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**SUSSEX YACHT CLUB
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE
HELD MONDAY 21st DECEMBER 2015**

Present:

D Ramus	Commodore
S Vyse	Vice Commodore, Chair Publicity & New Members
Pat Hill	Rear Commodore, Chair, House Committee
T Kinch	Rear Commodore, Chair Moorings & Maintenance Cttee
L Woodhams	Rear Commodore, Hon. Treasurer
T Cork	Director, Sailing Section Captain
N Fraser-Betts	Director, House Committee
K Headon	Director, Training Principal
N Prescott	Director, 'Sailing Through History' Committee
G Roberts	Director, Moorings & Maintenance Committee
M Rummery	Director, Buildings Maintenance Committee
D Skinner	Director, Moorings & Maintenance Committee
A Weber	Director, Safety Boat Manager
T Leigh	Ex-officio, Secretary
Jacqui Flood	Ex-officio, Asst. Secretary

Apologies:

D Golding	Director, Buildings Maintenance Committee
G Weston	Director, House Committee

Directors Elect

Ex-Officio:

- Robert Reeves
- Kevin Knight
- Ian Bush
- John Pryke
- Dave Lee

Absent:

What: Action to be completed
Who: Person assigned to complete the Action
When: Deadline; date by which the Action is to be completed by assignee
Status: Ongoing, On Hold, Over Due, Complete

	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
955 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING			
All agreed true summary.			
Proposed: Commodore For: 9 Ab: 3 (AW, KH, TC) Carried			
956 MATTERS ARISING			
956.1 939.2 – Race Results PC			
This is now in place but training is required on the Sailwave software. This should happen before sailing starts. John Pryke asked if this could be made available to the Dinghy Section and it was confirmed it would be.	SV		Ongoing
956.2 939.3 – Volunteer Directory			
This is still being worked on.	SV		Ongoing

957 AGM MATTERS

957.1 Honorary Member Nominations

At November's meeting two nominations for Honorary Membership were rejected by the Board following a vote. The matter was referred to Past President Richard Jackson and he felt that the AGM had precedence over the Board and that each nomination should be put to the AGM in January.

Two suggestions were proposed on how to deal with these nominations; 1) add the two nominees to the current list of Honorary Members, or 2) ask the Shareholders to vote on each one individually at the AGM. Vote result was:

Option 1: 4
Option 2: 9

Comm AGM Ongoing

Option 2 carried, each will be put to the AGM for the Shareholders to vote on.

The meeting was reminded that the Rule Book is reviewed every three years and as this situation has highlighted a hitherto unknown deficiency in the rules, it should be addressed.

958 FINANCE COMMITTEE

958.1 Confirmation of Email Vote – Annual Accounts

The Secretary advised the following result from the Board on the Annual Accounts:

For: 9 Ag: 0 Ab: 6 (SV, PH, TC, KH, NP, GR) Approved

959 FIXTURES CARD

959.1 Update and Completion/Publication Date

The meeting was advised that information was still required from the Sailing Section on race start times. The Sailing Section Captain advised that these would be provided that evening. He also advised that some joint events have had to be changed and he would provide John Pryke, Dinghy Captain, and Kevin Headon with the details.

SV advised that all information will go online for checking by each section and that he would email when available.

SV ASAP Ongoing

960 HOUSE

960.1 General Report

Social events are going very well and decorations are being dealt with in the Restaurant. Next Club Night big raffle.

960.2 Rule Book Review (3, 9 and Dogs)

A previously distributed paper outlined suggested amendments to the above rules to close previously unknown deficiencies, and to allow dogs in the River Room.

Proposed: PH 2nd: Comm Carried Unanimously

TL ASAP January

New rules will be posted for seven days for the Membership to review.

960.3 Comments Book

One comment received. Signed but illegible. They were complaining about the action of the Assistant Secretary when clarifying matters with the Chef. PH to advise correct procedures for complaints in the comments book (done by SV).

PH ASAP Ongoing

961 Moorings & Maintenance Committee

961.1 General Report

The meeting was advised that there was currently a problem with the hoist's hydraulic boost pump and that is still out of action. Following the incident with the hoist, new procedures had been written and it had been agreed to install transit posts on the slipway to aid directional navigation of hoist and other vessels using the slipway.

The slipway cleaning equipment had been received but it was damaged in transit – awaiting replacement (now received).

Preliminary work in process with MeterMacs and all plans on schedule for full install in January and rolling out in February.

A request had been received to extend the electricity supply to the end of A pontoon, and this will be actioned.

Planning permission had been permitted for Tarmount Hard with certain conditions being investigated.

There is a backlog of members requiring boat movements and once the hoist is operational these will be dealt with in priority order. It is felt the backlog can be cleared within 6-8 weeks of start of operations.

961.2 Gates

GR advised that the gates had been made but were not yet ready to be delivered. All ducting has been completed as has the bollard for the motor assembly.

961.3 Vote Result on Slipway Brush

An email vote was taken on the release of funds request for a slipway cleaning brush. For: 12 Ag: 0 Ab: 3 (KH, DSK,

NP) Carried

CLOSED

Item purchased since vote taken.

962 BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

962.1 General Report

Commodore advised that there was currently nothing to report. His committee meets next in January.

963 SAILING SECTION

963.1 General Report

Reported a successful season and that they were working on the handbook for next year. The mast was to be removed from the Beach in the New Year. A lecture series was being organised.

963.2 Littlehampton Menu & Rally

TC reported that he had recently held a meeting with the Commodore of Littlehampton who advised that at the time of the Club's visit the Club was going from in-house catering to franchise and had to employ external caterers for SYC's event, which brought the costs up. TC stated that both wished for closer ties moving forwards.

963.3 Statistics on 5 Years Race/Rally Attendance

TC to work on this over the Christmas period.

TC January Ongoing

963.4 Sailing Section AGM Report

TC confirmed these would be distributed over Christmas.

TC ASAP

963.5 RYA "Push the Boat Out"

SV reported that he would like the Club to be involved in this RYA initiative and he would arrange a meeting with TC to discuss the way forward.

SV ASAP Ongoing

964 DINGHY SECTION

964.1 General Report

KH reported that Dinghies have enjoyed a successful sailing season and confirmed that John Pryke was now Dinghy Captain.

965 TRAINING/YOUTH/SAILABILITY

965.1 General Report

KH excellent Sailability Christmas Party held. Some Sailability Members were joining in with the Sonars and a new RS Venture has been purchased with a grant from Sport England. Many volunteers are going through power boat training.

Main area of concentration with the Youth Team was to train them up to become trainers alongside their racing commitments. They will be racing in the Cooler Series after Christmas.

Commodore commented on how much he had enjoyed the Sailability Christmas Party.

966 SOUTHWICK – SAILING THROUGH HISTORY

966.1 General Report

Confirmed all had received Dski's report. Progress is happening but slowly.

The fundraiser was now in a position to make a first application and has requested the Board's approval before he makes the application.

Dski asked for a vote on the fundraiser carrying on as proposed:

Prop: Dski 2nd: TK Carried unanimously

967 PUBLICITY & MEMBERS

967.1 General Report

Wavelength distributed last week. Another to follow, articles required. Suggestion received regarding a Year Book, to be discussed.

967.2 New Members' Listing

List read through.

LW asked for stats to be provided by membership category and compared to income as per Annual Accounts.

JF

Ongoing

Proposed: Commodore Carried Unanimously

Letter read from Roger Wilson, who resigned after a 40 year association with the Club.

967.3 Item held in confidential minutes of the meeting.

967.4 Staff Membership

It had recently transpired that a number of staff were not Members of the Club and SV believed it would be benefit both the Club and staff if they were involved socially.

He had looked at various options and identified that with a simple rule change we would work within existing framework by creating a new group membership (associate only) and they could sit on sub committees. If a member of staff (with or without their spouse) wished to join they

should complete an application form but pay no fee.

Questions were raised as to whether staff members would have the same entitlement to moorings/stores as paying members. It was felt that this would be inappropriate.

TL read a statement from GW, who was unable to attend the meeting. GW believed that the whole of subject of only shareholders being able to sit on committees (but not the Board) should be addressed and changed as excluding volunteers because they are not shareholders did not make sense. He made a suggested change to rule 9(a).

NFB asked whether this would be offered to Bar staff. SV confirmed all, permanent staff.

It was decided that more work was required on this and LW would redraft liaising with SV, redistribute and conduct an email vote.

LW/SV ASAP Ongoing

967.5 Lapsing Members

LW reminded all that in April 2014 the Board agreed that the Office would cancel the fobs of any fee paying member who had not paid their renewal by 1st November. The Office confirmed that, in fact, this had not happened and would be enacted in the New Year.

968 125 COMMITTEE

968.1 General Report

DL advised that generally all going well. Event now has a logo and the marquee was being arranged. There would be major Club events planned for June, July and December of 2017.

969 CORRESPONDENCE

969.1 Keith Chittenden

Letter from Keith thanking the Club for the free use of Southwick Clubhouse for the Riverside Charity Christmas Dinner. Some £2,000 was raised for Macmillan Nurses.

969.2 Shoreham Sailing Club

Letter received from the Chair of SSC thanking the Club, especially John Redman and the Dinghy Section for the organisation of the Langley Icicle, which SSC thoroughly enjoyed.

970 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

970.1 Southwick Development

Ian Bush asked whether the redevelopment of Southwick would mean it would no longer function as a clubhouse. He was advised that the upstairs would be a refurbished bar

and catering area with some form of multi use room downstairs and would certainly be available as a clubhouse.

970.2 Race Results pc

NP commented that there had been a lack of race results resulting in many results not being published and asked if the new dedicated pc would eradicate this. SV advised that the pc would be kept behind the bar and results could be entered immediately after racing had finished. John Pryke asked whether the Dinghy Section could also use this. He was advised that they could but it would require some tweaking and training.

970.3 Fob Disablement

LW advised the meeting that in April 2014 the office was instructed to disable fobs on 1st November for those who had not paid their membership. This had not been implemented in the past two years and asked that the instructions be rescinded. Vote taken.

For: 5 Ag: 5 (inc Commodore) Ab: 3 Not Carried.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2226

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

