

Ardleigh Sailing Club: Minutes of Committee Meeting 14th October 2015.

Attendance: Jonathan Reubin, Robert Turvil, Richard Biggs, Paul Constable, , Anja Newman, Alec Mumford

Apologies: John Thompson, Richard Clayton
Martin Banbury

Standing Items:

September minutes were approved and the Commodore was authorised to sign them.

Matters Arising

The Commodore reported that the showers and electric switches in the ladies' changing room had been repaired.

The Sailing Secretary reported that some members had not yet returned last year trophies. RT was asked to speak to Adrian Godson.

Correspondence Received

It was agreed that the Hon Treasurer was authorised to sign a three year agreement with the club's Insurance Brokers (James & Lindsay).(RB)

Health and Safety

Two accidents were recorded in the Accident and visitors book: A child attending The Optimist Training session tripped whilst running and fell against the race box and broke a glass pane and sustained a small cut to her hand but was able to sail. Secondly a member fell through a rotten plank on the hammerhead pontoon and suffered bruising and possible muscular damage. Neither required a hospital visit.

The window pane has been quickly replaced with a splendid new piece of toughened glass printed with the race signal sequence with thanks to Seaglaze Marine Windows. The club glazing is to be examined for further weaknesses (RC)

The new entries in the visitors' book were noted and duly signed by the Commodore.

Financial Summary

The Hon Treasurer gave his report and it was noted that the club will pay £1250 for servicing safety boats and the cost of the prize giving trophies will be due in October.(RB)

It was agreed that the Winter Series pricing was too low and should be increased next year. Alec Mumford will look at other clubs pricing for winter series.(AM)

Sailing, Social and Training

The Sailing Secretary will start to prepare the sailing calendar for next year. (PC)

The Commodore reported that Georgia Grice will be available to run the Optimist training post racing for both the Winter and Frostbite Series. The Vice Commodore reported that 27 members so far would be attending the laying up supper and that the club would therefore make a small profit. The Commodore will set a date for a pre Christmas lunch.(JR)

It was agreed that the Christmas plate race would be held on the 20th December. The Commodore will obtain a suitable plate.(JR)

The Commodore said we need to keep the training of members going and would discuss with potential trainers(JR).

It was reported that the rules for canoes require a small amendment. (JT)

Constitution and Trustee Matter

The Commodore will ask Richard Clayton if Steve Ede is now a full member to start the resolution of the Trustee issue.(JR)

The Commodore will obtain a copy of the removal of a Trustee letter for the Secretary.(JR)

Membership

Mr J Kellet and family were proposed and accepted unanimously as new members.

The Membership secretary reported with the Treasurer that the boat park allocation by boat class is progressing and further work continues to update records and identify abandoned boats. (RC & RB)

The Membership Secretary will write to advise the owners that a boat(s) where membership and boat park fees are unpaid is to be moved to the abandoned boat area. (RC)

The membership secretary will provide membership and boat numbers for the next meeting.(RC) He reported it is still a problem finding owner's for some of the boats.

It was agreed to supervise the clearance of the trailer park by using a scrap metal merchant or a member who is also offering to deal with the remnants of broken or rusted trailers.

Structural/Facilities

The committee authorised a budget of £1500(ex vat) for Paul Barnes, Mick Balaam and Mike Harden to renew the pontoons. The Commodore will speak to Sui Generis a specialist firm in Colchester which makes nonslip fiberglass marine gratings to obtain their standard sizes so new pontoons can be built to match.(JR)

Prior to the new ones being built it was agreed that prices would be obtained for plastic block versions. (AM)

The Sailing Secretary will set a date for building more boat tie down anchors and will obtain metal hoops for sinking in the concrete.(PC)
It was suggested and agreed that the club allocate a quarantine area for the placement of boats with unknown owners.

Any Other Business

The commodore raised the unresolved issue of finding his successor and would discuss with members on a one to one basis. (JR)
It was agreed to approach new members to see if they would join the committee.(JR)

The Commodore said in compliance with the terms of the lease and proposed new lease the club must have a boat register available at all times for inspection and the membership secretary would prepare this once the administration work underway for the boat park was completed. (RC)

The venue for winter committee meetings was discussed and with the threatened winter weather it was agreed that a warmer setting should be sought during the dark months and the Commodore agreed to host the meetings at his house.

The meeting closed at 20.52

Date of the next meeting 10th November 2015

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