



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16th June 2020
at 7 pm via Zoom.

1. Present by Zoom: - Chris Brown, Sharon Geary-Harwood, Jim Hopwood, Dick Pizey, Martin Lucas, Phil Crossland, Merv Griffiths, Neil Howarth, Dave Waters
2. Apologies for Absence: Keith Guy Gibbens
3. Minutes of the last meeting – approved..
4. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a. Boat lifter – order has been placed. No further action needed until September.
5. Hon Sec – Jim Hopwood
 - a. Block lifter invoice, should we pay all of the claim, half of it or none? After some discussion Chris asked everyone to email Jim with their vote.
 - b. SWSA events –publicised in the club house and newsletter.
 - c. Regatta – a full scale event is not allowed. A pursuit race followed by outdoor barbecue may be possible.
 - d. BACs payments – list circulated.
6. Treasurer – Sharon Geary-Harwood
 - a. Main account balance on 12 July £47849. NS&I and Club account unchanged.
 - b. 2019 Annual accounts circulated for approval.
 - c. Sharon's application for on-line banking has finally been approved. Waiting for log in details.
7. Membership – Dick Pizey
 - a. All paid up.
 - b. Notice in the next news to remind those who paid 50% that the balance is due.
 - c. Two new members joined/joining us –

Will Jones with a Wanderer and three young children (already in Compound)

Mark Purkiss who will be bringing down a motor boat. (Martin aware)
 - d. Three further applications under way –

Terry Shergold who has bought a Hardy motorboat and is looking for a mooring.

Pavel Babjak who has bought Maurice Mooney's Pageant and will be looking for a mooring once Maurice buys another boat.

Russell Chapman – has sailed with Dave W and is looking for a boat – not known whether mooring or Compound yet.

8. Communications – Dick Pizey

- a. Website traffic is increasing still but more slowly with 240 new people visiting it in past 4 weeks – up 17% on previous 4 weeks
- b. Have introduced, having spoken with Dave W, another sub calendar on booking system for Extended Pontoon stays. I have set it up so any bookings are notified to him by email – we should be able to dispense with the folder in the clubhouse once this has been published in the Monthly Newsletter.
- c. Creek News - Have spoken with Jackie – she is going to put the next one together (end of season) and send it to me and I will take it over from there.
- d. Dick has received a flood of enquiries from visitors and suggested designating a visitors berth to be booked on the website. Agreed not to develop this at the moment.

9. Club regalia

- a. I am researching a company used by the Shrimper Association that appears to allow members to order direct from them once we have sent them the artwork.
- b. This obviously saves us holding stock of different sizes of sweat shirts etc although burgees and caps are possibly stock items to have available in small quantities – perhaps and burgee should be a mandatory joining expense.....
- c. Will update when details confirmed.
- d. Meanwhile we should publish a price list for existing stock.
- e. Agreed mugs could be given to race participants or sold.

10. Projects – Phil Crossland

- a. All agreed the new jetty was an excellent job. Many thanks to Phil for all the hard work
- b. Tom Hatch is making a post to mark the end of the jetty. This will include a port hand beacon and red light..

11. Bosun – Mervyn Griffiths

- a. Blue Ford tractor has had intermittent starter motor problem since coming back into operation, so starter motor has been removed stripped right down cleaned out or all rust and crud, all internal electrical contacts made good, refitted and is back in operation.

- b. No 6 navigation buoy is now ashore awaiting a new chain and sinker after going walkabout.
- c. Shackles have been purchased for mooring repairs.

12. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens

- a. One mooring condemned. Two moorings refurbished.
- b. One member moved to alternate mooring one issued with new one.
- c. Blocks on the newly laid moorings due to be dug in possibly Wed. Still need volunteer to dig in two blocks on the F/A line.
- d. Martin reported that a number of moves have been agreed.
- e. He will arrange a work party for new mooring holders to demonstrate mooring inspection and dig in blocks.

13. Maintenance – George Fabling

- a. Currently working on security padlocks for compound and liaising with Dave re pontoon piling refurb. Will be happy to hear of any other maintenance jobs outstanding.

14. Compound – Martin Lucas

- a. The compound is full there are no spaces left.
- b. Work party required for scrub clearance around access road – 25 July suggested.

15. Boat House – Neil Howarth

- a. Proposed purchase of 9 castors to fit to the canoe rack approved.
- b. The Covid 19 restriction on work in the boat house can now be lifted. Space to be booked in advance with Neil.

16. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters

- a. All good with the Pontoon. Painting of piles and walkway 90% completed; just waiting for one boat to move.

17. Any Other Business

Future meeting dates: 6th August (NB – not second Thursday!), 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December