



Minutes of a meeting of the General Committee
Ardleigh Sailing Club
Monday 14th July 2014

Committee Members Present

Jonathan Reubin	Commodore	JR
Barry Young	Vice Commodore	BY
Richard Biggs	Treasurer	RB
Jenny Griffin	Secretary	JG
Paul Constable	Sailing Secretary	PC
Alec Mumford	Bosun	AM
John Thompson	General Member	JT
Alex Cowie	Guest	AC
Richard Price	Guest	

Call to Order 1900

Apologies from Paul Berry, Richard Clayton, Fergus O'Sullivan, Michael Suffield,

Minutes of June 2014 were amended, unanimously approved and signed.

Matters Arising

AOTWD Thanks were expressed to the Constable family, the Young family and all who helped to make the day so successful.

Cadet Regatta AM reported that this was a very successful day with 18 cadets attending. Prizes and/or vouchers were supplied by Virtual Rigger and Alan Brothers. JG to send letter of thanks to both companies. A vote of thanks was given to Paul Berry.

JR requested the results be posted on the website.

New Members Form to be amended.

New Members Induction to include a commitment to duties and a copy of the club rules. A paper pack to be produced.

Membership cards & boat identification JR will get quotes.

The £10 a day sailing tickets have gone astray.

Financial Summary

Accounts have been circulated. The galley has made nearly £1500 profit.

New members are down.

Reserves approximately £40,000. £25,000 must be kept to cover annual running costs.

Health & Safety: The Accident Book and Visitors Book were circulated and seen by all members present.

New signs are needed to promote the sailing club, an enlarged one on the road, and smaller ones on the chain link fence and gate. JR will get quotes and artwork.

Scouts AC advised the meeting that they have 211 members. The recent scout open day was very successful. The scouts are looking for a long term commitment with the club and will encourage family membership of the club.

It was confirmed that as the scouts are members of the club, they are able to race on Sunday mornings. However an adult must accept responsibility for under 18's (See constitution Section 8 xxix and xxx)

Sailing, Social & Training:

AM will ask Gerry Berry for the Cadet paperwork following completion of the 12 week training programme. It was agreed to promote relaxed racing on Sunday afternoons.

A discussion ensued about the Cadet closed Facebook page. Members of the committee have no access to this which puts the club in a vulnerable legal position. JR will speak to PB

Following a very successful trial last Sunday, novice and junior racing will continue at 2.30pm Sundays.

The Bart Simpson Charity Race will be held on 21st September. This is a national fund raising event. Races are held simultaneously at local clubs.

Laying up Supper 25th October. JR will speak to Andy Mumford.

Radios: It is essential that protocol is adhered to especially when using the base station in the race box. We can be heard by other sailing clubs and by the coast guard.

Constitution and Trustee Matters:

Alec Mumford has resigned as bosun but will stay on the committee as a general member. JR has asked Mike Suffield if he will take over the role.

Alex Cowie was co-opted onto the committee to represent the scouts. Proposed by JR, seconded by JG, carried unanimously.

PC agreed to speak to Georgia Grice about adult training. They will agree dates and put them on the website.

Membership.

Membership secretary not present.

Structural/Facilities

It was agreed to leave security as it is. Members and visitors are responsible for their valuables.

The club will continue to be unlicensed.

Continuous maintenance to continue. The scouts are willing to help.

Paul Barnes is clearing out the members' sail loft.

Taking the Club Forward

We need a concerted effort to get more members onto the water. The possibility of having fleet captains was discussed.

AOB

JR has a price for the containers of approx. £1500 each. Now need a quote for lifting them into place and disposing of the old ones. The university rowing club are buying 1 and we are buying 3. JR will speak to FOS re the necessity of a 3rd one. The scouts also require 1.

BY and AC will co-ordinate the club and scout calendars.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed.....

Dated.....