



# Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
at 7 pm in the Club House.

1. Present: Chris Brown (Chairman), Sharon Geary-Harwood (Treasurer), Merv Griffiths, Alan Morrison, Keith Guy-Gibbens, Carl Sharman Dick Pizey, and Jim Hopwood (Secretary), John Lavers and Neil Howarth, by Zoom.
2. Apologies for Absence: Sue Doyle, Steve Rush, Dave Waters
3. Minutes of the last meeting - **approved**.
4. Commodore – Chris Brown:
  - a. The pontoons are back in position and wired up. Many thanks to Phil Crossland, Ron Howells and all who helped.
  - b. Chris is happy to see new members use the pontoon while mooring are prepared.
5. Clubhouse Alterations – Steve Rush
  - a. Nothing to report. Just waiting for the lease confirmation.
6. Secretary – Jim Hopwood:
  - a. AGM
    - i. British Legion booked for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1100 till 1300.
    - ii. Nominations and motions by 15<sup>th</sup> October.
    - iii. Proposed rule change:

Rule 13 Finance to be amended as follows: **The Financial Year of the Club shall commence on ~~1<sup>st</sup> January and end 31<sup>st</sup> December~~ 1<sup>st</sup> April and end on 31<sup>st</sup> March.** The 2022 financial year shall be extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. – **to be discussed at financial meeting after the regatta.**
    - iv. Any other rule changes needed? Mooring inspections? Waiting buoy? **To be discussed at Moorings review.**
    - v. Annual report and notice of agm to be circulated by 1<sup>st</sup> October. **Need your input for the report mid-September.**
  - b. Insurance will move from Zurich Insurance plc, based in Ireland, to Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. Based in Switzerland, due to Brexit.

7. Treasurer – Sharon Geary Harwood:

ASHLETT SAILING CLUB	10.08.22
Bank Account	£69,689.00
Key Deposit	-£8,000.00
1 Years running costs	-£15,000.00
Less 2022 Running costs	-£10,500.00
Less Regatta Money	-£1,600.00
Less Holding amount for Toilet Invoices paid so far £1,162.00	-£28,828.00
Surplus for 2022/23	£5,761.00
Monies owed to us	£1,605.00
Total Surplus for 2022/23	£7,366.00

The new picnic bench along with 7 fold away tables have arrived

I submitted the accounts paperwork to Kara on 1/7/22, however after leaving 3 voice messages with Kara asking for Jody to call me regarding the accounts, he has yet to return my phone calls, this has now been 5 weeks.

Personally I feel we need to review our accountants, as there has been no sign of any draft accounts being produced.

I wish to have it noted that I have tried to get draft accounts for this meeting.

**To be discussed at finance meeting.**

8. Membership and Communications – Dick Pizey:

- a. Two new members accepted..Ryan Watson and Geoff Aston.
- b. Four applications to be added to next newsletter.
- c. Signed up for 3 month trial with Webconnect to see if it has potential for us..initial findings are positive but haven't been able to explore too deeply yet.
- d. Regatta proceeding to plan, food ticket sales have exceeded threshold (details with Sharon).
- e. Race programme sorted
- f. Boat jumble sorted
- g. Sue is on the mark with club house
- h. Music equipment in portacabin
- i. PA for events sorted

- j. Raffle sorted
  - k. Volunteers required for boathouse clearance on Friday..email..whatsapp and FB message to be sent out.
9. Pound and Health and Safety –John Lavers:
- a. Successful work parties in May/June were able tidy-up the compound for the summer.
  - b. Barry Andrew, who has come-on to help with the management of the compound, is assisting in developing a numbering system for the compound.
  - c. Working with Alan and the tractor drivers we are working on situating the boats at an angle for better ease of manoeuvrability for the tractor and or hoist within the compound.
  - d. Compound team is looking to bring into effect a labelling (sticker/barcode/QR code) system so that all trailers, boats and other items can be better identified and linked to the owner.
  - e. The AED is registered with the 999 service and fully operational.
  - f. Problem with Biffa saying they cannot get in to collect waste and being difficult to contact. Sounds like the problem we had 2 years ago with drivers not bringing their key. Jim believes Sharon Wardle left a report.
10. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters:
- a. I was going to jet wash the slip on Sat morning prior to the Regatta but now due to the hose pipe ban I'm unsure if I should?
11. Creek – Carl Sharman:
- a. Planning to put a post on the SE corner of dredged area.
  - b. Two life jackets have been donated for use on club work.
  - c. Marked out two moorings on East Bank.
  - d. Have an offer of 200 meters of used but good mooring chain for £1500.
  - e. Suggest club buys a life raft which members could hire for long trips.
12. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens:
- a. Two moorings refurbished and laid..
  - b. Need to discuss allocation of 2 South Bank moorings. Five worthy candidates agreed and names put in hat; Andy Sutton and Adrian Lumb chosen.
13. Bosun – Merv Griffiths:
- a. The older Rascal work boat has been lifted ashore to repair the seized top rudder pintle, unless anyone has any strong opinion I would like to revert the steering back to a tiller arm. **Agreed**
  - b. The 6hp Tomatsu club outboard refused to start when most needed for pontoon moving. Cause appears to be gummed up carburettor due to being left full of fuel for a long period.
  - c. Have carried out repairs to the lawn mower with a broken handle also glassed over the rust holes in the main body.

14. Maintenance – Alan Morrison
  - a. Tractor cable seizing – needs replacing.
  
15. Boat House – Neil Howarth:
  - a. Life jacket locker installed.
  - b. Plan to replace work bench and vice near electrical socket. Barbecue to be stored further in.
  
16. Club House, Creek News and Regalia – Sue Doyle:
  - a. A bit concerned at lack of contact re help and lunchtime food for regatta.
  - b. I will collect First lot of my ordered regalia on 12th ready for Sat.
  
17. AOB
  - a. John hopes to get additional first aid material.
  - b. John is planning another first aid course with Jolly Roger Training.
  - c. Chris has arranged for Andy Kitcher to fit the new 5 bar gate at the cattle grid - £1400.
  - d. Chris said Martin's ashes will be scattered on 9<sup>th</sup> September, hopefully attended by a large fleet, followed by a barbecue.

Future meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 29<sup>th</sup> October (AGM), 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December.