



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on
Thursday 11th January 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
- 2) Apologies for Absence: Alan Morrison, Barry Andrew, Dave Waters
- 3) Minutes of the last meeting -**approved**.
- 4) Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a) Update on toilet block – **Ade, Simon and Chris to meet at the Club to agree proposed layout.**
 - b) Petty theft in the Club – **members warned through newsletter.**
 - c) Programme of events – see 11a.
 - d) Lift in dates. – **Saturday 23rd March to Sunday 31st.**
- 5) Secretary – Jim Hopwood:
 - a) Directory – **corrections and additions to Jim asap.**
 - b) Purchases agreed by WhatsApp since the last meeting:
 - i) Transparent screen for the end of the balcony.
 - ii) Echo Dot for club house
 - iii) Replacement key safe.
 - c) Password for the Members' Area changed to Ashlett1960.
- 6) Treasurer – Ade Lumb
 - a) All accounts in order. Year-end accounts are with our Accountant.
 - b) We have a new paid-up member Norman (Dickie) Henderson, He can have his club key issued.
 - c) 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. **Adrian to write / Carl to talk to the member.**
- 7) Membership – Adrian Barnes
 - a) Adrian proposed that the club becomes an RYA Training Centre. Others feared it could become a major burden on the club. **Agreed Adrian to prepare a business plan detailing likely costs and manpower requirements. Simon to provide contact at Hythe SC.**
 - b) We have a few new members and a couple of applications in the pipeline - can we discuss at what point we are at saturation. Not for membership as such, but for the ability to

provide decent moorings and compound accommodation. Should we be looking at a membership waiting list and then start a one out one in system. **To be considered when mooring plans finalised.**

- c) Noted that several recent prospective members have not followed through with interviews etc.
- d) Noted Mike Harvey readmitted as Life Member.
- e) Membership cards - I have found a company that will provide 500 (which should last a while) numbered membership cards (plastic credit card type) for around £300 - they would certainly look and last better than cardboard ones. I am also looking at being able to make them digital so that members can have them on a phone (apple Wallet etc.) to save needing to carry the original card. **Agreed.**

8) Pound –Barry Andrew-

- a) Due to winter lift out I have 2 spaces left within the compound currently unoccupied.
- b) We have had a few security issues and I think we should consider improving our CCTV system. This will be subject to the speed that we can achieve on our current broadband. I've been in touch with BT and logged a complaint about the lack of speed as we recently signed up for a 18 month contract and BT were going to send out an engineer as soon as the line speed was increased to ensure all current equipment being used will continue to work. Apparently they then informed us, that we lived too far away from a main town! I have been informed that the minimum speed we should get is 6mbps and maximum 11mbps which are both pretty low unfortunately.
- c) There is a CCTV company based in Totton but I do not know much about them. I am happy to contact them but my problem arises when they may want to do an onsite visit during normal working hours. So, I may need some assistance from someone on site to let them in and walk around with them as this will probably be during normal working hours. If someone is happy to volunteer I contact them and start the ball rolling to see if we can be in control of our equipment and passwords etc.

9) Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters:

- a) Nothing to report.

10) Maintenance and Club House – Alan Morrison

- a) Following the breaking of the Portacabin, i have replaced the damaged key safe, and fixed it to the wall.
- b) We have reverted back to double locking the door, making it a bit more secure. I would suggest however, we fit a PIR Audible alarm inside the Portacabin with an outside loudspeaker.
- c) The section of fence next to the main gate has been replaced in an attempt to stop the bikers riding through.
- d) We will be organising a Curry evening on Friday 8th March, accompanied by the Hedghogs Band. £15 per head, supplied by The Jolly Sailor pub..

11) Sailing Events – Debs Boles:

- a) **Debs' draft program approved**, see below. Sam planning to add dates for cruises.
- b) Training- Have spoken to Roger of 'Jolly Roger' our local RYA training school based in Hythe. He is able to run various courses: VHF radio, Day skipper, yacht master, First aid to name a few, He will also do individual training on people's own boats. **Debs to draft a survey to check members' interest in specific courses.**

- c) [Can we have a] Noticeboard in Clubhouse for members to share their cruise destinations so others can join them. **Yes but also encourage use of the members' WhatsApp group.**
- d) SWSA AGM approaching- 11 Feb. **Any issues for Debs to raise?**

12) Creek – Carl Sharman:

- a) Dredger needs to be moved out before lift-in. Should do the promised sweep on a falling tide.
- b) Looking for volunteers to dig in new blocks.
- c) Planning to reinstate navigation marks at creek entrance.

13) Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens:

- a) Last of the new and refurbished blocks in place, they need digging in so need to contact Sam. Must ensure the blocks are at least 6" under the mud, more if poss.
- b) Need to discuss mooring availability and a plan for new moorings, if we deem more is appropriate!

13) Bosun – Simon Lovelock:

- a) All certificated blue tractor lifting chains, shackles and various block lifter chain clutches have been painted yellow for easy identification at the next LOLER inspection - just need to find a home for them...
- b) The missing yellow hose has been replaced for the outside shower block tap, used for tractor wash down etc.
- c) A padlock has been added to the lockable fuel locker for additional security, following recent events.
- d) The annual tractor service is scheduled for Jan. / Feb.

14) Boat House – Neil Howarth:

- a) Nothing to report.
- b) Thanks to Neil for arranging the TEAMS hook up.

15) AOB

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

ASC Draft Programme 2024

Sa 11 May Pursuit 1 HW 1332 (4.2)

12th -19 May MAY MELT Tony Woods- Small Boat cruise

Sa/Su 25 and 26th May Rally/Race Cowes Folly (SWSA)

Sa 8 June or Pursuit 2 HW 1231 (4.2)

9 th-16rd JUNE BOON Tony Woods – Small boat cruise

Sa 29 June SWSA RTI Individual and team event

July 5th-12th July Fry.Tony Woods- Small Boat cruise

Sa 10 August ASHLETT REGATTA

27th July - 10th August AUGUST THRUST (Poole trip) culminating with the Ashlett Regatta- Tony Woods Small Boat cruise

Sa 7 Sept Pursuit Race 3

Sa/Su 21 and 22 Sept Yarmouth Rally/Race SWSA

September is mooted for a Holland trip- Tony Woods Small Boat Cruise

October rally 5th-8th Tony Woods – Small Boat cruise