



**LYME REGIS SAILING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

16.04.08

19.30

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Meeting called by: Margaret Wiscombe, Commodore

Present: M. Wiscombe (Chair), I. Wallace, T. Parsons, R. Prosser, S. Jones, G. Melhuish, L. Broom, C. Joyner, S. Holman

25/08 Apologies: Allan Tyler, Mike Lanigan, Dave Guthrie, Tony Fastnedge, Fern Cottis

26/08 Minutes of previous meeting:

18/08 Dave Guthrie was not at meeting. Correction 'Supply invoices to be checked in view of profit margin.'

20/08 Correction from Tony Fastnedge, for clarification. 'LRSS funds showing a deficit this year following purchase of 2 Xenons' should read 'The LRSS / LRSC facilities were considered and were adjusted to still be in balance. The LRSS accounts showed a deficit in 2007, mainly due to the purchase of 2 Xenons.'

Amendments proposed by CJ, Seconded IW. All in favour.

27/08 Matters arising from previous minutes:

17/08 Archives to be moved to cupboard under noticeboard for storage. Spare cups to office.

28/08 Commodore's Report

Margaret Wiscombe

Commodore's Reception was well supported. The commodore was congratulated on a good speech. Margaret thanked Liz Truscott, Fern Cottis, Trish Webster and helpers for the refreshments. Thanks also to Gordon for a well-organised maintenance weekend and the work done subsequently by him and his team.

Margaret reported that Gill Bailey had resigned from his post as Rear Commodore for family reasons. She wished Gill well. This was endorsed by other members.

The Finance Sub Com had met to consider income/expenditure balance. WE need to attract new members and generate more income.

The cruisers are now all in harbour, racing has started. TF is to look at policy for use of park, management and charges. He will be forming a sub com to do this.

Reports needed to next Flappy Rag. Youth and LRSS reports are the only ones submitted by deadline, now end April.

Margaret said it is now time to get sailing.

29/08 Casual filling of Vacancy on Committee

Trish Webster had been asked to fill the vacancy temporarily, as a committee member, taking on Gill's roles, and had agreed.

Proposal to accept Trish Webster, Ian Wallace. Seconded by Steve Jones. All in favour.

The Commodore welcomed Trish to the meeting.

It was decided to leave the Rear Commodore post vacant at present.

30/08 Treasurer's Report

Lesley Broom

Lesley gave further details on the meeting of the Finance Sub Com. She said the current situation was assessed and consideration given to the current national economic situation and how the club is likely to be affected. Renewals income and bar showing members' reluctance to spend on non-essentials. Reduction of funds available to spend on anything other than maintenance of Club's assets. Lesley urged committee to bring ideas for alternative ways of raising income to next meeting. Ideas will be circulated with agenda. Car park rent and garage doors still to pay for.

CJ asked to purchase cheap binoculars for club.

CJ offered to promote club membership when sending invoices for courses this year.

Discussion on Temporary membership. Maximum of 4 weeks, as club rules, need fees. £25 Single, £50 Family, £25 Social suggested. Application by form, proposed by 2 full members, approved by 2 Officers, issue a Temporary Membership card. Proposed Ian Wallace, Seconded Rob Prosser. All in favour.

TF said those completing a Sea School course should be offered an incentive.

Quick Books prog used by treasurer no longer supported after April, £300 to update. Treasurer asked for approval to do this.

31/08 Reports from Sub Committees

Sailing Cruising

Steve said all the boats now lifted in. First cruise might be this coming weekend.

Sailing Racing

Tim raised future National Events requests. Asked to host Musto Skiffs in the next 5 – 8 years, Phantoms after 2009, Albacores in next 5 years, all classes hosted before. Scorpion Nationals booked for 2009. Ian wondered if a Skiffs Worlds would be better than a Nationals. Discussion. Tim suggested Albacore Nationals in 2010, Phantoms in 2011, both 4 day events, and enquire about Skiffs Worlds. TP also to ask Fireballs and 505s, agreeing with suggestion from IW. TP to be Future Events co-ordinator.

Request from 18ft Skiffs for 3-day event as part of their European Grand Prix in August. Short notice, quick decision. 15 to 20 boats, launch from Monmouth Beach, we would provide 2 RIBs and a Committee boat. Discussion included Negative

points: Rigging arrangements, space required, difficult launching, short notice with very little time to organise, summer holiday period. Positive points: prestigious, multi-media publicity, spectacle, high standard, £100 - £150 entry fee. Tim said essential to have a Skiffs committee member inspect beach conditions before moving forward on this. After further discussion, committee reluctantly turned down this request. TP to reply to Skiffs.

TP said sailing finally under way, chilly but interesting conditions. He hoped to see turnouts rise now park free for storage. A Phantom meeting at end April, personnel sorted.

Tim asked where the club copies of the Racing Rules could be found? Sally to check.

Lesley agreed that the Windex (a Tacktick 101) could still be purchased, LRSS to pay half.

Property

Gordon Melhuish

A good outside maintenance weekend, young members assisting with painting, following main weekend.

A contract for sliding garage doors and for decking and handrail agreed. Repair to electricity meter box in Marine Parade in hand, but wall needs re-pointing, to be monitored.

Car/Boat Park

TP said end post in park not now cemented to wall. Is this our responsibility? SH to investigate.

Bar

Ian Wallace said we need to address bar prices. Roger Downing has done collation of prices. Margaret stressed that the increases should relate to the product which has had an increase and not be across the board. RD to discuss with Dave Guthrie. IW said price rises need to be in place before the next gen com meeting.

MW reminded members that bar organisation relating to events must go through John Wilkes.

Social

Steve Jones thanked Liz Truscott for a very good Fitting Out supper.

Special Events, Social

Ian Wallace

Ian reported that the Summer Ball would have a barn dance addition, to be provided by club member Eileen Nightingale.

Quiz Night on Saturday, question-master Keith Thompson.

A BBQ, with one month's notice, to be tried, on a Friday night.

Doing our own catering during events can raise money for the club.

Programme and Duties

IW said issues being dealt with by him and Harold. Margaret

thanked Ian for Results programme training sessions.

RIBs and Radios

Chris Joyner

PJ now well fendered on side of fishing boat.

Humber RIB cables repaired, fuel gauge working but necessary to take care when filling. Can now manoeuvre trolley, store RIB away from tenders, CJ has emailed all RIB drivers on this point.

3 Safety boat training sessions held covering almost all RIB drivers designated for duties. Sharing experiences proved very valuable, a handbook being produced. Some practical aspects still to do.

Lyme RIB may require new battery.

Youth Section

Rob Prosser

First session next week. Successful Induction evening run by Alex Fairley and team. Richard Fortescue has planned 4 groups, much as last season.

32/08 Expenditure arising from Sub Committee reports

This item no longer required on Agenda

33/08 LRSS Trust

Chris Joyner

Sophie Morton and Alice Rook taking their SI course this weekend at Southampton. Courses for weeks 1,4,5,6 do not yet have an allocated SI, may be Martin Moore.

Pre assessments for potential Instructors to be held and more have to do PB L 2 in connection with this.

The Joint Facilities Committee meeting minutes available and are to be attached to these minutes

34/08 Future Events

Dealt with under 31/08 Sailing Racing above.

5/08 New Members

The club welcomes :

1. Andrew Kennon from Musbury
2. Henry Cornish, Youth member from Sidmouth
3. Matthew Stiles, student at BBA
4. Justyn Davies from Uplyme
5. John and Polly Bretherton from Bridport
6. Ann, John, Verity and William Roberts from Wootton Fitzpaine
7. Dallas Williams, Youth member from Lyme Regis.

36/08 Correspondence

1. A letter of resignation from Gill Bailey. MW had sent a card and SH had been in contact with Gill.
2. LRPBC, letter confirming a National Ski Championships will be held on 17th May 2008.
3. Email from Mason Woodworth re 18ft Skiffs, as forwarded to TP and discussed above. TP to reply.

4. An email from Dave Gallier re Falcons hospitality in club following their drop, as last year. Agreed. SH to reply.
5. An information pack re Napoli disaster, club invited to respond as part of the inquiry being held by EDDC. Keith Thompson to be asked to fill in.
6. Email from Keith Thompson re inaugural meeting of Harbour Consultation Group. Report to be displayed on board.

37/08 AOB:

1. Furniture in clubhouse. MW had received comments and sofa and chair are not suitable. Harry Greenhough to have them. Members asked to look out for something in leather/hard wearing which might be available for consideration.
2. The Commodore said we need a 2008 Calendar for displaying events which are not in the programme and unusual events. TW agreed to keep this updated.
3. SH asked if Sophie Burleigh could be tasked with checking CRB forms as official on behalf of club. Agreed.
4. Lesley Broom presented draft club leaflet. Everyone liked this but Ian to email Lesley with a more suitable photo for the cover. Lesley thanked.
5. Ian Wallace asked if we could have a landline connection in the club for internet use during Open events with sending out results and possibly extending to a webcam at a later date. Ian to submit costings.
6. Commodore reported that she will be away on holiday from 18 May for about 6 weeks.

38/08 Date and Venue next meeting

5 June 2008 : 19.30