



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2020
at 7 pm via Zoom.

1. Present via Zoom - Chris Brown, Sharon Geary-Harwood, Jim Hopwood, Dick Pizey, Martin Lucas, Phil Crossland, Keith Guy-Gibbens, Merv Griffiths, Neil Howarth, George Fabling
2. Apologies for Absence: Dave Waters, Julian Pearson
3. Minutes of the last meeting **approved**.
4. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a. Unlocking the Club – **Chris's proposal and Dick's draft newsletter were agreed. Jim to contact cleaners.**
 - b. Lift-in – **Confirmed move to Friday 5th June, social distancing to be observed as in Dave Young's risk assessment. Boat(s?) not to be lifted in to be moved to positions accessible by boat lifter.**
 - c. Boat lifter – decision to be taken when financial budget available.
5. Hon Sec – Jim Hopwood
 - a. Directors' liability insurance renewed with Zurich.
6. Treasurer – Sharon Geary-Harwood
 - a. I can report the following
 - i. The balance in the main account up until 8th May was £30,258.66
 - ii. Second bank account balance £6,871.02
 - iii. Savings account £47,328.05
 - iv. We are still awaiting the statements for the second bank account, although I have chased this
 - v. Book-keeper no longer employed.
 - b. Tasks in the pipeline
 - i. Small business grant has been applied for
 - ii. Once I have access to all bank accounts, we can change to a non fee paying account
 - c. PROPOSAL TO PUT TO THE COMMITTEE
 - i. For Chris Brown and Dick Pizey to be added as signatory's to the main bank account – **agreed**.

- ii. For Chris Brown to be added as a signatory to the second bank account – **agreed.**
- iii. Once we have the mandates filed with the account, then we can proceed to the next step.

7. Membership – Dick Pizey

- a. Membership currently stands at 192 – from 202 – all paid with the exception set out below....
- b. I do expect it drop further by at least two members if not four.
- c. One family membership is debating whether to drop to social or leave – they have until Wednesday to decide.
- d. One member has not responded to any communications – Ray Mead – I have written him a letter giving 12th May as deadline. Phil to visit and check all is well.
- e. Two new members in the pipe line plus one who has been accepted but has delayed joining due current situation and wife's health.
- f. Just under £2,000 pounds due in membership fees in August from those who paid 50% of fees.
- g. Currently holding cheques for £562 that have been sent to me – expecting a third and will forward to Jim when received.

8. Website

- a. Up to date with advice and club notices
- b. Going to 'retire' the forum section as no one is using it
- c. Weekly Newsletters (as opposed to Monthly Club News) continues for foreseeable with positive response to weekly news with competitions/quizzes and a smattering of info- will continue for duration.

9. Monthly Newsletter

- a. The Friday after a Committee meeting is the publication date for the Monthly Newsletter – with Foreword by Chris – this is the more formal club business information. Issued early with club opening news.

10. Creek News

- a. Published last week – healthy number opened it.

11. Projects – Phil Crossland

- a. Jetty progress – expecting work to start 3rd or 4th week in June and take about 2 weeks. **Members to be warned of slipway closure as soon as final dates available.**

12. Creek – Mervyn Griffiths

- a. No progress due to shut down.

13. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens

- a. No progress due to shut down.

14. Compound – Martin Lucas

- a. Had a regular look around the compound all is fine, grass is growing well along with the weeds.
- b. Jobs to do – Tidying up of the compound cutting grass and weeds if we are allowed.
- c. Need to know the members that have paid for compound space and how much.
- d. Have been given another lawn mower.
- e. **Chris to collect and deliver scalpings for pothole filling.**

15. Boat House – Neil Howarth

- a. No progress due to shut down.

16. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters

- a. Old pontoons moved round to quay for demolition.

17. There was no Other Business

Future meeting dates: 11th June, 23rd July*, 6th August*, 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December

- NB – not second Thursday!