



HOLLOWELL SAILING CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING
7.30pm in the Club House
Wednesday 6th September 2016

Present: Brian Atkins, Simon Bickers, John Cottingham (possible fleet captain) Rob Dunkley, Stewart Elder, Nicky Frost, Clive de la Fuente, Peter Jackson (APMYC), Simon King (Chair & minutes), Keith Lancaster, Mike Playle, Peter Shepherd (APMYC), Graham Smith

1. Apologies: Tony Everard, Larissa Barker, Tim Joint, Paul Mallard, David Harris, Ivor McDonnell
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th May were read and proposed by Peter Jackson and seconded by Brian Atkins as a true record of proceedings. All agreed these as a true record.
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:
 - 4.1 Asymmetric double-handers - the older club boats are in a bit of a mess. **[ACTION: Repairs by Thursday wrinklies?]**. All sorted now. Another training day is planned for during the year (no date as yet) – possibly a RS200 coaching day run by the class assoc which might be opened to other clubs in the area. **[ACTION: Brian to organise]** – see fleet report for planned arrangements.
 - 4.6 Sailboard Fleet –club may not renew our Windsurfing training accreditation. **[ACTION: Clive to update at next SC mtg]**. Clive reported that at the next inspection he would inform the RYA.
 - 4.8 Hollowell Scullers Rowing Club –Sunday morning coaching sessions (to be off the water by 10am). **[ACTION: Tim to submit a formal proposal at the next SC mtg]**. Tim had sent his apologies, no formal proposal submitted. Committee discussed arrangement and agreed for it to continue.
 - 4.10 APMYC – request a date to host the 2017 MYA Midlands District Championship event for Six Metre Yachts at Hollowell SC *Saturday 28th October 2017*. After discussion committee agreed to this date being included in the sailing programme.
 - 6.1 Child Protection Officer/Prizes Secretary – Ruth Cross has taken over as Child Protection Officer and Nicky Frost as Prizes Secretary.
 - 10.6 Cransley Tiller & Spar – still nothing to update. Hope to have a discussion with Cransley people at the Warwick Trophy.



13.1 Graham Smith had requested approval to hold the Midlands Area RYA Zone selection training event at HSC on the 1st October. The committee agreed to this and Rob has agreed to be DO to ensure smooth running and use of the water by club racers, scullers and visiting Toppers.

4. FLEET CAPTAIN REPORTS

4.1. Asymmetric double-handers - Brian Atkins reported that the fleet now had 30 craft. He had arranged for Pete Vincent (RS assoc recommended) to conduct some asymmetric coaching at the club for intermediate/experienced sailors (no beginners) at a total cost of £265, three dates were suggested and the 12th Nov seemed most appropriate. Committee agreed that club boats would be made available to anyone without a craft wanting to attend (free). Expected to see 10 boats/crews attend so the cost would be £26 per sailor. The committee also agreed that if 10 boats could not be mustered then the day would be subsidised by the club up to a maximum of £100. **[ACTION: Clive to put on Webcollect], [ACTION: Ruth to advertise in E-news], [ACTION: Stewart to put advert on website – poster required]**

4.2. Symmetric double-handers – David Harris sent his apologies – no report.

4.3. Handicap Single-handers – Tony Everard sent his apologies and has tendered his resignation as fleet captain (now that he is sailing a double-hander). **John Cottingham** had agreed to attend the meeting as a possible replacement and by the end of the meeting he was duly elected Single Hander Fleet Captain!

4.4. Solo Fleet – Keith Lancaster reported that the Solo Open was a success with 22 boats (21 sailed) and passed on his thanks to the Laser fleet for their assistance in running the day. However, there is no guarantee our Solo Open will be in the Midlands series next year putting a questionmark on its inclusion in next year's HSC sailing calendar **[ACTION: SK to include in the calendar but will need to be confirmed at the next meeting. KL to liaise with Midlands]**.

KL reported that he and GB had run a training session for the fleet in July and another one had been planned with a Solo Assoc coach for October. However, to participate our Solo members will need to be Solo class members. Only two are? **[ACTION: KL to encourage more HSC members to become class members - £22 p.a.]** It is more likely that the event will be held early next year.

4.5. Laser Fleet – Simon Bickers reported that the Open had 20 competitors (10 less than last year), 12 were club members – a quarter of the Laser fleet at HSC. Felt that the Laser club champs were justified. SB noted that several sailors are now pushing the established 'winners' – Mike Harding, Alistair Duncan and Alison Linnell all doing well. The club Lasers are being well used and are still in good condition.



- 4.6. Sailboard Fleet – Paul Mallard sent his apologies and has also resigned as Sailboard Fleet Captain and withdrawn from helping out on the taster sessions. All agreed his was a significant contribution to windsurfing at the club over many years and thanked him for his many years of support. The committee discussed windsurfers having a fleet status and agreed while numbers were small it was still worthwhile having a fleet. Mike Playle agreed to step in (temporarily) to act as fleet captain and run the tasters as per last year. A suggestion was made that perhaps windsurfers only had two days of dinghy week next year.
- 4.7. Youth Fleet – Graham Smith sent in a report – see attached.
- 4.8. Hollowell Scullers Rowing Club – Tim Joint sent his apologies. Committee agreed that Sunday morning coaching sessions would be able to continue. SB reported that extra fees had been paid and sessions do not seem to be having much of an impact on Sunday racing.
- 4.9. APMYC – sent a report – see attached. The request for a date (Saturday 28th October 2017) to host the 2017 MYA Midlands District Championship event for Six Metre Yachts at Hollowell SC was discussed and agreed. Peter asked whether they could have, somewhere on the property, a small lock-box to keep their buoys in so they didn't have to be transported back and forwards in the car. All agreed this was possible. **[ACTION: MP to liaise with APMYC as to size required and to check with wrinklies where this might be best placed].**

5. SAILING PROGRAMME

- 5.1. SK submitted a draft sailing programme for next year. Key points from the committee's discussion:-
 - GS and IM to check whether any coaching sessions required for Toppers and Oppies in January 2017
 - Racing to start on the 5th March 2017
 - The committee agreed that to reduce the number of duties (which we still have trouble filling) the calendar should reflect:
 - 2 less Tuesday informal sailing days
 - 2 less Thursday PH pursuit days (not all in agreement on this and SK said he will look at whether this is really necessary as it is one of our more popular sailing days)
 - 2 less Saturday racing days – one from the Spring series and one from the Summer series
 - We are hosting the Warwick Trophy in 2017 (confirmed by SK in discussions with NSC at this year's event). Date: 3rd September
 - Event dates that need checking include Windsurfer and Seavets (8/4/17); Solo Open (22nd April), Laser Open (4/6/17)



- Saturday afternoon racing to return to 2pm start and 2nd race at 3:30pm. APMYC, with the later HSC racing start time on a Saturday in mind, asked whether they could change their timings on a Saturday to run from 9:30am to 1:45pm – BOTH PROPOSALS AGREED BY COMMITTEE
- Discussion around number of races ‘to count’ and ‘to qualify’ ended with the status quo being agreed for next year i.e. the ‘to count’ being less than half the races available to race and no minimum number to qualify for a series result – AGREED BY COMMITTEE
- There was a suggestion that the club held a 2nd, but lower key Open Day in September to attract new members after summer. It was agreed that while difficult it could be built into the programme.
[ACTION: SK to take this suggestion to the Membership committee and get their views]
- **[ACTION: SK to circulate and submit a revised draft before the next sailing committee meeting on the 1st November 2016].**

6. Vacancies

- 6.1. Child Protection Officer – Ruth Cross has agreed to this role and is undergoing training.
- 6.2. Prizes Secretary – Nicky Frost has agreed to this role.
- 6.3. Club Extension Proposal Group – a volunteer was asked for to become a member of this group set up to gather member’s views and make recommendations on how the club might move forward on buildings extensions (or any other alternative development). Rob Dunkley felt that as Commodore he should be the one to ‘volunteer’ – no dissenters so his name has now been put forward.
- 6.4. Simon King resigned as sailing secretary and will not be seeking re-election at the AGM next March. **[ACTION: replacement to be found - ALL]**

7. Budget Proposals – no specific proposals suggested or discussed. However, a 420 has been donated to the club (no-one seems sure where it is) and it might actually require some refurbishment. Perhaps some money for this? In addition and as every year a request for a new Committee Boat for racing. No serious proposal was discussed so this will not be going forward at this time. Further thoughts were requested before the next SC meeting. **[ACTION: Any suggestions on sailing expenditures for next year to be brought to next committee meeting]**

8. Ice Tankard Prizes

- 8.1. Simon Bickers volunteered to do the Duty Officer/Race Officer role.
- 8.2. Prizes to the value of £100 were agreed, including the engraving. **[ACTION: NF to buy glass tankards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.]**
- 8.3. Advertising the Iced Tankard **[ACTION: RD to email all local clubs, SB to put on Y&Y and a poster to be put on the website]**



9. Duty Man – Stewart reported that the 17th Sept had a Do but no-one else so will be putting on the website RACING CANCELLED.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1. Mike Playle reported that he and Helen have run their last Rutland Cruise – dwindling numbers meant that it wasn't worthwhile continuing. Committee thanked him for all of the years he has put into this and many had fond memories of this event. **[ACTION: SK to make sure it isn't included in next year's sailing calendar]**

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 1st November 2016 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.05pm with thanks to all.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Sailing Committee:

SAILING COMMITTEE (quorum 5 including 1 officer)	MEETS 4 TIMES A YEAR (FEB, MAY, SEP, NOV)
<i>Responsibilities:</i> Arrange the sailing programme Open day display of racing and boats Club and open meeting sailing Instructions & NOR Publishing racing results Annual RYA PY returns Fleet events and open meetings Prizes Inter club events Sailing risk register Sailing development plan Review of club craft Contact with fleet members Administration of the on-the-water safety policy Reports on Sailability activities Encouragement of sailing members without craft Representation of the annual New Members Day Sailing Committee budget proposals in September	<i>Membership:</i> Sailing Secretary (Chair) Commodore/Vice Commodore RYA Training Principal Chief Instructor Dinghies Duty Coordinator Laser Fleet Captain Solo Fleet Captain Youth Fleet Captain Youth Training Coordinator Handicap Asymmetric Doublehander FC Handicap Symmetric Doublehander FC Handicap Singlehander FC Sailboard Fleet Captain Hollowell Scullers Liaison Officer Race Scoring Officer Prizes Secretary

Abington Park MYC



APMYC
Report to Hollowell SC
06/09/2016
by Peter Shepherd

We have continued to use our allotted times at Hollowell and with a bit of calendar mangling managed to add another two events onto the Hollowell waters. The events held since the last committee meeting were:

- 18/6 Big boat meeting – a mix of larger model yachts racing on handicapped starts
- 16/7 Wee Nip Medal Race – R7
- 6/8 Extreme Footy Series – ACT6
- 20/8 Wee Nip Medal Race – R8
- 27/8 Six Metre Open

We continue to attract the curious with a number of model yachters attending the 6M event just to see what these yachts sailed under the rating rule are all about, we even had a Hollowell SC member approach us about help with completing his Footy from 10 years back!

The members who went on the PB2 course have been putting this to good use, and have all volunteered to take duties at the Club Meeting October 8/9th, this unfortunately clashes with the Six Metre District Championship on 8th Oct. In 2017 we will arrange our calendar so that no clash will occur enabling us to provide a better cover, indeed it has been suggested that we hold our own club championship on the morning of the Saturday enabling more of our skippers to be available for the afternoon cover assuming the sailing club event takes a similar format to this year.

The work on the rowing boat is complete with the oars now having stops fitted and a cover made.

The recent amendments to the web collect system made by Nicola Wilkinson are working very well for us and it is much easier to complete our payments for events subsequent to these alterations.

A couple of points to note away from Hollowell SC, APMYC member Mike Ewart the MYA class captain for the Six Metre yachts won the prestigious 2002 Trophy, the Eastern District Championship for these yachts.

Along with Mike's efforts, the continued support of APMYC members at open events has elevated us to first place in the MYA's Acersail table, we are hoping that we can stay there until the end of the season.



Junior Fleet

Report to Hollowell SC

06/09/2016

by G Smith & I McDonnell

It's been a strong summer for the junior fleet, with Hollowell being well represented at National events across Great Britain and strong attendance at junior activities hosted at HSC.

Junior dinghy week had 41 sailors, we were limited by capacity – mainly club boats but also staffing and this resulted in us turning a few away. This event was, as always, popular and we have attracted new young sailors into the club, although we have had some who came for dinghy week only.

This summer we really struggled to get any interest in the junior windsurfing week for the second year running, we had 3 bookings after discounting it. Unsure of the reasons why. Question: should we resource for this in 2017?

Great feedback from Pirates day with 36 Hollowell pirates attending, lots of fun including our junior regatta.

This year we have run Topper and Oppie open coaching along with over 30 boats attending a combined Topper and Oppie open event. We are looking to repeat these events this year starting with Topper open coaching on the 1st October which is one of the RYA zone squad selection events.

Highlights over the summer:

- Topper Worlds:
 - Morgan 14th in Gold fleet
 - Andrew 2nd, Gemma 10th in Silver fleet
 - Rachael, Jude – Bronze fleet
- Topper Nationals (173 entries)
 - Andrew 14th, Morgan 15th & Gemma 55th in Gold fleet
 - Rachel, Jude - Silver fleet
 - Hazel 18th/39 in 4.2 fleet
- Oppie Nationals results (122 entries)
 - Hazel 78 - Top Midlands sailor
 - Iris 101
 - Ellen 103

Next season:

- Potential Topper National Squad: Gemma
- Potential National ITCA Squad: Rachel
- Potential Topper Zone Squad entries: Imogen, Henry, Felix, Jude (year 2)
- Oppie Zones year 2: Hazel/ Iris/ Ellen
- 420 transition training: Morgan/ Andrew

Please contact Ivor or Graham with any questions.