



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st July 2021
at 7 pm via Zoom.

1. Present by Zoom: Jim Hopwood (Secretary), Merv Griffiths, Keith Guy Gibbens, Phil Crossland, Dick Pizey, Sam Henley Smith, Neil Howarth, George Fabling, Dave Waters.
2. Apologies for absence: Martin Lucas
3. In the absence of the Commodore the Secretary took the chair.
4. Minutes of the last meeting: **Approved.**
5. Health and Safety; No reported incidents.
6. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a. Sam offered to host the Kippers visit on 10 August.
1. Secretary – Jim Hopwood:
 - a. ICO fees – request sent to Sharon, awaiting confirmation. (see AOB)
 - b. **Agreed to propose to change the financial year to 1st April to 31st March. AGMs to be held in October.**
 - c. **Proposal to be agreed at an EGM on 16th October.**
 - d. **Agreed to confirm the verbal rule “Multihulls may only use the club facilities for dry storage.**
2. Treasurer – Sharon Geary Harwood:
 - a. No report.
3. Membership – Dick Pizey:
 - a. One member accepted last month (Martin Phillips)
 - b. One new membership application to be placed into newsletter for members vetting.
 - c. Extended wi-fi kit arrived and will be tested soon - might need use of ladder to do final placement of kit.
 - d. Beer festival plans – prices coming in to allow ticket pricing – date still to be fixed.
4. Regatta – Dick Pizey:
 - a. Draft program – **agreed, see attached.**

- b. Prices to be published £10 per head, £5.00 for children 12 – 16yrs. This will cover the catering, music to be covered by club funds. **Agreed**
 - c. 8 club volunteers so far
5. Newsletter – Dick Pizey:
- a. Words required from Chris
 - b. New member circulation
 - c. Mooring check reminder
 - d. Work parties
 - e. Regatta:
 - i. promotional details and allocation of volunteers to events
 - ii. Races
 - iii. Pontoon mooring
 - f. Club Regalia availability/process – **Sharon to advise.**
6. Projects – Phil Crossland:
- a. Mast crane quay – work to start soon.
 - b. Toilet block – sub-committee developing proposals to be brought to Committee when finalised.
 - c. Regatta - I've now finalised the details with the landlord of the Jolly Sailor. I've also agreed the fees and given him the timings, he will now make initial arrangements to secure a band. We have agreed the 14 day notification period. (See 19 June full message)
7. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters:
- a. Pontoon all good. Hope to clean the Slip this coming Wednesday.
 - b. Looking ahead to the Regatta day 14th Aug. A little note to all members that those who are shallow draught i.e. Drascombe boats etc, can they moor up close as possible to the club and moor both sides, rafting where possible allowing the deep draught vessels to utilise the deep parts of the Pontoon. Also possibly put out a request for members who are away from their south bank moorings over that weekend if they would allow fellow club members to use their moorings over that period?
8. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens:
- a. Two moorings made ready for members, one now taken.
 - b. Need a date for Merv and I to use the Block Lifter to reposition a block. Might try to buoy it and use the launch to drag the block a metre or so. Save a lot of work commissioning the lifter after the long lay-off.
 - c. Short lift, scrub and return on one tide a success. Need to reinforce slip booking system.
 - d. Waiting for new mooring buoys – now urgently needed.
9. Bosun – Merv Griffiths:
- a. Original Navigation Buoys now back on station and many thanks to Brian Cornelius and helpers for doing this and bringing the temporary buoys ashore.
 - b. Several lengths of chain were replaced on unused and neglected moorings so they can be reallocated but waiting for new buoys.

- c. The Massey tractor was transported away to a tractor dealer where a Full service was carried out and a new uprated hydraulic pump fitted to give more power to the Boat Hoist lifting rams. Now working much better.
10. Pound – Martin Lucas:
- a. Had a very successful work party with a lot of members turning up
 - b. Almost finished the tender rack,
 - c. The alternative path is almost completed,
 - d. There are still some paving slabs to lay.
 - e. Boat hoist bookings and carpark management needs agreement.
11. Maintenance – George Fabling:
- a. Various maintenance tasks and site clearance carried out including padlock changes, cooker issues and all chairs and tables in clubhouse tightened and made safe. There were others, but not springing to mind at present.
12. Boat House – Neil Howarth:
- a. Nothing really to report this month. One inflatable space left.
13. Club House – Sam Henley Smith:
- a. It's been lovely to see so many members returning to their boats.... and to the clubhouse.
 - b. Sunday coffee mornings are well attended and, in general, members continue to respect the distancing guidelines with only 6 people being present in the clubhouse at any one time. (Hopefully this restriction will be lifted soon).
 - c. I can coordinate refreshments and cake etc in clubhouse for regatta. Suggest 12-4pm alongside boat jumble.
 - d. Possible work party for general clubhouse smarten-up: Paint entrance at the back, clean woodwork/windows etc. **Agreed to coordinate with Martin's work parties.**
 - e. Plus possible work on toilet block..... patching up plaster and some repainting..... perhaps best left to Autumn when facilities less in demand – **agreed.**
14. AOB
- a. A ride on mower would be useful. **Neil to develop a proposal.**
 - b. Under GDPR rules the membership list should not be on public display. **Agreed new list to be issued to committee members only. Committee members' phone numbers to be available in the Club House in case of emergencies.**
 - c. **Dick to set up a club Dropbox for regatta photos.**
15. Future meetings: 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, 2nd December