

SUSSEX YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE
Held Monday 20 January 2020

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Item No	Item		When to do
1739	Website Proposal	MS/TK/KH	February

The meeting commenced at: 19.30 hours

Present: Terry Kinch	TK	Commodore, (Chair)
Kevin Headon	KH	Vice Commodore, Training Principal
David Nunn	DN	Rear Commodore, Hon. Treasurer
David Terry	DT	Rear Commodore, "Wet" Committees
Kevin Knight	KK	Director, Safety Boat Manager
Sue Large	SL	Director, Acting Chair, House Committee
John Pryke	JP	Director, Dinghy Captain
Des Silverson	DSi	Director, Dinghy Committee
David Skinner	DS	Director, Moorings Maintenance Committee
Ann Macey	AM	Director, House Committee
Ian Bush	IB	Director, House Committee
Adam Thompson	AT	Director
Mark Sharp	MS	Director
Tim Leigh	TL	Ex-officio, Secretary
Agnes Bristow	AB	Ex-officio, Assistant Secretary
Derek Copeman	DCo	President
Zoe Fry	ZF	Director Elect
Alan Fry	AF	Director Elect
Tim Stevenson	TS	Director Elect
Russell Morrice	RM	Director Elect

Apologies: David Carroll DC Director, Sailability & Dinghy Committee

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1733 The Commodore reminded those present that the meeting was recorded and the necessity for confidentiality and good conduct was reaffirmed.

1734 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed as a true summary.

Proposed: Commodore; In favour: Unanimous of those present at last meeting:

Against: 0 Abstention: AM, JP, DC, KH not present

1735 MATTERS ARISING

1735.1 Action Points from Minutes

1735.1 (i) George Green we queried on the Honorary List - AB advised she had spoken to him and he was the Former Master in Charge of Sailing at Brighton College

1735.1 (ii) DN advised Directors and Directors Elect that letters of representation presented to auditors was signed on behalf of the directors.

1736 **Major Projects**

1736.1 **Shoreham Development**

1736.1 (i) DCo was introduced and provided an update on the construction process.

1736.1 (ii) AT queried Pebblebeach involvement. TK advised that door to shore was going ahead and that TL is working to complete outstanding applications. TK advised some accessibility features have been removed, but infrastructure would be installed to mitigate future costs. TK confirmed Pebblebeach have been put on hold pending Sailability funding in future.

1736.1 (iii) KH confirmed that internal fundraising - £500,000 – was going ahead and accessibility features could be retro-fitted after.

1736.2 **Southwick Project**

1736.2 (i) MS gave update and advised that Southwick was progressing. The pontoons had been dismantled and expecting 1st container delivery of pontoons by the end of the week. MS confirmed they were already assembled in 10m lengths and will have to put floats etc to assemble.

1736.2 (ii) MS advised that the south part of hard tarmacked area of yard would be used to finish the assembly of pontoons . MS confirmed that so far they were within budget and prep for groundworks would be started now.

1736.2 (iii) IB queried the company set up to manage project. MS advised the company was set up for the payment of casual labourers and recorded through the company and not through SYC.

1737 **Finance**

1737.1 **Barco Finance Update**

DN advised data came in late but should come out this week. TL will distribute with Minutes.

1738 **Website**

1738.1 **Interim Proposal**

1738.1 (i) MS advised he had met with Steve Vyse (SV) for an open discussion regarding the current website which is provided by SV and has been for 10 years. MS and SV discussed a possible framework for SV as an interim measure for approx. 6 months and he will provide a formal chargeable service. A 6 month timeframe would then take us into the opening of the new clubhouse/moorings etc.

1738.1 (ii) Discussion was had as to the website and the best course of action going forward. The options discussed were to go to an invitation to tender, enter into a formal arrangement with SV or to run both in tandem. The pros and cons were discussed. It was agreed that MS

would draft a proposal for February for an agreement with SV. Separately an invitation to tender for public offer would be made TK/KH to appoint. MS advised caution on this action.

Action: MS/TK/KH ; when; February

1739 **Raft Race 2020**

1739.1 **Paper for Discussion**

- 1739.1 (i) KH advised there were 2 papers – Dec and tonight’s paper RM had prepared
- 1739.1 (ii) AT asked for clarity re the event and if it was an SYC event run for the benefit of the community or volunteers running the event using SYC facilities and MS and TS asked where liability stood regarding insurance issues. It was confirmed it was a SYC event organised by a sub committee of volunteers. It was confirmed that it was unlikely any seed funding were needed from the club.
- 1739.1 (iii) Discussion was had regarding the charities that would benefit from the proceeds of the race. KK asked whether Sailability would be the only charity to benefit and the committee advised that not all funds would go to Sailability. TK asked whether there was anything detrimental to supporting other charities and it was agreed there was not. ZF advised the committee had met and they were wanting to involve other charities and get the community involved. Four charities had been considered and SL advised that Turning Tides (local homeless charity) was potentially one of them. AF and ZF advised that the race committee preferred local charities benefit rather than national ones as it was a community event. It was agreed that the organising committee would come back to main committee to agree recommended recipients this year.
- 1739.1 (iv) RM advised the committee were planning on doing most of the organising and admin themselves with possibly AB to take up role going forward as an office contact. Regarding resources safety boat support required but there were approx £1500 in pledges and an offer of free printing etc. to lower costs. RM advised there was a website established with ownership of the domain however the webmaster was not going to continue.

Proposed: KH; seconded; MS In favour: Unanimous

Against: 0 Abstention: 0

1740 **Royal Escape Race 2020**

1740.1 **Set Up for 2020 Race**

- 1740.1 (i) KH gave an update as to progress of the Royal Escape Race and advised that teams have met with SV and TL has booked hotels etc.
- 1740.1 (ii) TL asked if the documentation could be prepared early as race entries should open ASAP. KH advised that the notice of race and documentation had changed very little and they had been discussed with the start/finish team

1740.1 (iii) TK asked for clarification regarding entries and it was confirmed entrants could not enter verbally and should be done online. KH advised that SV should have forms.

1741 **Sailing Section**

1741.1 **Rating/Handicap System Review**

1741.1 (i) AT provided a background and advised the primary concern is to try and drive participation and although Saturday pursuit racing is doing well, Sunday racing is not.

1741.1 (ii) AT went through the pros and cons of the written proposal to subsidise IRC fees for Race entrants.

1741.2 **Race Fees Relief Proposal for IRC**

1741.2 (i) AT proposed that IRC is promoted and SYC encourage skippers to hold an IRC certificate. For those in the scheme a credit will be received instead of £6 race fees, up to the cost of £100, whichever is greater. TK advised he was in support and suggested it possibly be limited to those applied through the club group scheme and asked if members had already done it and there may be a timing issue here. AT advised an email is prepared to invite those to IRC advocate scheme. TK was happy to promote the advocate scheme and any arrangement made.

Proposed: AT; Seconded TK; In favour: Unanimous;
Against: 0 Abstention: 0

1742 **New Members Listing**

1742.1 **Adoption of New Members**

1742.1 (i) KH asked if there were any questions re memberships as shown.

1742.1 (ii) Discussion was had regarding a statistics for better understanding of [] requirements.

Proposed: KH ; KK seconded; In favour: Unanimous;
Against: 0 Abstention: 0

1743 **Correspondence**

1743.1 None

1744 **Any Other Business**

1744.1 **Use of Key Fobs at Bar**

1744.1 (i) AT addressed the fob system in bar whereby non members were using members fobs to get discounted drink and it was queried whether staff should challenge or bring forward to the board/office. KK advised that they should be challenged with the full backing of the board. AF asked if key fob was presented to a different member. TL advised that bar staff are aware of the use of other members fobs. RM suggested a sign could be put up at the bar and MS advised a reminder could potentially be published in In the Wind. TK advised he would discuss the matter with Natalie.

1744.1 (ii) DN also advised that using the fobs also created the problem that the revenue isn't being recorded accurately.

1744.2 Sussex Motor Yacht Club

1744.2 (i) IB asked what the relationship with new motor club was. It was asked if the committee had voted to offer SMYC affiliate membership TK advised proposal agreed in October 2019 Board.

1744.3 Carers Membership

1744.3 (i) AB advised a query had come up with a carer of a member wanting to know if different rates for carers were offered. TK advised that the carer had an informal arrangement and could come to the club for the sole purpose of assisting the member.

1744.4 RYA Talk

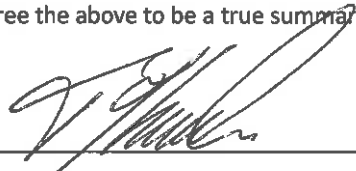
1744.4 (i) KH advised he was trying to arrange for RYA to come down to give a talk. The RYA will give talk advising on what has/hasn't worked at other clubs and be able to advise on things going forward. RM asked if a presentation could be given to those who cannot attend and KH advised there should be notes available. It will be on a Wednesday evening in February. Details to follow.

1744.5 Next Month's Board Meeting

1744.5 (i) TK advised February's meeting will be his last as chair and will focus on responsibilities as directors so those are better informed and this will take up a proportion of agenda with our HR expert in attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at: 21.20 hrs

I agree the above to be a true summary of the meeting.



Terry Kinch, Commodore

20.01.2020

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 17th February 2020 at 19.30 hours
Monday 16th March 2020 at 19.30 hours