



CCSC General Committee Meeting
Tuesday 13th October 2020
7:30 pm via Zoom
MINUTES

Attendees

Andy Adler, Vice Commodore
Ann Varlow, Social Committee
Colin Munz, Hon Secretary
David Brock, Commodore
Debbie Bowers, Members Rep
Diane Fowler, Members Rep
Grace Martin, Rear Commodore Shore

Ian Green, Rear Commodore Sailing
Monica Wolff, Hon Sailing Secretary
Nigel Page, Members Rep
Phil Tysoe, Members Rep
Clive Fowler, Guest
Fianna Grant, Guest

1 Apologies

- Dick Moore, Moorings Officer, Elizabeth Bowers, Hon Treasurer, Mike Wade, Members Rep.

2 Minutes of last GC meeting and actions arising

- Agreed.

3 Incidents, Health Safety and Security

- No incidents reported.

4 Sailing Secretary and Sailing Committee Report

- Two more successful sailing events this weekend.
- Can jetty gate lock be improved for easier access? Current arrangement using key quite awkward. Suggest possibly fob operation since electricity supply quite close. Operations Group to investigate.
- Can club Byelaws be amended to move B14.4 to B10.8? – Yes. Can additional Byelaws be introduced to allow no one under 16 years old and only those registered for safety boat duty to be on safety boats during race meetings? There were concerns that this might be too prescriptive, and the Sailing Committee would reconsider the wording and report back to the GC. Meeting insurance requirements was a key issue as well as allowing for other events including Sail4All that required Safety Boat attendance. These possible rule changes do not require AGM approval and therefore there was more time to get it right.

5 Rear Commodore - Sailing Report

- Andy Bird had now joined the paid safety boat driver team which includes Nick Spicer and Carl Lock, and was welcomed in.
- All the club boats are now moored at the Academy which has been very accommodating. This arrangement is much more convenient for managing our safety boat operations, and for Nick Spicer who works at the Academy to keep a weather eye on the boats.
- Camelot has broken down with suspected water contamination of the fuel. The inboard fuel tank has been problematic in the past and an external tank may now be a prudent consideration. Bill Barker to advise.
- There has been a slow response to removing dinghies as P1 comes to an end and space in the boat park is now needed for clear up and start of work parties. Chasing will be required.
- Well done Jo Young who has worked very hard to accommodate all the dinghies despite a critical space shortage due to the keelboats staying onshore.

6 Rear Commodore - Shore Report

- There is some difficulty using the galley because of Covid 'waiter service only' requirements. The clubhouse can accommodate 25 maybe max 28 in groups of six but no mingling allowed. However, Grace M looking at ways of members joining the Tuesday Cruiser Group once a month with perhaps drinks and a training video for interest.
- David B thanked Grace and team for all for hard work and innovative efforts in keeping the clubhouse open and social activities going under difficult circumstances.

7 Hon Treasurer Report

- The year-end accounts were with the auditors and the draft AGM Treasurer's report would be available to the GC shortly.
- David B welcomed Fiona Grant to the meeting who is hoping to take on the Treasurer role next year.

8 Hon Secretary Report

- Further news is awaited from Mike Babty on progress by Crown Estate on the new Moorings Lease.

9 Operations Group Report

- Investigations into next year's keel boat lift options continue. An estimate for a lifter trailer proved too expensive and the proposed larger crane to replace the club crane, is now sold. The Council proposal for stabilising Old Castle Road this Autumn leaves the 100ton crane option on the table.
- The club crane is now operational, but Grafter is under repair for a cracked gearbox. The cost is £360 + VAT but if repair fails a new gearbox will be required at much greater expense.
- Some 20 inches of sand has reduced the available water depth adjacent to the club crane and a contractor is being sought to dredge the sand.
- Winter work party projects are under review although Barry Grant, who has managed the work parties very successfully over the years is currently unwell. We all thank him for his hard work to date and wish him a speedy recovery.

10 Moorings Report

- Winter inspections are well behind but it is hoped to catch up once Grafter and Celtic Lady are in service again.
- David B welcomed Clive Fowler who is hoping to be appointed Moorings Officer at the AGM. Clive and a small team are currently working with Dick M on handover.

11 Members Representative's comments

- No further comments.

12 Social Committee Report

- Anne V is meeting to discuss future social events but the uncertain and fluid Covid situation is making forward planning very difficult. It was agreed to plan to press ahead with external activities such as the Bonfire Night and Lantern Procession but cancel the indoor events including the Christmas Party and Dinner Dance. The status of post Xmas events would be reviewed at the next GC meeting.
- The clubhouse can accommodate 25-28 members in groups of 6 but the overriding position is not to take any health risks particularly with indoor activities, possibly for the next 6 months, or until cases reduce.
- The Tuesday Cruiser Group is self-contained and only invites club members booking through Sarah. The premises are cleaned after every event and the area behind the bar is only accessed by barman Graham.

13 Order of Business

13.1 AGM

- David B ran through the Schedule of Events (issued with Agenda) setting out the activities necessary to take place prior to the 13th November AGM. He also tabled a draft AGM Agenda (issued with this meeting's Agenda) for the 13th November AGM which is to be held via ZOOM.
- Any AGM questions received by Hon Sec in the meantime would be circulated to GC members in say 2 weeks' time for consideration at the next GC meeting for a response at AGM. Colin M would circulate last year's AGM Minutes to all GC members for information, and to cover any actions outstanding.
- Mike Wade is stepping down as Member's Rep and a replacement is required. It is an important role for members to experience the management of the club for possible future involvement.
- Standard Zoom costs £12 pm and for larger meetings of up to 500 participants, £180pm. David B proposed we sign up for the larger meeting for one month only to cover the AGM.
- An alternative to use Google Groups was considered but technically not as stable as Zoom.
- Zoom functionality (thumbs up/down) could be used for voting but may be difficult counting numbers. Further thought would be given regarding tellers. Perhaps only counting objections would suffice on the more straightforward votes, hopefully not too difficult to solve.
- Officer's Reports to be submitted by say 23rd October to GC ready for posting on CCSC Website.

13.2 2021 Subscription Rates

- It was agreed that subscription rates should remain at last year's level given the reduced club facilities over the year. A nominal 1% increase would not bring in a great deal of extra funds and could be counterproductive in these circumstances.
- Fortunately, club finances had been boosted by a Government Grant and the current cash position is reasonably healthy.
- At the AGM, the opportunity should be taken to welcome new members of which there have been several this year despite the current situation, and we hope and plan for better times next year.

13.3 Covid Risk Assessment

- David B tabled (issued with Agenda) the Covid Risk Assessment V6 and GC members were invited to submit any comments to him. However, the CRA, although very comprehensive needed simplifying and David B would carry out a review (V7) to best reflect the Government's latest position.
- Work Parties would commence soon and a CRA based on the latest Covid rules and advice must be available.

13 AOB

- The feasibility of restarting the fitness group is being considered.

15 Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 19:30 via Zoom

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