

THORNTON STEWARD SAILING CLUB

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd August 2019 at Thornton Steward Sailing Club

1. **PRESENT:** Ken Gibson (in the Chair), Gillan Gibson, Malcolm Cummins, Kay Anstay, Eddie Fearnside, Phil Gamlen, John Knopp, Dave Oldacres
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Nic Hatch, Annabelle Le Page, Mike Smith
3. Conflicts of Interest – None were declared by any of the Management Committee/Directors.
4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd July 2019** (previously circulated) were amended to delete the reference to Kay Anstay sending an accident recording policy to Mike to add to the website as she does not do this and then accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
5. **MATTERS ARISING**

Ken had checked the RYA policy on abandoned boats and he circulated copies of the key pages and noted one boat had been disposed of using the full legal disposal procedure a few years ago.

Following the previous meeting of 23rd July 2019 at which there were various negative discussions John Pilgrim had resigned from the Committee. **It is understood he was not happy for a number of reasons, including an unhappiness with the reaction of some committee members to the way he was running courses and other activities.** Rob Wyatt was to speak with him and report back to the Committee. Rob had done so, but his report was not considered in full or in detail. John Pilgrim has undertaken to fulfil his commitments until the end of this season and has advised he will not become Principle of the training establishment as once planned (Rob Wyatt still intends to stand down). There were reports John Pilgrim was also resigning from membership of the club at the end of this year. The Committee has asked Phi Gamlen if he can have a face to face discussion with John Pilgrim representing the Committee.

As part of the discussion surrounding the resignation of John Pilgrim the following topics were identified for consideration over the winter, either by a subcommittee or the Management Committee as a whole:

- 2020 programme, including training, racing, camping, informal sailing, etc.
- Formal allocation of Race Officers as a “duty” on Sunday’s and Wednesdays.
- Future of Junior Club
- Future of Aysgarth School sessions
- Future of Carmel School sessions
- TSSC training events
- New Principle for training establishment
- The availability of Senior Instructors, and Dinghy and Power Boat Instructors

John Knopp to produce a proposal for a Sailing Planning Group.

Phil Gamlen summarized the following points for consideration which he forwarded as agreed after the meeting for inclusion in the minutes:

- 1) How to send clear, strong and credible signals to the Club membership that the Committee intends to continue to drive change and development of the club in the direction that the membership desires. *Without this there are likely to be further resignations from individuals currently making important contributions to the club's operations.*
- 2) Finding ways to maintain the increased levels of motivation, energy, and engagement of Club members in the running of the Club. *This has been a significant and welcome change in the last two years or so.*
- 3) Preventing the loss of the Club's status as a recognised training center. *We will lose income and interested members as both individuals and schools go elsewhere.*
- 4) Reinforcing the support and resources for the Junior Club. *In my view this is a key component in getting active Family memberships and helping with the long term sustainability of the Club.*
- 5) Preventing social activities, such as the Pizza Club and other activities in the pipeline for next summer, from withering due to a lack of ownership.
- 6) Cementing effective relationships with other bodies such as the RYA and the Army.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

A written report by Ken was circulated at the meeting and received. Ken noted that £3,000 was committed to Phase One of the Club Development if required.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was no Secretary's report

8. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ken reported that membership stood at 83 on 19th August 2019.

9. HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDING ITEM

The Club's accident policy is to be reviewed by a subcommittee, with consideration to be given to having one policy for both the general club and the training arm.

10. PREMISES STANDING ITEM

Preliminary consideration was given to items for action at the Workday and included looking at the insulation in the ceiling of the Club Room and the discoloration in the ceiling of the porch is to be re-assessed.

Unidentified trailers at the rear of the clubhouse are to be removed and are liable to be disposed of at Workday. There is to be more publicity to Members about either removing or clearly marking their trailers.

11. SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS'S REPORT

Annabelle is reviewing this. It was noted this had to be a standing item, however it was agreed to rename the item "Safeguarding Officer's Report" and to ask the Safeguarding Officer to give a report each meeting, though it may be a brief report that there is nothing to report.

12. POLICIES

The Club has an extensive suite of policies on various topics and there is a folder in the Clubhouse. Kay Anstay has been reviewing the Handbook and updating it as appropriate for the last 28 years.

At this meeting the following revisions were considered:

- Use of Powerboats. This was agreed with amendments.
- Support Boat Operation. This was re-ratified.
- Care and Use of Club Boats. This was updated to reflect the revised fleet and agreed with amendments, but a section on Fusions is to be considered by the Training Group

All the Policies are to go on the website.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Kay advised that due to personal issues, including Kathy expecting her second child, she has found it necessary to resign from the Committee. The Committee was saddened to accept as Kay has been a valued member for many years contributing the running of the club in many ways.

The new Topper covers have proven unable to cope with the sheep and are disintegrating. Replacements are to be sources.

One of TSSC's iCom radios is not working and John Knopp is returning to the suppliers under warranty.

Replacing the 8hp two stroke outboard engine was suggested and it was noted a new 10 hp Honda 4 stroke engine and a 360 Rigiflex from Trident would be approximately £4,900. This was not considered expensive and the matter is to be explored over the winter.

The difficulty which can occur of moving the two Rigiflex safety boats was discussed. **The hulls are presently too far forward on their trolleys, consideration is being given to moving them backwards to achieve a better weight distribution over the axle.** As the trolleys are adjustable the right length is to be found, though this may involve drilling new holes.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday the 19th September was suggested, and the Secretary is to be asked to see if it will be possible and advise the Committee members once the final date is confirmed.

Minutes by Gillan Gibson