



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2019.
at 7 pm in the Clubhouse.

1. Present: Chris Brown - Chairman, Jim Hopwood – secretary, Merv Griffiths, Martin Lucas, Dave Waters, Phil Crossland.
2. Apologies for Absence – Dick Pizey, Keith Guy-Gibbens, Jacky Olden, Julian Pearson
3. Minutes of the last meeting – approved to be signed later.
4. H&S
 - a. Review the Incident Book - nothing.
 - b. H&S Survey report – Chris to call a special meeting.
5. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a. Chris reported on the recent tractor training.
 - b. Chris will produce a work party register to record attendances.
6. Treasurer –
 - a. End of year approaching – please submit any expense claims asap.
 - b. New bookkeeper appointed.
 - c. Waiting for Sharon’s signature to close the old ‘club’ account.
 - d. Approx £40000 in the savings account and £10000 in the current account.
 - e. Income year to date, excluding rate rebate ~£60000, expenditure ~£66000.
Chris pointed out that the jetty, boat lifter, septic tank and new toilets still need to be funded.
 - f. BACS payments working well. List of payments to date approved.
7. Hon Sec – Jim Hopwood
 - a. Jim will pull together a draft annual report to be distributed electronically.
 - b. Proposed changes to articles and rules agreed with minor changes. Jim to update for approval in January.
 - c. Charity donation – Regatta, American Supper and Christmas raffles raised £233. Agreed to send this to Testwood Lakes Sailability.

8. Projects – Phil Crossland

- a. The MMO review of the jetty application is now at stage 2 of 6. Costs have reached approximately £2500 but no bills received as yet.

9. Creek – Mervyn Griffiths

- a. The Rascal workboat is now in the compound on the clubs trailer receiving some T.L.C. attention. I am still looking for members to clean and polish the hull, tidy up the interior / varnish lockers / paint sole boards and help with the old antifouling removal.
- b. The proposed raising of the tractor shed roof to accommodate the new tractor has been shelved for the time being, the tractor will now reside in the boathouse, when the red tractor is sold a space will be available in the tractor shed for the small rascal rowboat.
- c. The red Massey Ferguson 135 industrial tractor is up for sale please ask around if anyone is interested. Merv will advertise in other forums.
- d. Three more new mooring blocks placed, Dave Waters will arrange digging in before end January.
- e. Agreed mooring holders should be expected to at least assist with inspecting and/or renewing their moorings. If they don't moorings may be condemned or given to someone else. Phil to draft a new rule for the agm.

10. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens

- a. Chris emphasised that we need a moorings plan both in the sense of a creek map and a timetable for planned work. Given Keith's other commitments we should look for an assistant mooring master.

11. Compound – Martin Lucas

- a. Had a good clean up with the help of the work party
- b. I have 3 spaces available – one provisionally allocated to new member.

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

- a. Creek e News
I would like to send out a creek news after Christmas so need articles please
- b. Petty cash
Am continuing to deal with the petty cash and keeping it balanced.
- c. Accounts
I have put Collette and Sharon in touch and am waiting for Collette to advise Sharon and myself of possible dates for a meeting.
- d. Boathouse
It seems that one or two members are not happy with the committee's decision re mast storage in the boathouse. Agreed to accept Peter Tiplady's offer subject to agreeing the details with Merv.

13. Membership – Dick Pizey

- a. Membership – Jay Webb recommended for acceptance. Agreed
- b. Martin Elliot – will need an interview but OK to keep boat in pound pro tem.
- c. Proposed new membership classes and fees – some questions raised. Dick to revise for approval in January.
- d. Agreed to keep fees unchanged this year pending a full review next year once the boat lifter is in operation and we have a 5 year investment plan.
- e. Christmas do – agreed a success, thanks to Dick for organising.
- f. Website - suggest a 2 year web hosting plan – 24 x £8.00 – plus vat = £230.40 – this gives a saving of £72 on standard annual pricing. Plus £27 for a new domain name ashhlettsc.org. Agreed
- g. Boat house
 - i. Scaffold castors for the canoe rack – cost ~£300 – approved.

14. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters

- a. Some boats moved to winter moorings on the pontoon.

15. Any Other Business

- a. Old pontoons to be brought round to slip and scrapped.
- b. Scrap merchant to be contacted re old pontoon frames and condemned trailers.
- c. Chris to write about tractor safe working for the newsletter.
- d. Toilet steps railings in hand.
- e. Agreed to decorate the toilets before next season, also to fit a new heater.
- f. Chris has asked the electrician to quote for providing a supply point on the South Bank. He will get him to look at the Bosun's Store lights at the same time.
- g. Dave planning to paint pontoon piles.
- h. Jim to check insurance wording re storage of fuel etc.
- i. Jim to make contact with bank re-possible loan negotiations.

Future meeting dates:

9th January, 13th February, 12th March, 16th April (9th is day before Good Friday), 14th May