



Ashlett Sailing Club Ltd



Minutes of the Board Meeting held Thursday 10th January 2019, in the Clubhouse starting at 7 pm.

Invited Directors: Mike Cooper , Dave Stewart, Merv Griffiths, Dave Young, Jacky Olden, Sue Doyle.

Invited co-opted: Julian Pearson, Sharon Wardle

Item 1. Apologies for Absence ;
Keith Guy-Gibbens, Alan Morrison, Jim Hopwood, Ian Round (Retired from the committee)

Item 2. Commodores opening remarks

Good evening and welcome to those of you that could make it. This is our penultimate meeting before the AGM, so must focus on the job in hand.

Item 3. Minutes of the last meeting. - agreed

3.1. Matters arising ;

3.1.1 Discussion re fee increases 2019

The general consensus of opinion was to maintain the fees at their current level. For various reasons the monies appropriated for projects in 2018 were not used, coupled with the NFDC rate rebate, meaning we have sufficient funding without the need to increase fees.

3.1.2 Discussion in response to the following communication from the RYA ;
(I have been asked by Solent Protection Society to find out something about the condition of the entrance to Ashlett Creek. The society is interested in knowing about the condition of the sea bed of the whole of the Solent. If there are any major changes that can be controlled they will take issue with who is responsible
Can you let me know if you want Solent protection to take issue in this matter and if so to whom I can get a statement on the wishes and opinion of your club-
R Brown, chair RYA South

ASC Sec to formulate a relevant reply

3.1.3 RYA club development forum - Hythe SC 15th Jan - 18:30

Sue Doyle to attend

Item 4. H&S

- 4.1. Review the Incident Book. - Nothing
- 4.2 Review First Aid Report - Nothing

Item 5. Officer's Reports.

5.1 Commodore

I would like to thank all of you for submitting your reports for the Annual Report. I see it as a useful tool for the membership, giving them an insight into the many aspects of the jobs we have to undertake. I am attempting to contact the printer at Brock College so that we can discuss costs. He was unavailable at the time of my call, but I hope to be able to give you an update by the time of the meeting. I would also like your agreement to spend a sum of money on the printing and postage at this time.

I suppose it is because of Christmas, but trying to make contact with individuals is proving to be difficult. I have left a detailed message with Andrew Kitcher with regards the removal of the jetty posts, but have not received any response.

I am hopeful of a meeting with Mr Drummond concerning our approach road. I know he often goes away after Christmas for a vacation, but I will make that contact in order to resolve this unpleasant situation with the previous tenants of the Jolly, and the Parish Clerk. As it is, the channel which I cut out has remained and is doing a half decent job of keeping the gateway clear.

Sharon and I have been working on the financial details for the report, and I would like it placed on record that she is doing an excellent job. She has also been working on our filing system, clearing it out, and bringing it all up to date.

As you know one of our committee members, Ian Round, has had to step down through ill health. I believe the Flag Officers and committee would join with me in wishing him and his family all the best for the future and Ian a speedy and full recovery.

I have no further news from Esso on the silt dredging of the jetty site. However, it appears they have used a drone to take photographs of the site, as they were submitted to me for comment. I have also seen a chap with a camera and clipboard at the head of the slipway taking photos and making notes. (All seen on our webcam)

We have been replacing several of the padlocks around the club as they appear to be coming to the end of their serviceable life. This is quite a costly venture as the new ones are £48 each, being re-barrelled with the barrels from our old locks. I think our members will be pleased not to have them falling apart in their hands.

Mike Cooper

5.2 Treasurers Report

January 2019 - figures as at 31.12.18

Revenue of £125 (£53400) less Operating costs of £577 (£25620) gave a loss of £452 (£27780) in the month (YTD).

	Income	Expenditure
Utilities		£220
Cleaning		£198
Membership		
Other (individual items under £200)	£125	£159

UTILITIES

Biffa (see dispute below) £144.25, Water £75.97

BANK ACCOUNTS

Nat West bank accounts - still no correspondence about online banking re: letter sent 14th Dec

NS&I Investment Account - new authorised signatory form sent - NS&I stated 2 weeks delay with paperwork.

Note

Biffa

Invoice states 'wasted journey' on 3rd Dec so we have now raised this query as no reason for this (Biffa have a key to enter site)

Will keep checking to see that we have been reimbursed for charge £25 plus vat.

Latest email from Alan, stated again that they had a wasted journey on the 31st Dec.

Both Alan & myself have left messages, Biffa will report to depot and advise them to remove item from future bill.

Spoke to Biffa in length about 2 bins as we are paying for both to be emptied each week.

What happens if one is not completely full? They will discuss with depot and amend contract if necessary.

Flares

Biffa quote £1907

Discussed with Force 4 who stated that they do a swop system - buy one, take one old flare back in for disposal.

Flare Amnesty, usually once a year. Ramora UK, generally up to 10 per person £2 average donation.

- Hon sec will monitor their website and inform the membership when an amnesty is due in our area

As we do not have a PRS PPL license we are not entitled to broadcast any music, whether via the radio or other players on the premises. (We are now a business and have to conform to the Gov. rulings) .Hon Sec will look into the licensing laws and establish if we can claim an exemption.

We are still having great difficulties trying to communicate with our bank. Their letters to us are being returned 'not at this address'. The Commodore and Hon Treasurer are visiting the bank tomorrow (Fri) in an effort to resolve the issues. We need to progress and make the account 'internet access'.

Cheque to be raised for donation to Hythe Sea Scouts - Keith GG to provide

details.

5.3 Hon Secretary

Group email sent informing all members of forthcoming AGM date, time, venue etc

Lift In - date is now 20th April

Web site - Annual statistics ; 108126 'hits', 10743 Visitors .

Item 6 - Reports

6.1 Boathouse and Creek-e News Jacky Olden

Boathouse :

Nothing to report

Creek e news -

Creek news deferred until after the AGM as we are currently producing the ASC Ltd year book.

6.2 Compound Alan Morrison.

We have a problem with electrics in the tractor shed and cannot use the 240V socket by the red tractor . A replacement RCD outlet double socket required.

Hon Sec to procure a replacement

Ian Graham has done a temporary repair to the broken socket outlet adj the tractor gates.

Thanks Ian

Tom - the contract electrician to be contacted to do the annual inspection of the club electrical system , and PAT test. *Mike C to progress*

6.3 Maintenance - Dave Stewart

Toilets blocked in gents, eventually cleared. Would appear that something was placed there for flushing away which may have been better placed in the skip ! Please adhere to the notices which inform you of our limitations for sanitary disposal at the club.

6.4 Membership -Sue Doyle

Two accepted members have been sent requests for membership fees.

Two prospective members were interviewed on 6th Jan. - accepted

Another interview planned for 3rd Feb

I am trying to catch up with the boat swapping which has happened in the last two weeks
Some will necessitate fees being sent me! - deferred to renewal time

Discussion also took place regarding those vessels / equipment that have not been used or serviced by their owners for longer than the club rules allow. A vigorous approach is required at next renewal to start enforcing our rule as we are turning away new members due to lack of pound / mooring places.

6.5 Moorings. Keith Guy-Gibbens

A few boat change details of various members this month but no progress with laying moorings. Hope to start getting things done this month.

Allocation of south bank mooring SB21 - agreed to allocate to Alan Morrison.

Discussion took place regarding the costing and ownership of moorings refurbished by the block lifter team. It was stated that it's essential that any equipment used in the refurbishment of moorings i.e. blocks, chains and buoys remain the property of ASC Ltd. Is it fair therefore that although a new mooring holder is expected to pay several hundred pounds for the mooring, it never actually becomes his / her property. Further discussion deferred until next meeting when mooring master is present.

6.6 Pontoon , Slipway, mast crane. Julian Pearson

Julian has kindly taken over responsibility for this section from Ian .

6.7 Equipment and Block Lifter Mervyn Griffiths

Have ordered a new bilge pump suction pipe and strum box for rascal 1.

6.8 Social Sec - Julian Pearson, assisted by Barry Andrew.

Quiz and chips night coming up - well subscribed, Tony Wardle will be 'quizmaster'.

6.9 Events - Jim Hopwood

Drascome cruise July : Jim has asked if the club will permit the Drascome owners to launch over the weekend of July 5/6/7 th, including some visitors, in preparation for a 2 week rally. The visitors would need to leave their cars/trailers at Ashlett for the duration. A social event / barbeque will be held on Sat 6th at the club, and all club members are welcome to attend.

The committee are happy with Jim's request, however, we would expect to limit the numbers of visitors and would anticipate that Jim will manage ;

*The collection of fee's (amount to be agreed),
Provide a list of visitors names, car reg , and fee paid,*

Oversee the launching and recovery of vessels, ensuring members have priority.

HSE - Nothing to report

Meeting closed 20:50 Hrs

Next meeting - Thurs Feb 21st 19:00