



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 6th May
at 7 pm via Zoom.

1. Present by Zoom: Chris Brown (Chairman), Jim Hopwood (Secretary), George Fabling, Merv Griffiths, Keith Guy Gibbens, Martin Lucas, Dave Waters.
2. Apologies for Absence: Phil Crossland, Sharon Geary-Harwood, Dick Pizey, Sam Henley Smith, Neil Howarth.
3. Minutes of the last meeting: **Approved.**
4. Health and Safety; No reported incidents.
5. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a. The boat hoist has arrived and been assembled and tested. One boat had been moved on land. Retrievals from the water to start on Friday.
 - b. Chris is working on a method statement which will be reviewed following trials.
 - c. A programme for the season – Chris will suggest dates for pursuit races and barbecues.
 - d. Chris is talking to Tom to define a worklist and costs for power points on South Bank.
6. Secretary – Jim Hopwood:
 - a. Port Waste Management Plan updated.
 - b. Director's liability insurance renewed.
 - c. No interest in [World Sailing's Steering the Course Women's Sailing Festival](#).
 - d. **Agreed Merv Griffiths to continue as Vice Commodore.**
7. Treasurer – Sharon Geary Harwood:
 - a. Bank account balance as of 03.05.21 £84,643.00
 - b. There are six members who have yet to pay. **Agreed Dick to send a final reminder note with an extended deadline.**
 - c. BBQ has been received. I shall deliver it to ASC on Monday. – Original cost price £699.00 we paid £537.20 thanks to Hannah's John Lewis discount. I have ordered a cover for it.
 - d. Draft accounts have been started, although an issue with Natwest has slowed things down.
 - e. Other issues held over to June meeting.

1. Membership – Dick Pizey:
 - a. Membership renewals complete from the paperwork side of things.
 - b. One new family member has joined. Claire Farrow and two applications to be circulated to members in next newsletter. This will take us to 207 members.
 - c. I don't think there is any issue in accepting new members so long as they are aware that certain resources....compound spaces and moorings are on a waiting list. Some want to join just to visit on the pontoon and make use of winter hardstanding. So long as we are clear and Keith and Martin can keep me updated periodically with the availability, we can accept more members. Up to a point.
 - d. WiFi project will get underway again in June.
 - e. Cruise to Chichester still planned departing 24th May.

2. Projects – Phil Crossland:
 - a. The CCTV has been serviced by Complete Security,
 - b. I am part way into gathering a group of interested people for the toilet shower renovation research and decisions. Does anyone else from the committee wish to become involved. We have three people at the moment.

3. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters:
 - a. All good on the Pontoon, boats moving off to their moorings etc.
 - b. The Slip way was cleaned on Wednesday.
 - c. The mast crane will be inspected in a couple of weeks.

4. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens:
 - a. 7 members need moorings. Two ready to be issued. Will make a list this week with moorings to be refurbished.
 - b. More broken chains reported so the list of work grows.
 - c. Possible movements on the SB so should be able to accommodate some on the waiting list.
 - d. A member has contacted Mike Malone's son asking for first refusal on Mike's boat.
 - e. I have 8 members on my list offering help with moorings, this will make repair work easier and quicker.

5. Bosun – Merv Griffiths:
 - a. Leaking Hydraulic snap connectors replaced on ford tractor bucket hydraulic line.
 - b. I need to check the charging rate on Massey Fergusson tractor before replacing battery.

6. Pound – Martin Lucas:
 - a. Have started to tidy up and sort out members boats in the compound, waiting for the list of who has what.
 - b. I have two spaces.
 - c. Need to know who has paid for what so as I can check and update my records
 - d. A notice to all members to remind them that all things in the compound should be marked clearly.
 - e. Need a good tidy up - **work party planned for Saturday 15th May.**

7. Maintenance – George Fabling:
 - a. Have priced replacement pipe lagging for compound. The power cables also need better support. Propose to run cable tray about 1 foot above ground and attach power cable and water pipes. **Cost for tray, ties and lagging approximately £250 – approved.**
 - b. Will look for oil spill kit for the boat hoist.

8. Boat House – Neil Howarth:
 - a. Had requests for six new kayaks in the kayak rack, all of which were placed on the top of the rack. There are only about 4 spaces left on the rack. If it fills up we may have to think about storing additional kayaks in the compound.
 - b. The top of the rack is quite high and may cause a problem if somebody hasn't the strength to retrieve or remove their kayak from there.
 - c. I will move the dinghies into the spaces Martin has in the compound and try to free up some space for a work area.

9. Club House – Sam Henley Smith:
 - a. We have had 5 Sunday coffee mornings well supported by a group of regulars as well as by some new club members keen to find their feet. Rule of 6 has been monitored and enforced!
 - b. The coffee mornings will continue in this kiosk format until 17th May, when 6 people are allowed indoors, and 30 outdoors. Obviously most people will need to pick up their refreshments from the clubhouse and then move outside, but it will enable members with disabilities to return to the safety of the clubhouse and its facilities. I propose a one-way system to help maintain the 2m social distance. (ie in the back door, through and out the front ... although this may prove tricky!)
 - c. Rachel and I have been working hard to try and ensure the toilet block remains as clean and hygienic as possible. I propose that going forward we maintain the use of paper towels instead of fabric handtowels, although there will be a relatively small cost to the club for this. Hand sanitiser will continue to be provided. **Agreed.**
 - d. Please do let me know if you come across the toilets in an unfit state and I will remedy it asap.
 - e. It may be worthwhile having a work party to give the toilets a lick of paint to improve them while we are working on replacements. There are some damp plaster issues in both the gents and ladies that are unsightly and messy, that we could 'patch' up/disguise. **Chris to generate a worklist.**
 - f. Hanging Baskets for the Summerare in progress in my greenhouse!

10. Future meetings: 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December