Tarmount Hard**

LW advised that he attended the Planning Meeting today and informed that the developers had won approval for the Parcellforce site plus £69k for the development of Tarmount Hard. The proposed plan is to level the area with steps to give proper access to the water. A planning application will be finalised following consultation. This item will now be passed to Mooring & Maintenance to arrange further details with the developers. This is a great result for the club and LW thanked all involved for their help and support.

**603.9 582.17 – Life Membership**

This item was ongoing.

PH      ASAP      Ongoing

**603.10 584 – Rule Change – Rule 5**

TL spoke with the insurers and Richard Ogden who advised against the proposed change but would suggest a suitable rule (received). PH stated that the club needs to come up with a parking scheme.

PH/TK/  
GW      ASAP      Ongoing

**603.11 586.2 – Budget Requirements**

LW stated that he was still waiting for budget details from the sailing & dinghy committees. Reserve funds will be held for specific projects. LW thanked everyone for giving their budget info to him. Budget figures will be finalized on Thursday, with draft proposal hoping to be distributed at the weekend. Budget holders should review and discuss before the meeting to avoid an all night session. LW remains available to discuss at any time. The budget must balance.

**603.12 587 – Member Survey**

This item is now closed.

Closed

**603.13 589 – West Entrance**

SV advised that TL had received sketches from Osbournes which were not acceptable. We are currently waiting alternate sketches which are ideally DDA compliant.

TK      ASAP      Ongoing

**603.14 592 – Rogues Gallery**

Not everyone has sent in photos yet.

All      ASAP      Ongoing

**603.15 595 Changing Room Refurb**

TL advised that he has invited Mr Lainchbury to the next BMC meeting which he has accepted.

**603.16 598.1 New Members Listing**

The last list has been retrospectively reissued.

Closed

**603.17 600.4 Donation by SPA**

This subject is now closed

Closed

**603.18 600.5 Youth World's Championships in America**

KH advised that plans are going well to take the Youth Team to America. The boats and sails have been sourced, photographs have been taken of the team for promotional purposes. LW advised that KH has requested no financial requirement from the club. KH advised that the team will be writing a blog during the tour. KH advised that the Olympic team will be available to help the youths with boats and sails. Commodore praised KH for all his work in organising this tour. DSki suggested it may be worth contacting the local press as this may be of interest to them.

**604 NAMS (New Active Member Scheme)**

SV advised that he has taken on board the comments from the last meeting and made changes accordingly as detailed in the revised proposal. He doesn't believe that we can get the usual 100 members this year without this sort of marketing. SV asked if there were any questions regarding the revised proposal.

DSki agreed that more needs to be done to attract new members, if members are dropping the boat owners are financing the club. DSki showed concern re clause on training, SV agreed one point was incorrect (SV to correct). DSki also raised concern over DD payments and whether members would be informed when they change to standard membership. TL stated that everyone would get a letter of invitation when they change to full membership.

DSki also raised concern over the open day in view of the delayed bridge works. SV stated that the club is in a perfect location to hold opening celebrations. Open Day could coincide with this.

DSki asked for help in the distribution of Open Day leaflets. SV stated that he would organise this together with production of leaflets to promote open day and the new NAMS scheme.

LW was concerned that the scheme may be seen as a discounted scheme but agreed that with good communication and marketing the scheme can succeed but every section will need to promote this on every level.

Proposed: SV 2<sup>nd</sup>: Commodore Carried unanimously

#### **605 RYA CEO Visit**

KH stated that he has been asked if the RYA CEO can make a short visit the club on 24<sup>th</sup> July, as we are one of the most active clubs in the area. This will not be a formal visit but just general discussion and look around. KH suggested getting the youth team down for this and welcomes any suggestions from others.

KH

ASAP

Ongoing

SV suggested that she may like to visit the canal, LW suggested 20 mins at Southwick then 20mins at Shoreham. KH to contact RYA to see what she would like to see on the day.

#### **606 Comments Book**

PH advised that there were 3 comments in the book.

The menu from the conservative club has now been attached and it was noted that prices were incredibly cheap and we would not be able to compete.

There was also a comment raising concern that the club was not involved in Riverfest. SV stated that after attending a Riverfest meeting it was clear there was little SYC could do to assist in 2013 especially with the closure of our west entrance. He would keep in touch with organisers regarding 2014 event.

There was also a comment about the state of the flag but NFB

informed that this has now been rectified.

### **607 Membership Matters**

TL informed that deaths of 2 additional members Rod Patching and Chris Cox. The Patching family were looking at 24<sup>th</sup> June for Rod's wake, there should be some club representation at this wake if family wish it.

Proposed: Commodore 2<sup>nd</sup>: PH Carried Unanimously

### **608 Correspondence**

TL advised that we have been invited to partake in the Old Pultenay Scotch Whisky Awards. SV agreed to take this on.

SV July Ongoing

### **609 Any Other Business**

#### **609.1 Yacht in Dinghy Park**

IOD expressed concern over a yacht in the dinghy park. TL advised that it was only there because the hoist could not move it at present.

#### **609.2 NAMS**

NH asked when NAMS was to be introduced, SV advised that he would work with the office for imminent implementation.

#### **609.3 Bar**

AW asked why the bar wasn't open on a Tuesday after Cadet night. TL advised that the agreement was that the steward could close the bar if there were no customers for a 1 hour period. He suggested that AW ring the bar to let Ho know they were coming on a Tuesday evening.

AW also requested if the bar could stock bottles of ale for backup when the draft ale is off. PH to ask bar. PH

#### **609.4 Hoist Failure**

TL advised that the hoist wheel failed last week. Wise will repair asap, parts should be ready this week and fixing will take place next week. Club is hoping for nil costs as it was a 'lifetime' part which failed. The situation may also involve an insurance claim. LW advised that the office are keeping a record of any costs incurred and praised and thanked all office and yard staff who operated very well in a difficult situation.

**609.5 Date for Footbridge Opening**

TL informed that the latest planned date for the opening of the footbridge is 3<sup>rd</sup> September. There will be a soft opening on the first day for the public but an official opening will take place later maybe even next year as the council have requested a Royal for the opening.

**609.6 RNLI Open Day**

TL advised that we plan to have a stall at the RNLI Open Day and asked who will be manning it. SV advised he will get back to Tim with details. LW enquired as to whether DSki was manning it. DSki wants to be involved but was unsure what is required for the table.

SV/DSk ASAP Ongoing

**609.7 Press**

TL questioned whether we should appoint a press officer to get the club more coverage in the local papers. SV advised that we have tried on previous occasions but the press do not seem interested. SV is pursuing twitter feed as an alternate.

**610 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 2000h RER, Shoreham

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2143.  
I agree the above to be a true summary of the meeting.

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