

## COMMITTEE MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> April 2014

### Committee Members Present

Jonathan Reubin	Commodore	JR
Barry Young	Vice Commodore	BY
Paul Berry	Rear Commodore, Sailing & Training	PBe
Richard Biggs	Treasurer	RB
Ian Hill	Roster Secretary/Publicity & Marketing	IH
Alec Mumford	Bosun	AM
General Member	Paul Barnes	PBa
General Member	Michael Suffield	MS
General Member	John Thompson	JT

### Apologies

Jenny Griffin	Secretary	JG
Paul Constable	Sailing Secretary	PC
Richard Clayton	Membership Secretary	RC
Past Commodore	Fergus O'Sullivan	FOS

**Call to Order** 19.10 hrs

**ACTION**

The **Minutes of March 2014** were unanimously approved and signed.

There were no **Matters Arising** not on the agenda.

### Correspondence received

Jonathan had received letter from Essex Police approaching us asking for ASC to provide its facilities for hire so that they can train their staff to be able to use new nautical search equipment.

JR Proposal to meet with Police and liaise with Rowers and Fishermen.

**JR**

Paul Berry has passed his RYA senior instructors Course.

### Financial Summary.

During the first 6 months of the club's current financial year we have sales and other income totaling £22,487.61 with purchases of £20,530.87 leaving a credit balance of £1956.74. As membership renewals seem to be running out of steam, we will be relying on income in the region of four thousand pounds from new members and galley surplus to plug the difference during the second half of the club's financial year.

We must strive to gain more members and we need to encourage the members that we do have to participate in fund raising and social events for the long term survival / future of the club .

### Health & Safety:

- The Accident Book and Visitors Book were circulated and seen by all members present.

### Sailing, Social & Training:

- There was considerable discussion on updating training.
- PBe confirmed that the Cadets will be starting a 12 week sailing course on the 27<sup>th</sup> April
- For beginners and by the end of the 12 weeks will be able to sail un-aided to a RYA standard.
- Manuals holding relevant information and parental consent forms, registration forms and record of achievement will be kept on the premises in a secure location.

**Adult Training**

It was suggested to take off the calendar adult training originally scheduled for May or until PBe had got a training plan in place and ready to implementation in June

**PBe**

**Social Sailing**

Concerns were raised with our wording towards social sailing and some committee members thought that it had been implied that because it was an advertised club event that a safety boat should be on the water. This has never been the case at Ardleigh though the "rubber duck" was bought as a facility for social sailors who opted to train in its use.

After considerable deliberation it was agreed that the rubber duck be made available to all trained members to use on social sailing days. It was also decided that because individual members sail on weekdays and Saturdays they do so at their own risk. They have to decide as individuals whether to sail or not in the prevailing conditions of the day. For the promoted social sailing events the club was only offering a place of refuge to sail as a group and enjoy a BBQ at the end of the day.

The key to the rubber duck container is to be kept in a separate key safe utilising the club code and the other key safe will be coded for committee use only.

**Membership:**

In absence of the membership secretary and as no report had been submitted it was agreed to carry over all membership issues until next committee meeting .

However, RB to raise the scouts invoice.

**RB**

JT asked that the rowers rates for the next season to be discussed and agreed at the earliest opportunity.

**Structural/Facilities**

- Thanks were given to all those who attended maintenance day.
- It was proposed that we work towards setting up small work parties to take on jobs throughout the season on specific tasks rather than waiting for two occasions in the year.
- It was agreed that security and maintenance would become an agenda category.
- JR expressed concerns about the number of apparently abandoned boats which would form part of the boat count for rental purposes. The RYA Protocol is to be looked into on this matter and will report back to committee
- The club will be closed on 22<sup>nd</sup> April for willow tee felling.

**Any Other Business**

- PB raised the issue of club agreeing to contribute towards his SI Course. JR to check minutes of previous meetings to confirm what had been minuted and agreed .

**JR**

The meeting closed at 21.08 hrs

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Dated.....