

THORNTON STEWARD SAILING CLUB

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Notes of the meeting held on 5th December 2018 at the Old Black Swan, Bedale.

PRESENT: Kay Anstay (in the Chair), Malcolm Cummins, Peter Kearsley, Gillan Gibson, Kenneth Gibson, John Pilgrim, Mike Smith, David Oldacres, Eddie Fearnside, Phil Gamlen & Rob Wyatt.

Janet Cummins also in attendance.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Annabelle Le Page and John Knopp .

2.MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th OCTOBER 2018 & SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of the meetings held on 10th October and 7th November 2018 (previously circulated) were accepted as correct records.

3.MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4.TREASURER'S REPORT

A written report by the Treasurer was circulated at the meeting & received. It was agreed to maintain fees at their current level for the 2019 season. The Treasurer indicated that the membership renewal form would be updated to reflect the revised deadlines agreed at the October meeting.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reported that correspondence since the last meeting had included New Guidance from the RYA on providing Child Care (circulated prior to the meeting) and a letter from a lapsed member regarding fees owed, in response to the formal notice from the Club requiring the removal of his boat, failing which it would be disposed of by the Club at the end of 12 months. The letter from Duncan Hall had been circulated to members of the Committee prior to the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that the Secretary write to Mr. Hall suggesting that, in the circumstances he had explained, the Committee would be prepared as a concession to accept 2 years' fees as a social member plus 2 years berthing fees for the 2 years where he had not paid fees, being £24 for social membership fees plus £45 berthing fees, always provided that he takes out & pays for full membership for the 2019 season. In default, he will be required to comply with the notice served on him &

remove his boat forthwith. It was also agreed that he be advised of the poor condition of his boat; if the Club needed to remove it, there would be a significant charge to him.

The Secretary also reported that Lisa Harrowsmith would be the contact person at Yorkshire Water on any discussion about our lease/development proposals. Also, Nick Hatch had expressed an interest in taking over as Secretary at the AGM.

6.RYA ON BOARD SCHEME

Rob Wyatt introduced this item, suggesting that the Club should consider signing up to the RYA On Board Scheme as it tied in with the Club's current programme of training & other initiatives for younger sailors. It was agreed that Rob should be authorised to explore the Scheme further, particularly regarding the benefits to the Club in participating & any costs which the Club might incur. Subject to that, he should pursue signing up with the RYA.

7.MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A written report had been submitted. Membership remained at 79 .

Phil Gamlen commented that the On Board scheme was aimed at young people but they typically remained interested in the sport for 4/5 years only. Another key age group was in his view the 25-35 year olds , who tended to be more committed long-term, & we ought to be addressing this section of the potential sailing community if we wanted to secure the long-term future of the Club. It was agreed that the Committee needed to give this issue further consideration.

8.HEALTH & SAFETY

Eddie Fearnside raised concern about our ability as a Club to deal with incidents involving immersion in cold water & particularly the ability of members to distinguish between a sailor being very cold & a sailor suffering from hypothermia, as they were very different & the treatment for each was very different. Putting a person straight into a hot shower is dangerous if that person is hypothermic. Consequently, it is vital that safety boat crews are able to correctly identify the respective conditions & know how to deal with them. It was agreed that a step by step guide should be prepared. In addition, it was agreed to authorise Eddie to purchase 6 foil blankets & other appropriate safety gear such as a group shelter, to be available in the case of emergency.

9.PREMISES STANDING ITEM

It was agreed that the Principles for Future Development drawn up by John Knopp following the earlier consideration of the Committee should be the subject of consultation with the whole membership. Phil Gamlen agreed to draft a piece for the forthcoming Newsletter outlining the stage we were at, setting out the current 'wish list' & indicating that there would be an opportunity to discuss the suggestions at the AGM in February. In addition, it

was agreed that a questionnaire should be put on the Club website inviting members to indicate their own priorities.

It was noted that the Ladies' heater thermostat appeared to be defective. Agreed to switch off the heater when the premises were drained down in the near future.

10.CHILD PROTECTION STANDING ITEM

Phil Gamlen suggested that the new guidance on childcare published by the RYA should be circulated to all members, to ensure good practice was understood by all. There was a 2 page summary, a link to which could be put on our website & also included in the Newsletter. Phil was happy to draft an appropriate piece for inclusion in the Newsletter giving relevant internet links. This was agreed.

11.AGM MATTERS

The Secretary had previously circulated a report on the formalities of the AGM 2019, together with a revised draft of the Report of the Committee to the AGM. Comments on the draft had been invited & a number of adjustments were noted. Agreed that the AGM be held on 20th February 2019 at the Old Black Swan, Bedale, to be followed by a buffet, the prizegiving & informal discussion. In addition to the Principles for Future Development, an item for discussion could be the timing & format of future prizegivings, as a number of members had expressed reservations about the current arrangements.

12.ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John Pilgrim mentioned that he had given consideration to the day on which the Carmel College training sessions might best take place. To avoid conflict with other Club activities, such as Junior Club, he suggested that Carmel should normally be programmed for Saturdays in 2019. This was agreed.

He also indicated that he had stood down from the RYA Regional Committee. James Proctor remained on the Committee & was content to represent our interests, if we were happy with that arrangement. This was agreed.

Kenneth Gibson referred to the two radios he had acquired & loaned to the Club for evaluation. On the question of retaining them for Club use, there were a number of reservations about their performance in the training situation & after discussion it was agreed that John Pilgrim & Rob Wyatt should review the performance of these radios against the type of radio used by the Army & report back to this committee.

Finally, Gillan Gibson as Sailing Secretary circulated a draft of the programme for the 2019 season for comment.

13.DATE , PLACE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday 9th January, 2019, at the Old Black Swan, Bedale at 7.30p.m.