



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2019.
at 7 pm in the Clubhouse.

1. Present: Merv Griffiths (Chairman), Sharon Wardle, Julian Pearson, Dave Waters, Bill Pidgeon, Martin Lucas, Keith Guy-Gibbens, Jim Hopwood, Jacky Olden.
2. Apologies for Absence – Chris Brown, Phil Crossland, Dick Pizey
3. Minutes of the last meeting – approved and signed.
4. Matters arising:
 - a. John Connolly incident – still needs to be circulated.
 - b. Electrical survey report – Chris has a date to brief an electrician for a complete new survey and testing.
5. H&S
 - a. Minor accident with one of the fire extinguisher posts. It was caught by the anchor of a large boat being moved to a launching position. The damage has been repaired. There should be one nominated banksman. No further action required.
 - b. Someone left a can of barbecue lighting fluid by the cooker in the Club House. Hazardous materials must be kept out of the kitchen (apart from safety considerations this is a condition of our insurance). Note in Newsletter please.
6. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a. ABP have informed Esso that we are unlikely to get the licence to do the dredging work until early next year.
 - b. New jet washer to be delivered next week. Woody has a water bowser on a pallet.
7. Treasurer – Sharon Wardle
 - a. Bank Account - Ongoing – online application to Coop completed minus two director's details. Awaiting document list that we may need to supply from our assigned case-owner. Some forms completed at meeting.

- b. Holbury Tool Hire Credit Account – Sharon reminded members to pay cash for small purchases and claim from petty cash.
- c. Cleaners - Have recently had two complaints about the cleaning. Committee members not aware of any problems. Members are responsible for clearing up after themselves – cleaners only come in twice a week.
- d. Biffa - Two wasted journeys since last meeting both stating 'bins not out'. Have written to Biffa and texted Louise (complaints manager) expressing our dismay/disappointment/anger/fury at this continuing saga..by phone assured, again, that service will improve.
- e. Income and expenditure report for June: pursuit race catering costs should be in 'social' not 'fund raising'. Agreed that catering should at least break even in future.
- f. Sharon has signed up for a trial of 'Sailing Club Manager' software. She and Dick will trial it and decide if it is worth the likely cost of £80 per month.
- g. Sharon has bought new soap dispensers for all the toilets.

8. Hon Sec – Jim Hopwood

- a. ASC info on SWSA website – please let Jim know if you think it could be improved.
- b. Lift-out planning – agreed we do want a lift-out this year and accept Dave Young's offer to organise it for the last time.
- c. Year of the Dinghy Event at HSC – noted. No action required.
- d. Insurance – Merv to send Jim details of equipment to be covered.

9. Projects – Phil Crossland

- a. The outboard for the rigid raider has been collected. It works really well with the boat.
- b. All the delivered mooring buoys have been inflated,
- c. Dave Waters and I have moved the spare pontoon, Rascal1 and the Rigid Raider around to make it easier to make use of the raider on projects. We have been out on the raider today (which is an excellent safe base to work over the side), we've used two of the new buoys to complete another of the moorings. When Ben and Ryan Waters are free we will look to dig in the previously laid blocks using a safe working practice we will develop as our experience develops. We may need more buoys and shackles if there are many more to do.
- d. A date has been set to shortly remove and rebuild the toilet steps and make it all safe by Paul Hosey and myself.

10. Creek – Mervyn Griffiths

- a. I have purchased some mild steel plate and I am in the process of fabricating some modifications to the block lifter to make it easier to use.

11. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens

- a. One mooring assigned to a new member on a temporary basis. Inflation of new club buoys imminent so several moorings will become available. New blocks will be dug in soon and so all waiting list members will be offered moorings.
- b. Is it time to extend the electricity supply to the whole South Bank? Keith to discuss with Chris and the new electrical contractor.

12. Compound – Martin Lucas

- a. Still doing the paving slabs
- b. Started to get all the old tyres together to remove them.
- c. I have 5 spaces in the compound
- d. In order to avoid boats in front of club house we need to widen the gate into the compound. Agreed to wait until details of the boat lifter are known.
- e. Concern was expressed about recent trailer failures. The Pound Master and/or tractor driver may refuse to move trailers which are deemed to be unsafe.

13. Boat House, Creek News and Petty Cash – Jacky Olden

- a. No changes in the boathouse
- b. Creek news - Still haven't managed to meet with Dick. Agreed that Jacky and Jim need to be able to send messages to the membership list when Dick is away.
- c. Keeping the petty cash accounts up to date and Sharon fully informed.

14. Social – Regatta

- a. Sharon will organise the raffle and ice creams.
- b. Others ready to help when Chris says what he wants.

15. Maintenance – Bill Pidgeon

- a. Looking for a carpenter to repair ladies toilet door.
- b. Toilet drains blocking again. Julian to attempt to rod clear. Jim to look for records of previous work.

16. Membership – Dick Pizey

- a. Two membership applications.. one waiting for photo and forms. The other displayed on wall and in progress..no boat at the moment but will advise as requirements become clear

- b. **Proposal** – if interview of applicant is positive then Committee gets an email proposing and responses are noted and member accepted. If interview is negative then the issue is presented to next meeting for discussion and member (or rather non member) informed accordingly. To be discussed when Dick gets back.
- c. Website – have asked two members with photographic skills to take images over the season for the website.
- d. Drone- have also asked Sharon Geary Harwood who knows the drone pilot if he will do two runs up the creek..high and low water – to use on website..new members..planning etc.

17. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters

- a. I would like to purchase 3 x new water hoses for the pontoon as the ones there are old and in bad repair. Cost will be about £100 with some spare hose left over that can go into the compound. Agreed.
- b. Pontoon access bridge mostly repainted, to be completed soon.
- c. CCTV camera installation in hand. Some concern at new flexible pole on creek side, to be addressed during handover testing.

Future meeting dates:

Thursdays – 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December, 9th January, 13th February