



Minutes of a meeting of the General Committee
Ardleigh Sailing Club
Monday 10th November 2014

Committee Members Present

Jonathan Reubin	Commodore	JR
Richard Biggs	Treasurer	RB
Jenny Griffin	Secretary	JG
Paul Constable	Sailing Secretary	PC
Fergus O'Sullivan		FOS
Mike Suffield		MS
John Thompson		JT
Alec Mumford		AM

Call to Order 1900

Apologies: Barry Young, Richard Clayton

Minutes of October 2014, were unanimously approved and signed. Proposed RB Seconded AM (Subsequently altered at the request of FOS)

Matters Arising

Scout container and Rescue Boat – deferred to next meeting

Induction Course. JR produced a draft new members' pack.

Racebox & Rescue Training: FOS/PC agreed to do the training. Date to be arranged.

New signs on road and fence – in hand

RYA Race Coach Training weekend 2015 In abeyance

Correspondence JR has received an email from Tollesbury SC asking to use our services for Optimist pre-season training in the spring. JR will invite their commodore to Ardleigh to discuss their requirements. Agreed. He has also had an email from Yvette Wetton enquiring about training. It was confirmed that supported sailing and training will restart in the spring in block form.

Health & Safety The Accident Book and Visitors Book were circulated.

Financial Summary

Accounts have been circulated. RB reported finances are ticking over.

Fish & Chip supper to be subsidised.

The new lease is for 15 years. The rent will be a fixed amount plus a boat registration sum and initially the total paid is likely to come down to about the 2012 level. The rent will be subject to review three yearly to RPI. The use of canoes and kayaks will be included for members only.

JT reported Alton Water are trying to start a rowing club. It was felt unlikely UEARC would be able to afford to row there. It is also too far to cycle for early AM training etc.

ASC Training and Coaching

Paul Blyth and Georgia Grice have this in hand. Training is to be carried out in blocks and should be completed by early June to enable later blocks to be arranged as needed.

JT is looking into the drafting of a leaflet "Learn to Sail at Ardleigh"

PB Training. AM has successfully completed a 4-day PB instructors course. All new members will be required to take a basic PB course, possibly on Sunday afternoon.

Scout Sailing will shortly stop for the winter. The club and scout calendars will be co-ordinated.

The RIB Challenge will continue.

First Aid Course We have the minimum number required to take the course, JG to contact First Aider.

Christmas Plate. It was agreed to run Christmas Plate races on 21st December, possibly one for children and one for adults (PC to arrange) followed by a Christmas Lunch and prize giving, to include autumn and winter series, and a children's party. The Optimist children and their parents from the winter series will be invited. JR to organise lunch with assistance from Cathy C, Andy M, Jenny G. There will be a charge for the lunch but racing will be free. Maximum 40 for lunch. FOS will endeavour to get a children's entertainer.

Constitution & Trustee Matters

FOS proposed asking Paul Blyth if he would join the committee. JR to discuss with him

New Membership Applications: John Heath, Adam Edwards and Stewart Walsh, proposed by the Commodore, seconded by Membership Secretary. Approved.
It is important to encourage new members to become involved with the club.

JT suggested working groups, rather than sub-committees are set up before the AGM so it can be discussed there. Groups suggested were: Premises (club, grounds, lake), Club Boats and Social. Ideas to be submitted to the General Committee.

Skylight Storm Damage: Quote received £675 + VAT. This will be covered by insurance.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

After the meeting JR invited John Thompson to stand as acting Vice Commodore until the AGM which he has agreed to do.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th December 2014 at 1900hrs,

Signed.....

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