

## **THORNTON STEWARD SAILING CLUB**

### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Notes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 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, Ben Westcott & John Knopp.**

**Janet Cummins & Anselm Allen also in attendance.**

#### **1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Annabelle Le Page and Phil Gamlen .

#### **2.MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 ( previously circulated) were accepted as a correct record.

#### **3.MATTERS ARISING**

On Item 7 of the minutes, Eddie Fearnside confirmed that a trial storage arrangement for the Fusion masts was in hand.

#### **4.CATTERICK GARRISON SAILING CLUB**

Members welcomed to the meeting Lt. Col. Ben Westcott, who is the new Commodore of CGSC, and Anselm Allen, who has responsibilities for Property Management at the Garrison & is particularly involved in the provision of improved local facilities for the benefit of army personnel, their dependants & the wider community. After a brief introduction by John Knopp, Anselm took the opportunity to outline the assistance the Army can give in making significant funds available to support Army families in recreational activities & the links they had with relevant bodies such as Yorkshire Water. There was the potential for mutual benefit if there were opportunities to improve facilities for recreation. The Army was especially keen to see more Forces children & families getting involved in local sporting activities.

Agreed: to hold a special meeting of the Committee in the near future to consider all ideas for the development of TSSC, with the possible assistance of the Garrison/Army Central Funding.

#### **5.TREASURER'S REPORT**

A written report by the Treasurer was circulated at the meeting & received.

#### **6. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary reported that emails circulating since the last meeting focussed on the showers & hot water supply, as to which see below. He also mentioned receipt of the papers relating to the RYA AGM, to be held in London in November.

## **7.MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

A written report had been submitted. Membership stood at 79 at the present time.

Additionally, a summary of membership figures over the last 10 years had been re-circulated, but in the further absence of Annabelle Le Page, it was agreed to defer discussion to a later time.

## **8.HEALTH & SAFETY**

Kenneth Gibson referred to his email of 2<sup>nd</sup> October, which set out the response of Yorkshire Water on the three issues we had approached them on following our last meeting.

They were not in favour of storing the safety boats complete with engines in a locked building/sea container at the dinghy park near the launching area as they felt that the risk of a fuel spillage near the water's edge was too great for them to take. Although there seemed to be a misunderstanding on their part as to how fuel was kept at present, they were clearly not in favour & in those circumstances it was felt not worthwhile to pursue the issue as there would still be the need to obtain planning permission, which was deemed to be very unlikely to be given.

They did agree to us removing the life buoy as it is below standard. The provision of a defibrillator in the vicinity of the reservoir is apparently not something they would do although it seems they would not be likely to object if we obtained funding & agreed to maintain, liaise with the emergency services etc.

Kay Anstay agreed to draw up a list of matters which we could look at further, such as a winch for the safety boats.

## **9.PREMISES STANDING ITEM**

It was confirmed that an electric shower in the Gents changing room had been installed by Eddie Fearnside, as previously agreed. It has its limitations & it was agreed that further investigation be carried out re the adequacy of the electricity & water supplies to support a larger system. This is one of the matters suitable for discussion at the special meeting in November. Similarly, the provision of cubicles in the showers was agreed to be left until that meeting for discussion.

John Pilgrim indicated that he was proposing to move the pontoon to a more convenient position to carry out repairs, water levels permitting.

## **10.CHILD PROTECTION STANDING ITEM**

There were no items for consideration.

## **11.WORK DAY, 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

As the prizegiving has been agreed to take place at the AGM in future, there is no laying-up supper. However, Work Day will take place as usual & members were invited to send any suggestions over & above the usual to Kay Anstay, who will add them to the standing list she maintains. One item mentioned was the options for numbering the berths, as they were currently difficult to identify.

It was agreed at John Pilgrim's suggestion to leave the Club's Fusions outside, rigged as they are so that they are available if any member wants to sail through the winter months. John offered to look after them during this period.

There was support for the suggestion that the buoys, both permanent & moveable training buoys, should be renewed but that this could be left until early next season.

## **12.ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that a Firefly belonging to Duncan Hall had keeled over, and it was agreed that as he was no longer a member the Secretary be authorised to issue the appropriate notice to remove the boat in accordance with the Club's Rules.

Eddie Fearnside mentioned that students from Northallerton College were embarking on a project known as the Wettest Classroom in the World & were looking for some basic experience on the water before next Summer. John Pilgrim was happy to assist & the Committee were pleased to support the initiative.

Malcolm Cummins indicated that he needed to renew his First Aid Teachers qualification to enable him to give instruction. John Knopp stated that there is a new RYA revalidation process available online & offered to discuss with Malcolm.

## **13.DATE , PLACE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the Special Meeting be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November & the next ordinary meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018, both at the Old Black Swan, Bedale at 7.30p.m.