

Minutes of the Management Committee 04/11/2024

Location: In the Club House **Time:** 8pm

Present: Commodore Nick Brook, Vice-Commodore Rhiann Bramwell, Richard Whitehill, Graham Knox, Rana Din, Rod Daniel, John Groves, Richard Hodgson, Janice Brennan, Mike Smith.

Item	Description	Action
1.0	Commodore's welcome The Commodore welcomed those present.	
2.0	Apologies. Martin Watts, John Walker	
3.0	Minutes of the last meeting The September 2024 minutes were accepted having made the following correction. (See below)	
4.0	Matters arising from those minutes. The Commodore Nick Brook apologized to Stuart Bates for omitting a suggestion he made concerning the locking of the main gate, namely, that a bar is used with a hole in either end meaning that the original lock can be used along side the combination lock. No decision was taken.	

<p>5.0</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income includes excellent contribution from the Felucca event as well as payments for the dinner/dance tickets (£1,680 to date) • Balance as at 31/10/2024 £18,956.15 compares with £17,898.65 as at 31/10/2023, an increase of £1,057.50. Whilst positive, Inflation has undoubtedly had an impact on the 2024 balance. • 2023/24 Accounts have now been received from our accountants. Key data for the financial year ending 31/08/2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Income total £42,406 compared with £29,863 in 2023. ○ Overheads/expenses total £32,502 against £30,738 ○ Surplus for the year £9,904. <p>Whilst encouraging, it is clear that we will need to increase revenue in the year ahead if we are to maintain a positive balance, let alone build our reserves back to a healthy level.</p> <p>The Yearly Accounts were produced and passed with the comment that but for the BBC monies there would have been a slight deficit.</p>	
<p>6.0</p>	<p>Bar Report.</p> <p>Takings £1086.57 Purchases £376.54 (as we were well stocked) resulting in a surplus of £710.03.</p> <p>When the account balance has been checked it is the intention to pass over £1000.00 to the Club Treasurer.</p> <p>John Walker is stepping down this year after 8 years of Bar Secretary. He was thanked for all his hard work on behalf of the Club & its membership.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Secretary's Report.</p> <p>No Report.</p> <p>Chris Massey and his proposal regarding cyclists' use of the Club. This matter was dealt with before commencement of the meeting with Chris Massey in attendance.</p> <p>In essence there was no objection to his proposal. However, various points were brought up concerning how it would work and its impact on the Club. Richard Whitehill said that administration would be his biggest concern as the Club would have a set of members in no way attached to sailing. This, in turn, could affect Community Amateur Sports Club ratios. After some discussion concerning what parts of the Club would be used, membership fees etc., it was agreed on a proposal by Commodore Nick Brook that they become "guests" as a fee of £2.00 per person. Regarding the bar only Club members can open / serve drinks. Each time a visit is made to the Club the Visitors' Book must be signed by the person attending. This is to keep within</p>	

	<p>the bar license.</p> <p>The Secretary was instructed to go back to the person wishing to hire the Club each Friday and offer the hire on a 3 monthly rolling hire at a cost of £100.00 each hire.</p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Membership Secretary's Report.</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>The Subscriptions for 2025 were discussed with the following comments received from Membership Secretary Richard Whitehill.</p> <p>Approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financially we are by no means 'out of the woods', and I suspect 'our inflation' is far higher than the CPI measure, so an above inflation increase is intentional. • I basically aimed for a 5% uplift as a starting point, then tweaked so the figures work sensibly monthly as well as cross-validating with other membership categories. • Senior – is a large percentage uplift, but only £6 per year more in absolute terms. I'm heading for parity with youth prices, but not this year. <p>After some discussion it was agreed, after Rhiann Bramwell raised concerns regarding loss of members, by a majority of those attending the meeting, to put the suggested subscription for 2025 to the AGM. An addition would be the cost of a berth for those using the racking of £18.00</p>	
<p>9.0</p>	<p>Sailing Secretary's Report.</p> <p>A report provided.</p> <p>Mike Smith reported that the Merlin Rocket Association had been what might be termed as unhelpful, regarding the Felucca Meeting. Most of the dates offered were unsuitable and even the August date would cause some problems being the summer holiday period. Likewise, the 420 Association were not much better.</p>	

<p>10.0</p>	<p>Training Committee Report</p> <p>Report produced.</p>	
<p>11.0</p>	<p>Club House and Dinghy Park.</p> <p>John Groves reported that various items were still on going, the main ones being the front door, various lights to be changed. John Groves & Mike Smith were to do the front door, but Richard Marsh is now in dealing with the front door mat and the area between the Starters' Box and the Men's changing room, so slightly delayed. A light to be put outside the Bar exit door. John Groves informed the Committee of the results having approached another firm regarding the upgrade to the alarm system. This firm was far too expensive and complicated. It was agreed to go with the present provider at a cost of £667.00. John Groves would be hard wiring the system to save the Club money.</p>	
<p>12.0</p>	<p>Ribs & Committee Boat.</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>Julian Parry kindly gave a battery for the Committee boat and with Peter Bramwell doing other items it is now running correctly. Taking the 420 training into consideration the Committee boat needs taking out of the water.</p>	
<p>13.0</p>	<p>Social & Galley</p> <p>Report produced.</p> <p>Janice Brennan said that the dance organization was well on its way with further table clothes found in the kitchen. It was asked that members put their names down for the Starters Supper; notice on the board. John Groves's big quiz would now be in the New Year. Rhiann Bramwell explained how the QR code worked with regard to the Galley and that the one in the Bar was a back-up for when the Wi-Fi went down.</p>	

14.0	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>It was agreed that Rule 33, restricting how long elected and co-opted members etc. may serve be rescinded.</p> <p>After a somewhat lengthy discussion it was finally agreed that Byelaw 66a should read as follows, -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Members, 14 and over, may crew a patrol boat when under the supervision of a qualified responsible adult. b) Junior Members, 16 to 18, provided they are suitably qualified, may drive a patrol boat : but only if permission has been given on the day by either the race officer, instructor or member of Management. c) During supervised training courses, whether sailing or power boat courses, the minimum ages for RIB driver and RIB crew may be temporarily relaxed at the discretion of the senior dinghy instructor or power boat instructor in charge. d) Youth members may not drive power boats at any time unless adult club members are present at the Club. <p>The aforementioned to be put to the AGM.</p> <p>Martin Watts produced a report concerning the back up of sewage during heavy rain. As this ran counter to what was said to Peter Bramwell, Martin had asked UU to explain why. So far, no reply.</p> <p>It was decided to wait and see if a reply was forthcoming but meanwhile report every backup of sewage.</p> <p>Signage on the Club fencing still says "no parking". This needs removing.</p> <p>It was asked that signs be produced asking people to park their cars nearer each other. A solution may be to paint white lines. This could be done at the working party in February.</p>	
15.0	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>.</p>	
16.0	<p>End of meeting: 21.52pm</p>	

Accepted by the Committee **DATE**.
Signed on behalf of the Commodore by