



**HOLLOWELL SAILING CLUB  
MINUTES OF MEETING SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING**

7.30pm in the Club House  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017

Present:, Larissa Barker, Simon Bickers, John Cottington, Stewart Elder, Clive de la Fuente, Mark Hope (our new Race Results Officer), Peter Jackson (APMYC), Simon King (Chair & minutes), Keith Lancaster, Mike Playle, Peter Shepherd (APMYC),

1. Apologies: Brian Atkins, Tony Everard, Tim Joint, Graham Smith
2. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1st November 2016 were read and proposed by Stewart Elder and seconded by John Cottington as a true record of proceedings. All agreed these as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

8.1 Member's boat stickers. Several members have asked where they put these new membership stickers despite there being clear instructions available. The recommendation is for them to be placed 'somewhere visible' but further reminders will be made at the AGM [**ACTION:SK to remind sailors in his report to the AGM**].

4. FLEET CAPTAIN REPORTS

- 4.1. Asymmetric double-handers - Brian Atkins sent his apologies and had nothing to report.
- 4.2. Symmetric double-handers – David Harris was not present – no report.
- 4.3. Handicap Single-handers – John Cottington had nothing to report.
- 4.4. Solo Fleet – Keith Lancaster reported that he was planning a fleet coaching day this year, no date yet decided. He will also be encouraging sailors to become members of the class association and to travel to other local Open events in order to increase our chances of getting a slot for our Solo Open in the Midlands area circuit next year. Our Solo Champs will be run in conjunction with the Club Champs this year.
- 4.5. Laser Fleet – Simon Bickers reported he was seeking a replacement as Fleet Captain. Committee to be updated in due course. He reminded us that the Laser Open date had to be changed on the sailing calendar – now Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017. He will also be promoting the benefits of our members



becoming UKLA class association members. The fleet also has 2-3 new sailors and others have upgraded their boats.

4.6. Sailboard Fleet – Mike Playle had nothing to report.

4.7. Youth Fleet – Graham Smith sent his apologies and had nothing major to report.

However, Graham had had a request from the RYA for HSC to host the Midlands Area Topper squad selection & Open coaching day on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, to be held alongside club racing. We hosted this event last year and it didn't cause any issues (largely because there was little wind and the Toppers never went out!). No additional safety cover required as this is provided by the Topper coaches. Committee **AGREED** to this request but the DO on the day needs to be made aware of the visitors.

4.8. Hollowell Scullers Rowing Club – Tim Joint sent his apologies. In an email to SK he **AGREED** with our request for the Race Office door to be kept locked during their Saturday sessions.

4.9. APMYC – sent a report – see attached. PS requested a couple of Saturday dates to hold their club champs (various classes). The 1st April and 15th April were **AGREED** for this purpose. They would also like to progress their earlier suggestion of an interclub competition between HSC and APMYC. AGM **[ACTION:SK/PS/PJ to discuss and report at next committee meeting]**.

PS informed the committee that they intend to participate in the Open Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> May, the Fun Day on the 28<sup>th</sup> May and help out with rescue at our Club Champs. Closer to the time of their 6m Midlands Champs (October) we will agree what assistance they would like from us.

## 5. ARE WE READY FOR 2017?

5.1. AGM prize-giving (Nicky Frost) **[ACTION:SK to talk to Nicky]**.

5.2. Any late amendments to the sailing programme? – None suggested, apart from the changes previously discussed e.g. Laser Open (already done) and APMYC club champs dates **[ACTION: Stewart to show new APMYC dates in website diary]**

5.3. New member's day – Sat 10 June - Stewart **AGREED** to organise it again this year.

5.4. Open events – prizes and organisation



- 5.4.1. Windsurfer Open/SeaVets – Sat 8 April – Simon B. said he could probably do DO and would put this in DutyManager when confirmed.
- 5.4.2. Laser Open – Sun 18 June [**ACTION: SK to ask Gerry B to be DO**]
- 5.4.3. AWS – Sat 24 June [**ACTION: SK to ask Alex Mc to be DO**]
- 5.4.4. Topper & Optimist Open – Sat 8 July – Mike Playle has already volunteered.
- 5.4.5. Club Champs – Kevin & Philip Ireson, who did it last year, have already volunteered to do it again this year.
- 5.4.6. Iced Tankard – Sun 22 October – DO **TBC**
- 5.4.7. Midlands District 6m Championships (APMYC) – Sat 28 October – help from HSC members would be welcomed.

## 6. CLUB TEAM REGATTAS – CAPTAINS AND TEAMS

6.1. Tiller & Spar – Sun 16 July at CSC

**[ACTION: SK to check with CSC format and numbers in team]**

**[ACTION: SK to ask John Cottington or Paul Deakin to be Team Captain]**

6.2. Warwick Trophy – Sun 3 Sept at HSC – Mark Hope has volunteered to organise the team.

## 7. ROB'S PROPOSAL TO GIVE RESERVOIR-SIDE BOAT PARKS TO 'REGULAR' SAILORS

The committee discussed Rob's previous proposal, submitted but not discussed at the last meeting, that boat spaces closest to the reservoir should be occupied by the boats of sailors who sail regularly. Any boat not being used 'regularly' should be moved further into the boat park.

The principle was generally accepted by the committee but most felt that its application/enforcement was going to be 'difficult'. After much discussion on our club policies/rules, insurance risks, accusations of theft etc. it was agreed by the committee the following:-

1. **Stewart Elder** would put something in the e-news requesting members to volunteer moving their boats when they know they are unlikely to be used on a regular basis this year. Perhaps a polite note somewhere on the website?



2. **Fleet Captains** to review their boat parks and have discussions with the sailors in their fleet about the best use of their available boat spaces.
  3. **Rob/SK** to put together a proposal to submit to the sailing committee in May to create a more formal process for next year – something along the lines of 'a minimum number of sailing days and you get to stay on the front row, otherwise you get moved'.
8. REVIEW OF CLUB CRAFT - Toppers now have two 4.2 rigs, nothing else to report.
9. SAILWAVE
- 9.1. Proposal that the RYA is the source of craft handicaps (i.e. PY) - **AGREED**
- 9.2. Proposal that the Personal Handicap Fleets are amended and same handicaps % to be applied as last year – **AGREED THE PH FLEETS CHANGES (FROM LAST YEAR) ARE AS BELOW [MARK H TO UPDATE]**

Name	HelmAge	2015	2016	2017
Alan Greenaway	M	S (+10%)	S (+10%)	G (PY)
Alison Linnell	F		S (+10%)	G (PY)
Allan Winters	VM	G (PY)	S (+10%)	B (+15%)
Barny Creaser	M	G (PY)	G (PY)	S (+10%)
Bernadette McMillan	F	S (+10%)	S (+10%)	B (+15%)
Ellen Morley	JG	B (+15%)	B (+15%)	G (PY)
Gemma McDonnell	JG	B (+15%)	B (+15%)	S (+10%)
Gerry Burnham	VM	S (+10%)	S (+10%)	G (PY)
Hazell McDonnell	JG	S (+10%)	S (+10%)	G (PY)
Iris Singleton	JG	B (+15%)	B (+15%)	S (+10%)
Jude Singleton	JB	B (+15%)	B (+15%)	S (+10%)
Morgan Smith	JB	S (+10%)	S (+10%)	G (PY)
Nicola Wilkinson	F	B (+15%)	B (+15%)	S (+10%)
Paul Deakin	M	B (+15%)	B (+15%)	S (+10%)
Tony Everard	M	B (+15%)	B (+15%)	S (+10%)
Russell Brayshaw	M	G (PY)	G (PY)	Delete from list

We didn't discuss the % to be applied (forgot!) but as no-one brought it up SK has assumed it worked OK, so we will continue to use 10% & 15% this year.

- 9.3. Proposal that the officer-of-the-day score remains? - **AGREED**
10. DUTY MAN – Stewart was happy at the progress to date on filling duties, nothing to report.
11. A.O.B.



- 11.1. Proposal for RYA coaching day on 30th Sept (GS) – **AGREED**
- 11.2. Proposal to use windsurfer sail prep area to store dinghies (RD)

Mike P. asked whether anything was happening regarding Rob's proposal at the last meeting but not voted on, to use the windsurfer sail prep area to store dinghies. He did not support it and wanted a view from the committee. Committee, after discussion, **DID NOT APPROVE** this proposal.

- 11.3. Anglian Water (AW) planting of more willow trees

AW has planted some new saplings as part of their environmental sustainability programme. In time these new trees will undoubtedly cause problems with wind crossing the reservoir. Mike P. said the height/density of trees around the banks of the reservoir had been an on-going battle with AW for many years but they did understand our position. Rob has been in touch with AW and there have been discussions to establish what their plans are.

The committee expressed a view that if we can encourage other places – even non-Hollowell - to be planted, then we should be doing so.

**[ACTION: Rob to keep on top of this and to report back on progress at next meeting]**

- 11.4. Enquiry from Rugby Canoe Club

Simon B. has had an enquiry from Rugby Canoe Club to use Hollowell Reservoir instead of their current location. They have 70 plus members. SB had indicated some initial levels of costs to join which they didn't seem to baulk at. They would use the reservoir on a Monday and several thousand pounds of additional income might come from it. He asked should he continue to explore?

Committee generally agreed that more discussion might be worthwhile due to the fact that there will be little disruption to Club sailing activities and the added income. However, their members should be prepared to help with the upkeep of the grounds and facilities and boat parks are not compromised. **[ACTION: Simon B. to continue to explore and revert back at the next meeting]**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8:55pm with thanks to all.



Roles and Responsibilities of the Sailing Committee:

<p>SAILING COMMITTEE (quorum 5 including 1 officer)</p>	<p>MEETS 4 TIMES A YEAR (FEB, MAY, SEP, NOV)</p>
<p><i>Responsibilities:</i>          Arrange the sailing programme          Open day display of racing and boats          Club and open meeting sailing          Instructions &amp; 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</p>	<p><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</p>



Abington Park MYC - Report to Hollowell SC - 20/02/17

By Peter Shepherd

It has been a busy winter with the Club running class Winter Series specifically for it's Hollowell members. These have been most enjoyable, with a couple of "guest" attendee's making the transition to Hollowell Club Members we are now 12 members.

The Six Metre Snowflake Series was closely contested between John Burgoine & Peter Shepherd, with John coming through to win the last event and take the Trophy. Once again just two skippers were in with real shout of winning the Wee Nip Icicle series by the last round, although in truth Keith Bell would have had to have had a proper disaster for him not to have taken the title from his nearest challenger Peter Shepherd.

With two skippers on equal points going into the final round of the Footy Frostbite it looked as if this was going to be an altogether closer affair, however Mike Ewart's challenge faded somewhat in the last event and Peter Shepherd finally managed to get his hands on a Winter Series Trophy. Congratulations to all our class winners and to the runners up better luck next year.

One of the benefits of running these Winter Series for us as a club is that we have been able to improve the overall standard of sailing throughout our members in the classes we sail.

In 2017 we are intending to introduce the Dragon Flite 95 class of yacht which is an ideal start into Model Yachting (Radio Sailing) for the non-builder, the off the shelf ready to race one design yacht retails at around £270.00, as always there will be some "Abington Park" rules to try to make it more user friendly on both the pocket and in it's performance.

Along with the introduction of the DF95 we will be continuing with the Footy, Wee Nip, Six Metre with the Tuesday afternoon meetings recommencing in March this year being nominated to a specific class.

In our calendar I left free the first three Saturday dates in April (1st, 8th, 15th) as these were unavailable to us in 2016, however we would like to hold some Club Championship races for Hollowell Members and I would like to just clarify if I could hold these on any of the dates in question?

At some point last year it was suggested that a competition between the Dinghy skippers and Radio model members be arranged, I am not sure what format this could take or if the Hollowell Sc members would be interested, however we would be happy to participate if the enthusiasm is there for such an event.