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**SUSSEX YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE
HELD MONDAY 15th September 2014**

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
Hazel Arnold	Director, Rally Secretary
T Cork	Director, Sailing Section Captain
D Golding	Director, Buildings Maintenance Committee
N Fraser-Betts	Director, House Committee
K Headon	Director, Training Principal
M Naldrett	Director, Chair BSAC Committee
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:

T Kinch	Rear Commodore, Chair Moorings & Maintenance Cttee
J Pryke	Director, Chair, Dinghy Committee

Absent:

GR Joined meeting 2020

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

771 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING 21st JULY 2014

Agreed as true summary of the meeting.

Proposed: Commodore Carried unanimously

772 MONARCH'S WAY VIDEO

David Skinner introduced a video made by a member of the Monarch's Way walkers, John Morrison, who crewed for him on the Royal Escape Race this year. It gave the history of their Association and details of their founder, Tony Antill, whose ashes were being scattered in Fecamp Harbour after the race.

All agreed excellent video. SV confirmed that a copy would be placed on the Club's and Royal Escape Race's websites for all to enjoy.

SV Asap Closed

773 MATTERS ARISING

773.1 761.2 – Bar Refurbishment Update

Commodore advised all that he had previously tasked the Secretary to affect the remedial work asked for by Environmental Health, which the Secretary started to do. The Commodore then had a subsequent conversation with Environmental Health who advised that as it was the Club's intention to start a complete refurbishment of the Bar in January, they would not require the remedial work to be carried out.

The Commodore subsequently asked the Secretary to source quotations from different contractors. The Commodore would be meeting with one such contractor soon.

773.2 761.3 – EPOS Till

Due to TK not being present at the meeting, this item would be carried over to October's meeting.

TK Oct Ongoing

773.3 764 – Open Day

Commodore advised that he was still to speak with the organisers of Beach Dreams to liaise over a more "Club friendly" date for next year's event.

Comm Asap Ongoing

773.4 765 – Sailability Donor Request

John MacTear, Chair Sussex Sailability, previously asked for the Board's views on the erection of a plaque to mark a significant donation that they may be receiving. The Board previously agreed to such a plaque but would require further information on what was wanted.

TL advised that he had passed the Board's comments to John MacTear and John would revert once he had any further information.

773.5 Email Release of Funds - Telehandler

TK had asked the Board for release of funds in the sum of £25,000 for the purchase of a newer telehandler (subsequently raised to £28,000 with a revised proposal). An email vote was taken and 12 Directors voted in favour with 5 abstentions (HA, KH, MN, GR, AW). It was noted that since that time the telehandler had been purchased.

774 AGM

TL reminded all of the process for those Directors who were standing down because of rotation or those wishing to resign. He confirmed that the relevant form will be available from the website from 1st to 31st October.

All October

775 RELEASE OF FUNDS – WEST ENTRANCE

Dski advised that his committee were seeking the release of funds in the sum of £14,500, as per his already distributed proposal.

SV asked whether details of what the Club offered, ie. Yacht & dinghy sailing, diving, restaurant, bar would be included in the design? DSki confirmed that final design had not yet been determined

MR asked whether the oak door would blacken with moisture. DG advised that that generally happened because of varnish used. On advice from the gentleman making the door, it has been decided not to varnish the door and let it age naturally in grey.

TC asked whether the door was disabled compliant. He was advised that, unfortunately, the ramp leading to it was not and as such neither was the door although there have been no issues with wheelchairs or buggies using it. Discussion was held as to whether it would be possible to widen the door but due to restrictions it would not be.

Proposed: DSki 2nd: HA Carried unanimously

SV asked if there was any timescale available? DSki stated it was his intention to get on with it now. TL advised that initially it was believed that full planning would be required for most aspects of the build but it transpires that this is now only applicable to the signage and this has been submitted. The Office were in conversation with the Planning Department regarding dimensions etc.

776 RELEASE OF FUNDS – TROPHIES

TC advised he was seeking for release of funds of £1425 for retention trophies for the coming year. He was also looking for c.£250-350 for engraving. It had been decided to move away from glasses and the Trophy Secretary had sourced picture frames, which were considered to be appropriate.

Proposed: TC 2nd: DSki Carried unanimously

777 WAVELENGTH

SV advised that there had been a problem with an advertiser but a proof was now ready for review. Miles Mayall has decided to stand down as editor and Dave Lee has volunteered to take over. SV confirmed there will be an edition just before Christmas which would include the Fixture Card for 2015.

Commodore reminded all to submit their dates for the Fixtures Card using the appropriate template. SV reminded all that the Fixture Card on the website would be live and updated and that it was his intention to ask key sailing participants to review sailing dates and comment on possible problems.

TL reminded all that the Fixture Card is generally agreed at November's Board meeting, which has been moved back a week in order that all Sections can complete their information in time.

Sections 17th Nov Ongoing

SV confirmed he would instruct JF how to update the website whilst

he is away. He also asked that if anyone wished to include events that were not run by the Club but would be of interest to our Members, these too could be included.

All 17th Nov Ongoing

778 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DEFERRED FROM JULY'S MEETING

This item is dealt with under the Confidential Minutes of the Meeting.

779 SOUTHWICK DILAPIDATION

It was wholly agreed at the Forum that the Membership wished to see Southwick not only brought up to an acceptable standard but enhanced. TC believed Southwick should have proper training facilities, dedicated training room etc. New changing areas

SV asked what would happen regarding parking if Southwick were used more. Commodore acknowledged that this would be a problem and would require investigation. Suggestion was made to see if one might utilise the Port Office overflow car park.

Commodore asked all to submit any ideas to him, via the Office, before the BMC meeting on 25th September.

SV asked whether there was anything on the survey that required immediate/urgent attention. LW thought that some timbers required remedial work. TL suggested that the Club speaks to Parsons, Son and Basley, who conducted the survey, to ascertain further information. MR confirmed he would contact them.

MR Asap Ongoing

780 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Commodore asked HA if she would be willing to Chair the Anniversary Committee. HA agreed she would. TL reminded that Ben Coe was willing to sit on the Committee as was Dave Lee, who volunteered at the Club Forum. Commodore thanked HA for agreeing to undertake this role which may well become a major task over the next few years.

781 CLUB FORUM

Commodore advised that there were about 40 people in attendance. The two main topics were Southwick Clubhouse and the 125th Anniversary Celebrations. Commodore gave a brief overview of the discussions held.

The Commodore sought clarification on one point raised at the Forum. He was asked whether those Members with a Sailing mooring must participate in Club racing/rallying or in any sailing. The gentleman who asked the question was advised that it was any sailing. TL advised that under the Club's Rule book participation must be in Club events and it was unfortunate that the gentleman was given incorrect information. All were reminded that the Club Rule book can be found on the Club's website.

TL reminded all that the rule was brought in to support Club sailing and the Sailing Section. Commodore asked TC and TK to meet and

discuss whether any aspects of the Rule required amending/changing and report back if they considered it did. Dski also asked to be involved as it was he and Robin Stevenson who originally drew the Rule up.

Commodore advised that it was a successful meeting. TL reported that he had received nothing but positive comments from those who attended. SV stated that the only disappointment was that no refreshments were available for the Members and this would not happen in the future.

782 Comments Book

No comments had been submitted since the last meeting

783 Membership Matters

The list was read through. It was requested that one Member whose probationary period was about to end, be dealt with separately from the listing. Details of this can be found in the Confidential Minutes. The list was voted on:

SV enquired whether any of the noted new members, who had boats, had been asked as to whether they would be staying on board their vessels if they were coming out of the water. TL advised that not all those members who had boats were, at this time, requiring boatpark facilities. One boat was being worked on and then it would be launched and sailed to Portsmouth. Two others would be taking temporary moorings over the winter. All prospective and current Members are aware that the Club does not permit residence on board and any Member who wishes to have their boat in the yard for a considerable length of time must provide a copy of their Council Tax bill for their permanent residence. If they are unable to do this and cannot explain to the Club's satisfaction, they would not be permitted to use the facilities.

Proposed: Commodore Carried unanimously

784 CORRESPONDENCE

784.1 The Encephalitis Society

TL advised that the Club had received a letter of thanks from the above Society for the Club allowing them to use the Royal Escape Room free of charge. They were very grateful.

785 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

785.1 Disabled Parking Bays

TL advised that he had received a number of complaints regarding non Blue Badge holders parking in the Disabled Bays. All were reminded not to do so and to advise any others they may see doing so who did not display a badge.

785.2 Annual Report

TL reminded those who provided reports for the Annual Report that they were required in the Office by 10th October.

785.3 Dates of Next Three Main Committee Meetings

Slight changes to dates; 20th October, 24th November and 22nd December. All to note.

All

785.4 Pigeon Holes

TL advised that these, in recent times, had become less secure for correspondence and suggested that the Office dealt with all mail and getting it to the relevant Member and the pigeon holes be removed.

Dski advised that he would be sorry to see them go. SV stated that they were part of the Club's history.

Vote taken, agreed by majority that the pigeon holes would stay.

785.5 Commodore's Christmas Cards

TL reminded all that the Commodore send Christmas cards each year to people who have been associated with the Club, local dignitaries, businesses etc. TL asked that if any Director had a contact that they believed should receive a card from the Commodore, that they provide their full details to the Office for this year's listing with a reason why.

All

Nov

Ongoing

785.6 Bart's Bash

TC advised that Adrian was having difficulties in getting someone to drive the rib for Bart's Bash. Commodore volunteered to do so.

There was discussions held as to whether this event could be included in the Autumn Series. TC stated that it could. Commodore asked that Sailing Committee discuss this further and decide whether the results of this race could be used.

TC

Ongoing

785.7 Liveboards

GR commented that there were rumours of people living aboard their vessels in the yard. Extra vigilance must be taken.

785.8 ASR

LW advised that the sale of this vessel did not go through. There is currently a gentleman interested in it but negotiations were still continuing

786 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 20th October 2014, 2000h, SYC Shoreham, RER.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2215

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