



CCSC General Committee Meeting
Tuesday 9th February 2021, 7:30 pm via Zoom
MINUTES

Attendees

Adam Bowers, Members Rep
Andy Adler, Vice Commodore
Ann Varlow, Social Committee
Clive Fowler, Moorings Officer
Colin Munz, Hon Secretary
David Brock, Commodore

Fiona Grant, Hon Treasurer
Grace Martin, Rear Commodore Shore
Ian Green, Rear Commodore Sailing
Nigel Page, Members Rep
Phil Tysoe, Members Rep
Richard Bowers, Hon Sailing Secretary

1 Apologies

- None received.

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

- The sailing programme is complete, ready for entry to handbook. Plans are in hand for RS 200/300 Nationals although Covid rules may not be relaxed in time for International Canoe open meeting.
- It remains unclear when sailing can restart so programme will be adjusted as rules change.
- Seaweed farm proposals are in and our comments noted. Richard White is our rep and concerns re possible seaweed growth on moorings addressed. Proximity to our sailing Mark 8 (60m) remains an issue however and mark may need relocating once farm is in place, starting next autumn.
- Ian G has more info if required.

5 Rear Commodore - Sailing Report

- Richard B has liaised with Ferry Driver Co-ordinator Paul Cottrell re 2021 plans
- To reduce time assembling individual member handbook packs, it was agreed to dispense with membership cards and distribute PHA boat stickers separately, leaving 2021 handbooks to be collected by members. The plastic cover was also seen as unnecessary.

6 Rear Commodore - Shore Report

- Grace M had been contacted by Friends of Castle Cove Beach who are proposing an open garden day on 26/27 June and suggested we might wish to join them to show off the sailing club. They might also invite the 'Litter Free' group to participate. It was agreed Grace should follow this up as a positive opportunity for the club and any sailing activities on the day would potentially add interest. A firm decision would be made at the end of May based on the Covid situation.

7 Hon Treasurer Report

- Fiona G tabled the latest P&L account which looked reasonably healthy with membership subscriptions close to last year with a few more to come by end Feb.
- Mooring fees required a few adjustments to meet any rebates for billed work not carried out and PHA fees were yet to be paid. Boat and clubhouse maintenance costs were also to come.

8 Hon Secretary Report

- The new draft Moorings Area Lease prepared by Crown Estate has now been received by our solicitor Jason Hodnett and copied to the club trustees for review. The club has paid £1750 +VAT legal fees in advance to Crown Estate and will incur further legal fees agreed at £750 + VAT for JH.
- A request for a clubhouse booking has been received via Anne V from member Richard le Mare for a social event on Sat 25th Sept. It was agreed that it was too early to take bookings given the uncertain timescale of the club re-opening and to suggest Richard request again before our 11th May GC Meeting when the situation may be clearer.

9 Operations Group Report

- Key items re dredging and pontoons are covered under Item 13.2 below

10 Moorings Report

- Clive F has carried out initial inspection of moorings and, separately, Bob Todd with partner, noting many missing moorings and unnumbered/misnamed marks.
- Grafter is in the water albeit with a leak being resolved, ready to use once Covid rules ease.
- Invoicing and stocktaking is now up to date, from handover with Dick Moore.
- Rob M has continued to speak with Quest re moorings maintenance but Q not very helpful.
- A sufficient number of checked moorings needs to be available for lift in on 11/12th April and this remains challenging. Some boats may need to use temporary moorings initially. Could divers be used to check sinkers if Grafter not available to lift them?
- A decision will be taken next month regarding the reality of the 11/12th April lift-in dates.

11 Members Representative's comments

- Adam B commented on the proposed Sandsfoot Beach sign – see Item 13.4.

12 Social Committee Report

- A few online social activities are continuing including fitness sessions, quizzes and a very enjoyable keelboat passage planning exercise hosted by Mike Conroy.

13 Order of Business

13.1 Covid Planning.

- Good progress is being made by Government with vaccinations and a relaxing of rules is hoped for by April but any easing likely to be staged so future situation for club remains unclear.
- Hopefully lift-in can proceed but rule of 6 may still be in place and should be planned for.
- Contractors are permitted to work on essential maintenance so dredging OK.

13.2 Operation Group Proposals

- Colin M clarified that the £6900 groundworks contract included £2300 for dredging and £3600 for car park repairs which included import of 40 tons of crushed limestone and export of 40 tons of waste material. All work to be completed over 2 days on 29/30 March by a machine with large flotation tyres suitable for working in water on the beach foreshore.
- Additionally, the machine would make safe a large block at the back of the beach which had become dislodged by a small landslip last year.
- Ian G had notified PHA of our intentions to dredge and advised to apply for a Tidal Work Licence from Marine Management Operations, a National organisation. Given the small nature of our dredge an exemption was forthcoming but a further licence to tip the dredged material is still awaited. However, we will proceed on the basis this will also be forthcoming.
- It was agreed to proceed with this package of work given the urgent need for dredging to enable the keel boat lift in to proceed in April, and the important car park repair. The jetty area had not been dredged for 5 years and this was therefore a larger operation which, in future, could hopefully be smaller and therefore carried out on a yearly basis using the club's own resources.
- It was also agreed that £918 could be spent to provide steel legs for the new pontoons to protect the plastic tubes and aid stacking.

13.3 Solar Heating

- Steve Green had presented a proposal to use electricity from the existing club solar panels to preheat incoming water to the club boiler saving on heating costs. Health concerns were addressed because the boiler output temperatures would not differ from present levels of over 60 degrees. The proposal included a separate tank with immersion heater.
- Andy A was asked to refer the proposal back to the Ops group to get a second technical opinion to check the validity of proposal before proceeding.

13.4 Sandsfoot Beach Management

- Colin M had circulated a note on Sandsfoot Beach and outlined the situation regarding ownership of the beach and car park based on recent advice from Mike Conroy who was involved in the original purchase of the club land. Although ownership boundaries were agreed, we do not appear to have any title documents as such.

- To avoid any challenges regarding ownership, Colin M proposed removing from the sign any reference to 'private land' and simply setting out a beach code in accordance with the 2007 licence agreed between the Club and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council.
- Adam B suggested adding a QR code to the sign to help advertise the club.
- There were conflicting views as to whether such a sign was helpful or not, or whether the rules were enforceable and therefore the matter was put on hold.
- The hinged post, on the access ramp blocking vehicular access to the beach, has been repaired and can accommodate a club padlock. This also meets the requirements of the Licence Agreement with WPBC which refers to prohibiting launching of boats and jet skis from vehicle trailers. There has also been trouble in the past with vehicles being dumped on the beach. However, the post was seen as somewhat contentious with some local residents apparently believing they have a right to unfettered access to the beach.

13.5 B.8.8 Byelaw Change

- Clive F has had complaints from mooring holders that failed moorings were rectified without their permission. It is not clear in the byelaw that a mooring that fails will be rectified immediately if possible as part of the inspection. It was therefore agreed that the text should be changed to: 'Permission for the Club to check members' moorings **and rectify if defective** is assumed.'

14 AOB

- Andy A would circulate a note on the Sailing Club Management software package that was currently being assessed by Ian G and a few club members as a suitable replacement for Marusa, and suggested its inclusion in next month's GC agenda.
- Clive F noted there was no padlock on the outside main gates to the club and it was agreed this should be remedied although some adjustment to the gate was thought necessary.

15 Date of Next Meetings

- Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 19:30 via Zoom.

Circulation

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