

THORNTON STEWARD SAILING CLUB - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on 05 AUG 2021 in the clubhouse.

PRESENT: Phil Gamlen (in the Chair), Nick Hatch, John Knopp, Trevor Birkbeck, Annabelle Le Page and Rob Wyatt.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –Jonathan Stephenson, Mike Smith and Eddie Fearnside.

Conflicts of interest - None were declared by any of the Management Committee / Directors.

1. Minutes of 06 JULY 2021 meeting were approved without alteration.
2. Actions arising from the last meeting:
 - 2.1. Mike to issue the next SailTime to include a note to remind paddleboarders about the rocks; advertise the camping week; advertise Commodore's Cup and request assistance with organising a BBQ and catering.
 - 2.2. Training – there were 7 on the junior course just completed. The next course is pending.
 - 2.3. Sailing programme – Commodore's and Bart's Bash imminent.
 - 2.4. Diving / YW re the buoys – 18 or 20 August visit of all parties. Brian Throupe passing the MoD Diving Safety Procedures onto YW H&S.
 - 2.5. Clubhouse Renovation Programme – drawn up by PHG and Dave Oldacres.
 - 2.6. Club SUPs –Note the use of the double action hand pump for rapid inflation and then achieving high pressure. Trev/John K to produce a clearer instruction sign and assess the scope for condensing the SUP kit into a single bag. £60 already received in hire fees.
 - 2.7. Boat park path – Ken Rodney had provided quotes for 3 options. Meeting agreed that the concrete option was preferred at £18,027.62 (exc VAT)
3. Accounts – Robert had circulated the financial statements. He forecast the year end bank balances would total c£42k. He suggested subscription rates for next Season wef 1/1/22 should be considered soon and possibly include a contribution towards a ring-fenced future infrastructure expenditure.
4. Certification of Safety Boat operators – There was considerable discussion on this topic. The conclusion is that TSSC can and will meet the requirement for PBLv2 qualified helms when the Safety Boat is attending RYA training events. For all other occasions we will progress over time towards a similar situation as our limited resources permit. We will continue to require members to attend the TSSC Safety Boat course before they can be permitted to helm the Safety Boat.
5. PHG to enquire about Director's liability re SB.
6. James Proctor initiative on a new pontoon – PHG to discuss with Lisa at YW and J K to discuss with Brian Throupe.
7. Succession planning for committee members / Officers – making it happen – It would be desirable to have a Social Secretary to organise social events. There was limited time for discussion and this item will be taken at the next Committee Meeting.
8. AOB – The MoD are no longer able to provide a fire extinguisher test/check and replace system, and an alternative is required. NCH to forward contact details to PHG and JK of Vulcan Fire as a fire extinguisher alternative provider other than Chubb.
9. MS to send out to the Committee links to the Club's SUP info.
10. DONM – Tuesday 07 SEP 2021.