Minutes of the Committee Meeting

4th October 2017, 7.30pm

Committee Present: Names and positions
Duncan Heather [DH] (Commodore), Michael Cain [MC] (Secretary), Tam Yorke [TY] (General Member), Adele McConnachie [AMcC] (General Member), Bill Clark [BC] (Vice Commodore), Elisabetta Loi [EL] (Treasurer),

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1. Apologies: Leandro Tramma [LT] (General Member), Kerstin Jorna [KJ] (General Member)

Observer: Adrian Young (AY)

2. Welcome and Introduction

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Minutes of meeting held 04Sep17 accepted with some amendments.

4. Matters Arising / Actions Not on Agenda

a. Thefts: The police want more data directly from the affected Members. It would be good to get this organised before the AGM. We will have to arrange an evening meeting where this can happen. **DH**

b. Insurance claim: We have now obtained two Wayfarer masts cheaply, so no claim will be made.

c. Boat storage: We are now officially full. TY has freed up two extra spaces for expected boats.

d. Trailer storage: BC and Derek Andrews (DA) to make some space by cutting up old trailers and masts, then restacking the remainders. **BC/ DA**

5. Arrangements for AGM:

Send all papers by e-mail and put them on the website, with a few spare paper copies at the clubhouse rather than post to all members.

Propose to increase subs by £10 for single adult and family membership categories next year, leaving Youth / Student unchanged. Justified by the planned improvements needed while paying off new safety boat debt.

Awards:

Volunteer of the Year – Derek Andrews

Most Improved Sailor – Ken, with Shona and Kerstin being mentioned in dispatches.

Committee positions:

The Secretary is retiring from work and intends to move away from the area. This is the main perceived gap, and AMcC is willing to be nominated for this post.

6. Sub-Committees

a. Programme

For the Winter Series it would be good to encourage the youngsters to pair up with more experienced helms. **All**

b. Social Events

The next event is planned for 14Oct17 and will be a Chinese Night with food organised by Daisy. Bonfire on the beach and slides of various events over the season:

Lunan Bay – Jim

Trip to Faroes – Simon / Euan

Trip to East Coast – DH

Other contributions welcomed!

7. Maintenance Boats

a. Club Dinghies

Maintenance leads to be contacted for required maintenance. MC/DH to inspect and notify leads. **MC / DH**

b. Safety Boat

No winter maintenance is needed for either safety boat.

8. Maintenance Building

No immediate maintenance needed.

9. Finance

EL circulated some details of the end of the financial year, we had an opening balance for the year of £14338.78 and a closing one of £11338.78.

Some of last year's expenditure on windows was carried over to this year, so bank balance has actually been maintained overall, though loan debt has been taken on.

Fund raising was not quite up to last year, but we had £400 from Ancrum for their rent on their boatshed.

Training income was good, with voucher sales also over budget.

The electricity bill was estimated so there may be some refund on this.

Club dinghy maintenance costs were over budget.

Thanks to everyone who have done so much this year towards a successful financial position.

10. Training

St Andrews sailing club are able to offer reduced rate training because Fife Council are contributing 50% to the cost of courses. Try to meet them over winter to find out how they arranged this. DH and AMcC are paying for their own Dinghy Instructor course at St Andrews.

The youngsters who took part in our weekday training sessions will be encouraged to take part in the Winter Series. **AY**

A First Aid course is being arranged by Ancrum at £30, ten places on 9th December.

11. Member behaviour concerns.

There was discussion over a Member's behaviour, and what steps could be taken in the situation.

12. Date of Next Meeting