



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2020
at 7 pm in the Clubhouse.

1. Present: Chris Brown - Chairman, Jim Hopwood – Secretary, Merv Griffiths, Martin Lucas, Dave Waters, Phil Crossland, Jacky Olden, Dick Pizey, Julian Pearson, Bill Pidgeon.
2. Apologies for Absence – Keith Guy-Gibbens
3. Minutes of the last meeting – agreed and signed.
4. H&S
 - a. Review the Incident Book – nothing reported.
 - b. H&S Survey report – to be reviewed by the new committee in March.
5. Commodore – Chris Brown
 - a. Quote to provide a South Bank power point was very high. Possible DIY project in the future.
 - b. Bosun's store lights are obsolete flame proof fittings. Chris will replace with simple LED strips.
 - c. Supplier preparing boat hoist quotation.
 - d. Chris will attend RYA workshop at Hythe SC on 20 Feb. Other members welcome.
6. Treasurer –
 - a. Request to close old 'club' account refused due to wrong signatures. Our records of authorisations and banks' do not agree. Julian chasing.
 - b. Balances at year end:
 - NS&I savings account £47,328.05
 - Nat West current account £8,835.14
 - c. BACS payments since last meeting. Web site hosting, jetty notice and TLS donation.
 - d. New two year fixed price electricity deal approved.
 - e. Nat West have given us £100 compensation for poor service.

- f. Colette Hemstritch-Johnston hired as contract bookkeeper. First draft profit and loss account for the financial year ending 31st December shows income of £65,925 and expenditure of £69,273, in line with expectations.
7. Hon Sec – Jim Hopwood
- a. Annual report – outline content agreed. Contributions to Jim by end January.
 - b. AGM – date and place confirmed. Notice approved.
8. Projects – Phil Crossland
- a. Jetty issues. Public notice published in the Echo, responses due by 16th January. Phil answering lots of detailed questions from Natural England and others. MMA costs £3600 and rising but no invoices yet. Contractor being very helpful but due to other work may not be able to start for 2 months.
9. Creek – Mervyn Griffiths
- a. RASCAL moved into boat shed for further cleaning and painting.
 - b. Furthest port hand post falling over, plan to replace with a buoy.
 - c. Many mooring buoys not numbered – some not in use? Phil to recirculate draft note on mooring rules and sanctions.
 - d. Three day work party this weekend focused on RASCAL.
 - e. Red tractor advertised in Gumtree and local media. Lots of interest but people looking for agricultural version – ours is industrial so few fittings.
10. Compound – Martin Lucas
- a. Allocated two spaces, waiting for boats to arrive
 - b. Three spaces left due to boat movements
 - c. Compound payment info. Jim can confirm future payments, still chasing a 'club' account statement.
11. Boat House, Creek News and Petty Cash – Jacky Olden
- a. Creek News articles needed.
 - b. Agreed Creek News should continue based on members' contributions. The Newsletter and Annual Report will cover club notices and activities.
12. Membership – Dick Pizey
- a. Martin Elliott membership approved.
 - b. Two applications pending.
 - c. Revised membership classes agreed. Jim to draft revised rules.
 - d. New website launched – Dick congratulated for a good job.
 - e. New on line booking system to be trialled.

13. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters

- a. Three new mooring blocks dug in – thanks to helpers.
- b. Plan to needle gun and paint pontoon piles next month.

14. Any Other Business

- a. A member had asked about plans for heating the men's shower. To be included in redecoration project.
- b. Good offer from Mark Cox to dispose of scrap metal after we cut it up. Members to be given one month notice to claim items. Phil drafting a notice.
- c. Dick to progress canoe rack wheels. Currently no charge to work on a boat in the boat house but limited to 2 weeks.
- d. Would be good to seal the boat house floor and roof. Add to 5 year plan.
- e. Radio link between tractor driver and banksman would be useful – Phil to price.
- f. Guide lines on the slip would help the driver. Phil to progress.

Future meeting dates:

13th February, agm 7th March, 12th March, 16th April, 14th May, 11th June, 9th July,