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**SUSSEX YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE
HELD MONDAY 19th October 2015**

Present:

D Ramus	Commodore
S Vyse	Vice Commodore, Chair Publicity & New Members
T Kinch	Rear Commodore, Chair Moorings & Maintenance Cttee
L Woodhams	Rear Commodore, Hon. Treasurer
N Fraser-Betts	Director, House Committee
D Golding	Director, Buildings Maintenance Committee
K Headon	Director, Training Principal
N Prescott	Director
G Roberts	Director, Moorings & Maintenance Committee
D Skinner	Director, Moorings & Maintenance Committee
G Weston	Director, House Committee
T Leigh	Ex-officio, Secretary
Jacqui Flood	Ex-officio, Asst. Secretary
D Norwood	Ex-officio, Chair BSAC

Apologies:

T Cork	Director, Sailing Section Captain
Pat Hill	Rear Commodore, Chair, House Committee
M Rummery	Director, Moorings & Maintenance Committee
A Weber	Director, Safety Boat Manager

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

922 Minutes of Last Meeting

Agreed as true summary of the meeting.

Proposed: Commodore For: 7 Ab: 3 (GW, DSKI, SV) not present

Carried

923 Matters Arising

923.1 909.1 Wavelength Update

It has been decided that the next edition of Wavelength will be edited by a Member who has volunteered to take on the task. He will edit the edition and pass to a local printing firm known to SYC. Wavelength will be out by Christmas.

Closed

923.2 Race Results PC

The pc required to be kept at the Club purely for calculating the race results was given to Steve Vyse.

Closed

923.3 Volunteer Directory

The Board were asked to pass details of their volunteers to SV in order that he may produce a directory. Information required asap.

All	ASAP	Ongoing
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923.4 Rule Book Review

Pat Hill, via TL, advised that she would bring a revised ruling to November's meeting.

PH	Nov	Ongoing
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923.5 Caterers Not Clearing Up After Events

This item was dealt with by House Committee.

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924 AGM MATTERS

924.1 Flag Officer & Director Nominations & Rotation

At the date of the meeting, four nomination forms had been received for either Flag Officer or Director positions. No further resignations were required as two Directors had resigned during the year, one was resigning from the date of the AGM and another had resigned in order to stand as a Flag Officer.

Board advised that if anyone was aware of any other forms needing to be submitted that they are reminded to do so timely.

All	End Oct	Ongoing
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924.2 President & Vice Presidents' Nominations

The Club's most senior VP, Chris West, has confirmed that if the Board were to nominate him, he would gladly stand as President. The other two VP's Derek Copeman and Alan Saunders were both happy to stand again should the Board wish to propose them. Retiring Commodore, Dave Ramus, would also be happy to stand as VP if proposed by the Board.

All	Nov	Ongoing
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924.3 Honorary Members

The Board were reminded that it was in their mandate to nominate Honorary Members. It was agreed that at November's meeting the current list would be reviewed and an nominations for Honorary Membership received would be discussed and voted on then.

All	Nov	Ongoing
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924.4 Percy Ludgate Trophy

All were reminded that nominations were required at November's meeting for the above trophy.

All	Nov	Ongoing
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924.5 Date of AGM

It was agreed that the AGM will be held on Saturday 30th January 2016, commencing at 1000 hours.

924.6 Board Structure Post AGM

A proposal had been submitted that there be a change to

the structure of the Board. It was proposed that there be four “reserved” directorships for the Section Captains. The Company Secretary advised that this was not permissible under the Company’s Act 2006. All were reminded that even if not a director a Section Captain may be invited to a Board meeting and although they had no voting rights, they could speak, with the Commodore’s permission.

After further discussions it was agreed to revisit this item after the AGM.

All Feb Ongoing

925 Fixtures Card 2016

It was anticipated that the Fixtures Card would be printed for inclusion with the Christmas Wavelength. Information was still required from BSAC and House and further information from Sailability, Training and Dinghies.

DN/KH ASAP Ongoing

926 House

926.1 General Report

In PH’s absence there was no general report, other than the information supplied in the previously circulated minutes.

926.2 Club Chef

It was reported that regrettably our Chef, Simon Haffenden, had tendered his resignation and would be leaving at the end of October. Unanimously agreed that Simon had provided excellent catering during his time here and all wished him every success for his future. It was suggested that a small, official send off be organised.

House Asap Ongoing

926.3 Official Bar Opening

It was confirmed that the Official Bar Opening would be held on Friday 30th October, which was the date of the Commodore’s Reception.

926.4 Comments Book

It was confirmed there had been no new comments since last month.

926.5 Decoration of Bar and Restaurant

The Board were advised that it was House’s intention to display the burgees all together. There was also the intention to display more of the Club’s historical artefacts and trophies possibly in a ‘heritage hall’ between the entrance and the office door. House will keep the Board informed of progress.

PH Ongoing

927 Moorings & Maintenance Committee

927.1 General Report

The new gates to the boatpark had gone in to production and should be in situ during November.

927.2 Accident to Hoist

The unfortunate accident with the hoist when it fell over on the slip was discussed. There would be a meeting with the Boatswains to discuss the incident, the way forward and to implement operating procedures in order that there is never a repeat. The efficiency with which the situation was dealt with was commended.

927.3 Hoist Refurbishment Vote

An email vote was taken for the release of funds of £15,000 in order that the hoist be refurbished whilst out of action due to the accident. It was envisaged that this work would give the hoist some 3-7 years of extra life. The vote was agreed by 12 directors, 3 did not respond and were treated as abstained. The proposal was approved.

Closed

927.4 Electricity Metering Proposal

A proposal was distributed outlining Moorings & Maintenance's wishes for an updated electricity metering system at Shoreham. Three quotes had been received for the providing of the bollards to which the meters would be added and due to the vast differences between all of them, TK wished to invite them all in for interview/presentation in order to ascertain what they can offer the Club for the best possible price. Part of the process would be that training on administering the system would be given on site.

M&M were looking for agreement for funds release of £78,000 in order that a decision could be made on the day of the interviews/presentations if felt appropriate and place the order then.

The proposal for release of funds in the sum of £78,000 to allow a contract to be issued to the best final tenderer.

Prop: TK 2nd: Commodore Carried Unanimously

927.5 Car Park Layout

Comment was made on how successful the current, trialled layout was. It was agreed that once safety kerbing and the new barrier were installed, permanent markings would be made which would provide additional parking to those in place currently.

927.6 New Hose Reel on Main Slip

This item had been ordered and awaiting delivery.

928 Buildings Maintenance Committee

928.1 General Report

General works were being carried out. It was confirmed that the external work at Southwick, required after the

dilapidation report, was nearly completed

928.2 Weather Station

Malcolm Threadgould had kindly offered a weather station to the Club for display in the Bar. The Commodore is to meet with him to discuss arrangements.

Comm Asap

929 Sailing Section

929.1 General Report

In TC's absence, there was no report.

929.2 Littlehampton Members & Snubbing on Rally

Member's feelings toward the reception/meal/value at this rally were discussed at the Section's AGM and TC would be speaking with Arun in two weeks time to discuss this year's rally and how the relationships between SYC and AYC might be put back onto their previous footing that was so much enjoyed by both clubs. Should this not be possible, some alternative venues were suggested.

929.3 Statistics on 5 Years Race/Rally Attendance

Further details are required.

TC ASAP Ongoing

929.4 Sailing Section AGM Report

Not yet issued.

TC ASAP Ongoing

The meeting was advised that Tim Cork, via Terry Kinch had requested two additional items be put on the agenda.

929.5 Sussex University Sailing

TC was requesting authority to offer a special rate (same as last year) of £20 per student to Sussex University. It was agreed this was acceptable and that the Club's Membership Secretary would take the matter further with the University contact.

JF ASAP Ongoing

Proposed: TK 2nd: Dski Carried Unanimously

929.6 Funds Release Prizegiving Trophies

Request for release of £1093.08 for purchase of trophies for forthcoming Prizegiving. Within budget.

Proposed: TK 2nd: Dski Carried Unanimously

929.7 Other Items Raised at Section AGM

Bart's Bash and Round the Island. Agreed these races would no longer form part of the Club's 'official' racing series but would still be in the Fixture Card.

Agreed current handicapping system satisfactory.

Steve Vyse advised there were two items, which he wished to discuss with TC but wished them minuted in his absence.

929.8 RYA Push The Boat Out Initiative

This is an initiative being run by the RYA to get people on the water. It will be held in May and SV will advise the RYA of the Club's intentions to participate. SV to speak with TC.

SV

Ongoing

929.9 RYA Club of the Year

It was felt that due to the immense amount of work required to enter this competition, SYC's involvement would be looked at for next year.

SV

Ongoing

930 Dinghy Section

930.1 General Report

Section AGM next weekend. Current Captain has stood down and John Pryke has offered to stand. Winter series underway and well attended.

930.2 Training/Youth

Winter training programme has commenced.

930.3 Sailability

Nearing end of season. Good year for attendance. Funding had been received for another boat.

930.4 Worthing Rowing Club

A proposal had been distributed asking that the Club allow a group of Youth Members from Worthing Rowing Club to join SYC and keep three of their boats racked here. This is in order that they may use the clubhouse facilities whilst conducting their winter training in the river. It was proposed that membership be offered at the same rate as Sussex University for approximately 16-20 under 21 year olds. This agreement would not affect WRC's current agreement with SYC regarding the rowing shed on the south side of the river.

Suggested that arrangement be trialled for a year.

Proposed: KH 2nd: TK Carried Unanimously

930.5 Safety Boat Manager

The Board were advised that Adrian Weber had stood down as Safety Boat Manager. His place had been taken by Kevin Knight.

931 Southwick Sailing Through History

The Board were advised that a decision from the Conservation Officer was still outstanding and a report should be available next month.

Dski Nov Ongoing

932 Publicity & New Members

932.1 Director Responsible for Membership & Retention

The Board were advised that it was the incumbent Commodore's intention to have a dedicated Director to work solely on membership and retention.

932.2 New Members' Listing

List read through

Proposed: Commodore Carried Unanimously

934 125 Committee

It was confirmed that a logo for the event had been agreed and that there was a possibility of getting the IRC 'Area' Championships at the Club for the Regatta. The Club book is being reviewed and updated.

935 Correspondence

935.1 Old Pulteney Awards

It was announced that both of the Clubs nominees for the above award had made it through to the semi finals, which total 30 people, these being Kevin Headon and Robin Stevenson. Both have thanked the Board for their nomination. The Club is waiting for the judges' decisions.

935.2 Downsbrook Primary School

Letter of thanks received from Downsbrook Primary School to whom the Club donated some unsailable dinghies for their feature garden.

936 Any Other Business

936.1 New Epos Till

It was enquired whether the Club's logo could go on the home screen of the till. It was confirmed that this was already in hand.

936.2 Items Distributed to Main Each Month

It was asked if the previous month's main committee minutes be redistributed with the agenda sent by the Secretary.

TL Ongoing

936.3 Previous Member

The Board was advised that a previous member had been extradited from Malta to stand trial in the UK. It is regrettable that any reporting of this would probably mention SYC. Only SV and TL to speak to the press.

936.4 Prizegiving Tickets

It was commented that now the Bar and Catering had come in-house that the Prizegiving Tickets were possibly too expensive. The cost of the ticket also included the disco and flowers. SV to discuss matter further with PH.

SV 24/10 Ongoing

936.5 Crewing Notice Board

It was suggested that the Crewing Notice Board be purged at the end of the season. Office to action.

JF Dec

937 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16th November 2015, 2000h, SYC Shoreham

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2252

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

