



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 8th February 2024
at 7 pm by TEAMS.

- 1) Present: Chris Brown - Commodore, Jim Hopwood – Secretary, Adrian Lumb – Treasurer, Carl Sharman, Simon Lovelock, Debs Boles, Neil Howarth, Keith Guy-Gibbens, Adrian Barnes, Alan Morrison, Barry Andrew, Dave Waters
- 2) Minutes of the last meeting - **approved**.
- 3) Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a) Esso have proposed acceptable new lease terms.
 - b) Planning in hand for lift-in.
- 4) Secretary – Jim Hopwood:
 - a) Directory ready to go to website.
 - b) Rent paid and contact details corrected.
 - c) RYA affiliation details submitted without safeguarding etc.
- 5) Treasurer – Ade Lumb
 - a) All accounts in order. Year-end accounts are with our Accountant.
 - b) We have a new member who after being chased up many times has not paid his invoice of 15th November. He has a club key and has a yacht on the hard that he purchased from another member back in the summer. What action taken? He promised Adrian Barnes & Alan Morrison he would pay by end of January, it's now February. **Adrian to write again, copy letters to Jim.**
 - c) **Membership fees 2024/25**

At the AGM it was stated that we would increase membership fees by 6% and “services” (mooring, compound, boat house etc. fees) by 12% (as catchup for no increase last year).

Also due to the introduction of “webcollect” Adrian Barnes stated that he needed a simpler method of charging mooring, compound, boat house etc. fees, as per foot was not workable. After a lot of calculations, I have come up with 4 categories of boat length “Up to and equal to” 20ft, 25ft, 30ft, and 34ft. and apply the 2024/24 rates that would have equated to the middle of each group.

Below is a list of the proposed rates which were ratified at the meeting in readiness for Adrian Barnes’s membership renewal notices and for the web site.

All approved

To be announced in the newsletter.

		Current Year 2023	Increase 2024	Proposed for 2024 (Rounded)	Comments
Full Membership single		85	6%	90	
Joint / Family Full Membership		135	6%	145	
Senior (70 years+) and have held membership for 10 yrs		70	6%	75	
Senior Joint / Family		135	6%	145	
Social membership	with no voting rights	50	6%	55	
Student membership	with no voting rights	30	6%	35	
Ex-ASC Life members	with no voting rights	0	6%	0	
Joining fee single		150	6%	160	
Joint joining fee		240	6%	255	
Joining fee Social membership	with no voting rights	150	6%	160	
Joining fee Student membership	with no voting rights	75	6%	80	
Tender in the pound		40	12%	45	
Canoe/kayak in the boat house		45	12%	50	
Inflatable rack space in boathouse		45	12%	50	
Wooden boat in boat house per foot or part thereof		45	12%	50	Was £17foot
Mast rack space		15	12%	17	Per year
Sailing dinghies in pound up to 16ft flat fee		50	12%	60	Per year
Club Trailer - Use per week or part there of	(small)	5	12%	6	
Club Trailer - Use per week or part there of	(large)	10	12%	12	
Tractor Use - each occasion		15	12%	20	
Mast Crane Use - Each occasion		10	12%	12	
Boat hoist: Winter lift out (in/out winter storage)		200	12%	225	
Boat hoist: In/ out (no storage)		60	12%	65	
Boat hoist: Short lift: (In/out & 6-week storage)		120	12%	135	
Extended Shore stay / month				25	New category
Notes					
Senior Joint / Family seemed wrong so I have adjusted it in "proposed"					
Sailing dinghies in pound up to 16ft flat fee. I felt this too low so lifted it to £60pa					
Tractor Use - each occasion. I felt this too low so lifted it to £20					
Increase to be effective 1st April renewals.					

	Boat length. Up to	income 2023	proposed method 2024 Income	Proposed fees 2024
Compound And Hard	>20ft	12709	14180	£200.00
	>25ft			£220.00
	>30ft			£260.00
	>34ft			£300.00
Water moorings	>20ft	7368	7940	£180.00
	>25ft			£200.00
	>30ft			£235.00
	>34ft			£270.00
North bank	>20ft	4446	5260	£200.00
	>25ft			£220.00
	>30ft			£260.00
	>34ft			£300.00
South bank	>20ft	7400	7854	£220.00
	>25ft			£242.00
	>30ft			£286.00
	>34ft			£330.00
Totals		£31,923	£35,234	
Increase Revenue 2024			£3,311	
Increase Revenue 2024 %			10.4%	
Target 12% (Close enough)				

6) Membership – Adrian Barnes

- a) Our newest member is a firefighter at Holbury fire station. We were discussing keys and access in the event of an emergency and I thought that the Fire Service probably had a key. Martin has checked and they are not holding a key for the gate. I checked our register and

that appears to be correct, although for some reason we have given one to the Coast Guard. It strikes me that it would be sensible to provide the Fire Service with a key, A to safe time if they needed to help us and, B to save any damage that would occur if they needed to break through the gate. **Agreed, AI to deliver a key..**

- b) Webcollect will be up and running by mid-March.
- 7) Pound –Barry Andrew-
- a) Due to winter lift out I have 2 spaces left within the compound currently unoccupied.
 - b) A CCTV company came to the club on Wednesday 7th February to look at our current setup and to provide a quote to take over the system so we can use the password to make any necessary changes ourselves. I will get a quote to update some of the cameras with Dome Cameras as opposed to Bullet Cameras which we currently have as this will eliminate the majority of spider webs so we should have good visibility at night as well. I will also get a quote to move the NVR and update it, but I need to know where we want it moved to.
 - c) I can get the security company to provide a quote to monitor the alarm but is there any specific requirement we want with the alarm for when it is activated?
- 8) Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters:
- a) Slip cleaned.
 - b) Pontoon to be cleared before lift-in.
 - c) **Agreed to change the gate and toilets code to 1805.**
- 9) Maintenance and Club House – Alan Morrison
- a) The clubhouse alarm developed a fault and we had to call in Complete Security. The clubhouse door sensor was replaced and now operating again.
 - b) The Portacabin water pipe sprang a leak through the cold spell and has been turned off. We will leave it turned off until the plans for the new toilet blocks location is agreed.
 - c) I have replaced the small notice board in the clubhouse with a larger one.
- 10) Sailing Events – Debs Boles:
- a) Sailing programme dates are ready to be publicised (with rallies being included as and when during the season). SWSA programme on Club house wall and available on SWSA website.
 - b) Have liaised with Roger of Jolly Roger. We are looking to see which courses may be viable at Ashlett. As detailed in the last meeting's minutes - Training information, with a request for a response, to be circulated for all members - On noticeboard and in Jim's newsletter. Roger also has a variety of courses on offer in the local area which members of ASC can join. Poster advertising on notice board and could be included in the newsletter.
 - c) SWSA Agm- no responses to my WhatsApp message but just checking that after reading the RYA and president's report there is nothing ASC would like raised, A point to note - other member clubs have expressed concern with the RYA safeguarding requests. One club is discussing not renewing their RYA affiliation, SWSA are also not going to complete the safeguarding section. Any thoughts with regard to ASC's position? What does RYA do for Ashlett? (See 4c above)
- 11) Creek – Carl Sharman:
- a) All good at the moment.

12) Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens:

- a) Planning to meet Carl and finish new moorings work.

13) Bosun – Simon Lovelock:

- a) The annual red tractor service is booked in for Friday 9th Feb by Dovey Ltd, on site. I have a list of other tractor maintenance issues that need attention. If you any additional concerns, please let me know directly so I can add them to the list – thanks.
- b) Boat hoist flexible hydraulic pipe investigated – should be OK for a few years.
- c) Blue tractor has become a bit reluctant to start occasionally – starter / terminals to be cleaned / battery left on charge to see if this improves matters.
- d) Lots of work being done with the replacement toilet/shower block subgroup – drawing up plans etc.

13) Boat House – Neil Howarth:

- a) Nothing to report.
- b) I will open the meeting on Thursday at 6:50pm.

14) AOB

- a) Chris to investigate RLNI 200 plans.

15) Future meetings: 14th March, 11th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th August, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December.