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**SUSSEX YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE
HELD MONDAY 28th OCTOBER 2013**

Present:

D Ramus	Commodore
S Vyse	Vice Commodore, Chair Publicity & New Members
Pat Hill	Rear Commodore, Chair, House Committee
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
N Haines	Director, Chair BSAC
K Headon	Director, Training Principal
G Roberts	Director
M Rummery	Director
D Skinner	Director
G Weston,	Director
T Leigh	Ex-officio, Secretary
Jacqui Flood	Ex-officio, Minute Secretary

Apologies:

A Weber	Director, Safety Boat Manager
I O'Dell	Director & Chair Dinghy Committee

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

WHO WHEN STATUS

646 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 16TH SEPTEMBER 2013

All agreed true summary of the meeting.

Proposed: Commodore Carried unanimously.

645 MATTERS ARISING

645.1 624.1 – Sussex University

TC advised that 14 had signed up and their forms were with the Membership Secretary. He believed there were another seven applications to come. TC stated that the University Sailing Club were intending to hold a charity event for Sussex Sailability on 25th November and hold a social event at the

Club on 7th November.

645.2 624.2 – Heart Defib

Dski reported that he was waiting to ascertain the footfall from the west entrance when reopened before taking item further.

DSKI Ongoing

645.3 624.3 – RYA Grant Funding

Item ongoing.

SV/KH Ongoing

645.4 612.5 & 612.6 – Life Membership & Rule Change

PH advised that she will distribute her papers on these items for discussion at the next meeting.

PH Asap Ongoing

645.5 624.6 – Old Pultenay Awards.

SV confirmed that the Club's application has been submitted and item is closed.

Closed

645.6 624.11 – RNLi Open Day

Skippers reminded that winner's lunch will be held this Sunday. All those who have not heard from their winners are to ascertain whether they are attending. JF asked skippers to advise if they would be bringing a guest.

Skippers Asap Closed

645.7 625 – Cine Film

SV advised that Capt. Spurling's son was going to take legal advice regarding ownership of the film in light of the Club's request to show the converted films on the website and at events. SV was waiting to hear from him.

SV Ongoing

645.8 633.1 – Main Entrance Barriers

GR advised that he had drawn up a preliminary plan for the proposed new barriers. Further work was still required and he would bring back to a future meeting.

GR Ongoing

645.9 644.5 – New Barrier Key

TL advised that all those who required keys for the new barrier had received them.

Closed

646 BOARD RESOLUTION VIA EMAIL

TL wished it noted in the minutes that agreement was given by the Board via email for the release of £5,750, proposed by SV and TK for the recladding of the east elevation and remedying the vents above the east elevation and also tidying the main entrance.

647 BAR FRANCHISE

The Commodore advised the meeting that Hocine had requested a year's sabbatical for personal reasons. The Club is more than willing to accommodate this request. Hocine had asked if the Club would "caretake" the Bar during his absence and the Commodore wished to discuss possibilities. The rest of this minute is in the confidential minutes.

MR joined the meeting at 2017.

648 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

All agreed had read. LW asked for any questions. TC asked for explanations on items that had an 10%+ variance year on year. LW stated he would include these in his annual report to all members.

Dski commented that over the last four years membership income had decreased and employment expenses had increased by 21%. LW advised that there had been an increase because of the cleaning function being brought in-house and also because of additional hours required for the Training Administrator. It was pointed out that no staff have received an increase even in line with inflation for the last seven years.

SV enquired about the figures pertaining to Wavelength. TL stated he

would look in to the item and report directly to him.

Proposed: LW 2nd: GR Carried unanimously

649 AGM DATE

Commodore advised that due to the Bar refurbishment, the AGM will be held on Saturday 11th January 2014.

650 HRH Visit 13th NOVEMBER

TL advised that on the day the Duke will arrive at 1150 with about 100 other guests arriving at 1130. He would stay here for canapés and tea, he will then open the bridge and depart. The rest of the guests will return for food and drink through the afternoon.

All were reminded that the event is being paid for by WSCC.

650 FUNDS RELEASE – BALCONY FURNITURE

PH advised that she was looking for funds release as per her distributed papers for replacement tables and chairs for the balcony in the sum of c.£5000, which was budgeted.

Proposed: PH 2nd: LW Carried unanimously

650 FUNDS RELEASE – NEW SIGNAGE

SV advised that the east elevation had now been cleaned and he was proposing that new signage of the Club's logo be placed there. He had sought five quotations and the most competitive had been from a company in Portslade. SV was asking for release of funds of £1,300 for the sign and permission to proceed with the order pending planning being agreed as indications were it would be acceptable to WSCC.

Proposed: SV 2nd: TK Ab: GR Carried

651 COMMENTS BOOK

PH read through the comments received since the last meeting. One Member enquired as to why the Club did not recycle. TL advised that the Club did have dedicated recycling bins in the past but they were used as general waste bins by members, which incurred a double charge from the Council and therefore were withdrawn. TL added that the Office does recycle, which entails a member of staff taking the recycling home and placing in their own bin.

Rory Dryden commented that he was refused lunch on a Thursday. It was regretted that this happened but the Restaurant opening times are advertised and it is not open on a Thursday. TL advised that the Caterer is more than happy to make special arrangements for a day he is not open if he is given sufficient notice.

It was asked whether fishing was allowed from Shoreham and if it were not whether a sign could be erected. TL advised that there was no specific rule. SV advised that he had been approached by the Members who wrote the question and he had advised them the same. Item to be passed to M&M for discussion at their next meeting..

TK Asap

652 CLUB FORUM

TK commented that he had been misquoted in the minutes pertaining to charges for structures in the yard. He wished it noted that the minute should read; *“A query was raised regarding the amount of ground space the structure was covering in the yard. Terry Kinch confirmed that the owner was being charged in accordance with the current Club charging policy and that this applies to any Member undertaking such a project. Should any changes to be made to the policy, they would be applied to all Members in the same way”*.

SV advised that he had spoken to Sailability regarding their use of disabled parking bays on Sailability days by able bodied drop off drivers. They stated they would speak to their Members and ask them to remove vehicles once the disabled sailors had alighted in order that other blue badge holding Club Members may use the bays.

Proposed: Commodore Ab: GW, TC (not present) Carried

653 FIXTURE CARD

KH advised that he had Training/Sailability and Dinghies but they still needed to be worked on due to clashes.

KH Asap Ongoing

654 CLUB BROCHURE

SV advised that the Club brochure had been delivered but he had a serious problem with the production in as much as they had included an advert from Hove Lagoon Watersports for RYA training, which was in competition with the Club. He felt this was totally inappropriate. SV asked the Board if they would like him to speak to Hove Lagoon for some form of reciprocal agreement. KH advised that this had been tried in the past but with little success.

SV enquired whether the Board would like him to seek retribution from the publishers? LW stated that the brochure was very good and he did not believe the advert would hurt the Club.

SV stated that he would report back on the legal advice he had sought. GW believed that the publishers should agree that they had breached their contract in not supplying SV with a list of advertisers prior to publication.

SV Asap Ongoing

All agreed excellent brochure.

GW stated that they should not be distributed until legal advice received. Agreed.

655 MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

List read through. Regret was expressed with the resignation of some long time Members. LW stated he would speak with one of them, who had moved abroad, to encourage him to take out Overseas Membership.

Proposed: Commodore Carried unanimously

656 SONAR WORLDS

KH asked if he could defer this item as he would like members of the Youth Team to give a presentation to the Board. He did advise that they did very well at the event and the RYA have asked them to give two presentations. KH hoped they would be able to attend the December meeting.

KH

Ongoing

657 WATER ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP

KH reminded all that this group was set up to look at sailing activities in the Club and how to increase participation. KH stated he would welcome comments/suggestion from all. It was his hope to hold another meeting for an update.

658 CORRESPONDENCE

TL advised that he had received a letter from Arun Yacht Club in response to a complaint made by SYC as SYC Members were charged non-Member rates at the AYC bar during this year's rally. AYC have always given SYC Members, Member rates for this event. AYC apologised for the error and advised that their Commodore would be contacting SYC's Commodore. They stated they were looking forward to next year's rally and "would make it up to us".

TC asked that he be kept informed of any further communication in order that he may share it with the Rally Secretary.

659 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

659.1 Storm Preparations

TK advised that steps were taken to secure the premises and yard. The Secretary stayed on the premises all night conducting hourly walk rounds as did some boat owners. One vessel sustained substantial damage in its cradle, two others were dislodged from their cradles and several were shaking in

their cradles. The hoist was used to protect one vessel from falling over and extra props put on others. At Southwick all yachts were fine but there was damage to one dinghy. The Boatswain, who was on leave, came to the yard at 0530. One vessel submerged. A crane was ordered for the damaged yacht. The Club did not suffer as much damage as it could due, mainly, to the efforts of the staff.

Dski asked that the item be discussed at the next M&M meeting.

659.2 Fire in Clubhouse

TL advised that on 28th at c1130 there was a fire in the Ladies Changing Room, which was noticed by an off duty Fire Officer, who was driving past. The Clubhouse was cleared for some 1½ hours. TL confirmed he had spoken to the Club's insurer. SV asked whether it was known what had started the fire? TL stated that it could be a build up of dirt and dust or something could have jammed the motor. It was not thought to be an electrical fault as the breakers did not trip. SV asked whether the smoke detectors went off. TL advised that they did not, as the large majority of the smoke was going outside and the door was not open. TL will manage the clear up and insurance claim

659.3 Chair of BSAC

In light of his resigning from the Chair of BSAC, TL asked Nigel Haines if he would continue to attend Board meetings until the AGM. He confirmed he would.

659.4 Election of Directors

GR asked if there would be an election. TL stated he did not know as the closing date for applications had not been reached but currently not.

The Commodore and Board wished David Skinner a happy birthday.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2231

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