

THORNTON STEWARD SAILING CLUB - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on 30 JUN 2022 at TSSC.

PRESENT: Phil Gamlen (in the Chair), Phil Cosson, Mike Smith, Eddie Fearnside, Trevor Birbeck, John Knopp, Merrin Froggett.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Graham Whittall, Annabelle Le Page, Robert Wyatt.

1. Conflicts of interest

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

2. Minutes of 16 May 2022

Approved without alteration.

3. Actions arising from the last meeting

- a) Yorkshire Water – The new 30 year lease has been signed off by PHG and MF. The plan of the area needed amending to reflect YW's consent to additional land to the west (including the outdoor toilet) being incorporated into the club compound. This has also been signed off. The old lease was not listed by the club with the Land Registry. Registering the new lease should be considered. **MS** to ask a solicitor contact.
- b) Training sessions for Carmel College were cancelled by them because they had not carried out their safeguarding procedures. They have requested six sessions in the early Autumn term. Availability of club DI's means that currently only 2 sessions can be offered. DBS checks are taking 8-10 weeks. It is the college's responsibility to make them.
- c) PHG consulted the RYA about buying in DI's, a local possibility is at Yorkshire Dales SC (Erica Caswell).

4. RISK ASSESSMENTS

Richard Hoy (CGCC) needed to check the club risk assessments for compatibility with Army ones. This is now done. TSSC risk assessments/SOPs are currently being reviewed and reformatted by PHG. They are held in the club Dropbox.

5. DIVERS

The Army Divers expect to carry out a survey of the buoys on 5-6th July. Yorkshire Water have approved concrete anchors which are properly cured. The divers have previously recommended a combination of chain with long-life rope for the risers. This is apparently in use at Kielder Water. It is quoted as having a 50 year life. However, the new Dive Commander is not aware of this. PHG's research had surfaced 'polysteel' cable as a possible contender. **JK** will raise this with the divers and also contact Kiedler SC to see if they can help.

Attachment: Polysteel.

James Proctor is sponsoring half the costs of the new buoys. These will be reset as shown on Google Earth on 2002. PC advised that red can be difficult for some people to see.

6. Pontoon update

The quote currently stands at £3377. **JK** to ask if any price increase is pending. **RW** has suggested applying to RDC for funding; applications to be submitted by end August but they will not be judged until October. Upper limit for bids is £50K.

Versa Dock have been on site and recommended using wooden rollers ($\geq 2m$) to move them on the slip and land. **JK** to investigate is there is evidence that the committee could see of this being done.

Attachment: Versa Dock Quote.

7. Clinker Boat

The clinker boat Tinkerbelle (which has lain in the boat park for years since the death of the owner, Kenny Anderson) was understood to have been gifted to the Garrison (Kirk Lester) for a Youth restoration project. The proposal was that after restoration the boat would be sold to pay for the costs of the restoration. KL has obtained some funding for the clinker boat project having had it assessed by specialists who were due to supervise the restoration. The boat was prepared for transport to the Garrison and was secured by the bosuns in the trailer park in the meantime. Ownership of the dinghy is now being challenged by club member (Chris Jackson). CJ says he has a receipt of a recent payment by him for the boat from the now owner (Kenny Anderson's widow) and her daughter. CJ came to remove the boat but found that it was secured to the fence.

A TSSC email trail establishes that the owner gifted the boat for the purpose described above on 16th December 2021 when approached by previous committee member Malcolm Cummings who knew Kenny well.

In an attempt to satisfy both parties PHG suggested that the restoration be carried out and that CJ pays the costs of that before taking ownership. CJ refuses this offer.

EF feels that the owner should not be informed of the conflict as she would be upset and is in frail health. EF has a Miracle which was gifted to him and is in need of restoration. He would be happy to donate this for the Garrison Youth project if it helped towards a resolution.

The committee believes that the dispute over the ownership of Tinkerbelle should be decided by the two parties (KL and CJ) and agrees that the email trail should be shown to CJ.

PHG to inform KL of the committee's views and also inform him of the offer of the Miracle.

PHG to redact personal contact details from the email trail before showing it to CL.

8. Dogs in Compound Poll

A poll of members on the club website about whether accompanied dogs could be allowed in the compound resulted in a clear decision, 44 votes for, 2 against. **MS** to inform members.

9. LEIF Grant Update

Replacement tables and chairs are due to arrive by end of August.

The 4 armchairs and old tables (including some in the Robinson building) and upright chairs are now to be removed. **JK** will offer them on 'Freecycle'. If necessary, **EF** will remove and dispose of them.

PC has observed that club visitors and non-sailors tend to sit on the furniture in the designated wet area as this has the best view of the reservoir. It was agreed to reallocate the wet and dry seating areas as a trial. This was actioned at the end of the meeting.

The TV and bracket are in storage pending final decisions on the positioning of furniture and construction of a cabinet. **JK** to send measurements of the equipment to **EF** and **EF** to draw up plans and possibly construct the housing.

10. Infrastructure Project

New architect's drawings of the changing village accommodation have been circulated. The toilets and showers have been placed together at the west end which will simplify drainage. There are 12 individual changing cubicles plus two larger family cubicles. The doors are drawn opening outwards, but inward opening would be safer. There are three showers with dressing vestibules, four toilets and two hand basins in an island. The committee thought that two showers with larger vestibules would be preferable to three showers. Options suggested were to have only two which could

perhaps be positioned the other way around, or EF suggested that the (three) shower vestibules could be enlarged if the sinks were repositioned to the north wall in place of one of the toilets.

Attachment: Architects Drawings

PHG to feedback re drawings to Katie Craggs.

PHG has enquired at Sport England re possible grants. There is little on offer due to a Covid backlog. Records show that there has been little investment in recent years on northern clubs. It is unlikely that a RDC grant would be suitable for this as construction would not be in the required period. **PHG** to check with RW.

11. Open Day Feedback

The open day and return to water celebration held on 12th June was successful in attracting a manageable number of visitors to the club and facilitating social activity among members. Two new memberships for both TSSC and CGSC have resulted from this as well as bookings for training in October. It was felt that an open day without taking people out on the water was easier to organise and manage and still had benefits. It was good to push the use of club boats so that people don't think they have to have their own to join and income from hire of club boats helps with maintenance. **Committee** to consider holding another later in the season, again on a racing day.

12. Safeguarding

Nothing to report at present. Kay Marriott comes into the role of Safeguarding Officer from beginning of July.

13. Accounts

RW provided his report prior to the meeting:

Financial Summary

Opening balance at start of year **£ 38,504.75**

Income **£ 16,857.45**

Expenditure **£ 9444.48**

Current Balance **£ 45,917.72**

All bills paid and all transfers of CGSC memberships and course fees made

Projected expenditure for remainder of the year of **£ 5,061**

Next major expenditure will be insurance renewal in July.

On reviewing TSSC's cover the insurer said that they weren't aware of or providing cover for the model boat activity. They had been informed but Model boaters do need to have their own third party insurance, and membership of the Model Boating Association provides this.

Attachments: Accounts summary 01/07/22

TSSC Accounts 2021-22 01/07/22

14. AOB

a) **SailTime** – next edition not due yet. Publication is dependent on content rather than a fixed schedule.

b) **Fencing** – EF recommends that the addition westwards to the club compound be fenced and at the same time some of the existing fencing needs maintenance/renewing and an additional gate be inserted to the trailer parking area. **JK** to ask local farmers for recommendations of fencers to ask for quotes.

- c) **Safety Boat Winch** – PC asked if a winch could be installed to assist recovery of the safety boat. JK reported that a previous winch was not successful and pulled out of the ground. Committee to consider this at a future meeting.
- d) **RYA Inspection** – we have to contact our allocated RYA inspector with possible dates for a visit. It would be good to have them during a training event of which there are two scheduled: 24-26th October (Improvers) and 12-16th Sept (Garrison DI's course). **PHG** to contact our inspector, Erica Caswell.
- e) **Camping Week** – 20th-27th August. **MS** to inform members.

15. DONM

MF to obtain availability of committee for second week of August.

Ref	Actions from this meeting	Owner
30/06/22	Consult contact re registering new lease at Land Registry.	MS
	Buoys: Contact Kielder SC re materials for mooring risers	JK
	Pontoon: Enquire re price changes	JK
	Pontoon: Seek evidence of transportation on rollers	JK
	Pontoon: Consider/apply for RDC grant	RW
	Clinker Boat: Inform KL of committee's views and offer of the Miracle	PHG
	Provide email trail of gift of boat to Youth Project to CL	PHG
	Dogs in Compound: MS inform members of outcome	MS
	LEIF: Offer old furniture on 'Freecycle'	JK
	Remove and dispose of any remaining old chairs and tables	EF
	Feedback on architect's drawings	PHG
	Measurements of AV equipment to EF	JK
	Draw up and construct AV cabinet	EF
	Ask RW re possible RDC grant application for Infrastructure project	PHG
	Fencing: Obtain recommended fencers to come and survey/quote	JK
	Fencing: Ask RW about RDC grant	PHG
	Advise RYA inspector of dates for visit	PHG
	Camping Week: MS inform membership of dates	MS
	Availability for next meeting	MF