



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16th April 2020.

1. Present via Zoom - Chris Brown, Sharon Geary-Harwood, Jim Hopwood, Dick Pizey, Martin Lucas, Phil Crossland, Keith Guy-Gibbens, Merv Griffiths, Julian Pearson, Neil Howarth
2. Apologies for Absence – Dave Waters, George Fabling
3. Minutes of the last meeting approved.
4. Following discussion by email the following decisions have been taken since the last meeting:
 - a. Following government and RYA advice the Club, including the pound and moorings is closed. Quiz night and Sunday coffee mornings cancelled.
 - b. Lift-in, planned for 9th April was postponed to Saturday May 9th.
 - c. Members to be given the option of paying fees in two lots; 50% by April 14th and 50% by 1st August.
5. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a. Agreed the club lock-down would be extended until further notice.
6. Hon Sec – Jim Hopwood
 - a. Confirmation Statement filed with Companies House.
 - b. Signed new contract with Kara Accountants.
 - c. Formal letter concerning lock-down sent to Ian Graham .
 - d. BACS payments.
7. Treasurer – Sharon Geary-Harwood
 - a. The balance in the main account up until 16th April 2020 was just under £30,000 with cheques amounting to £6000 not yet paid in.
 - b. We are still awaiting the statements for the second bank account
 - c. I have now been set up for the Xero accounts, and will be working with Kara and Collette to ensure the accounts are as up to date as I possibly can for each meeting
 - d. Tasks in the pipeline
 - Apply for the small business grant which we are entitled to apply for, as we pay no business rates.
 - Look at changing the bank account to a non-fee-paying account, as we are being charged by our present bank

8. Membership – Dick Pizey
 - a. 155 members have renewed by the deadline. Remainder will be reminded in Fridays Newsletter.
 - b. 5 members not renewed (Declared)
 - c. 1 new member in pipe line
 - d. 9 members so far have opted for 50% payment
 - e. 20 cheques held by me – totalling £5,916.50
 - f. Communications with non – email members -issues are print costs – postage – time ...ideas to resolve? Issue is current frequent newsletters and large Creek News. Dick to ring the 7 members to see how interested they are.

9. Website
 - a. Website traffic is increasing with visits to the Photo Comp and VR racing driving the traffic
 - b. Obviously no chess players in the club.....
 - c. Promising level of entries to Photo Comp – not stunning but increasing
 - d. Virtual Regatta fleet increasing in size.

10. Weekly Newsletters (as opposed to Monthly Club News)
 - a. Positive response to weekly news with competitions/quizzes and a smattering of info- will continue for duration.

11. Monthly Newsletter
 - a. The Friday after a Committee meeting is the publication date for the Monthly Newsletter – with Foreword by Chris – this is the more formal club business information.

12. Creek News
 - a. Have been liaising with Jackie – Creek News sent out this week.
 - b. Have cut down bumper edition to save some material for second edition.
 - c. Need support from Committee – Favourite harbour / Anchorages in and around the Solent – or any other articles you can contribute.

Needs momentum to get it going....and keep it going.

13. Projects – Phil Crossland
 - a. Jetty contractor is buying the timber and may be able to start earlier than expected. Agreed to let him proceed provided it's legal.
 - b. Old pontoon in the pool has drifted onto the council jetty. Plan to recover and secure it, hopefully on Saturday.

14. Creek – Mervyn Griffiths
 - a. No progress due to shut down.

15. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens
 - a. No progress due to shut down.

16. Compound – Martin Lucas
 - a. No progress due to shut down.

17. Boat House – Neil Howarth
 - a. Have taken over from Jacky and measured for kayak rack wheels.

18. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters
 - a. No progress due to shut down.

Future meeting dates: 14th May, 11th June, 23rd July* (3 members away on earlier dates), 6th August* (if required for regatta planning), 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December

*NB – not second Thursday!