



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

7.30pm in the Club House
Wednesday 24th May 2017

Present: Simon Bickers, Stewart Elder, Tony Everard, Clive de la Fuente, Mark Hope, Peter Jackson (APMYC), Simon King (Chair & minutes), Ivor McDonnell, Peter Shepherd (APMYC)

1. Apologies: Brian Atkins, Larissa Barker, John Cottington, Ruth Cross, Nicky Frost, Tim Joint, Keith Lancaster, Mike Playle, Graham Smith.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 21st February were read and proposed by Peter Shepherd and seconded by Stewart Elder as a true record of proceedings. All agreed these as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.9 Interclub competition HSC vs APMYC – discussions have been held to progress the suggested regatta between the two clubs but no suitable date was found. **[ACTION: Put it on the agenda for the 2018 sailing calendar discussions later this year].**

6.1 Tiller & Spar – preliminary discussions have taken place but nothing definite as to format decided. **[ACTION: SK to push CSC for a NOR and to seek a HSC team captain]**

11.3 AW planting trees – RD has not had any contact with AW. SE reported that our suggestion of planting trees elsewhere was highly unlikely to be adopted.

11.4 Rugby Canoe Club – No contact been made as yet. [also see item in AOB]

4. FLEET CAPTAIN REPORTS

4.1. Asymmetric double-handers - Brian Atkins sent his apologies. In an email he said, "There's not a lot to report, apart from the need to postpone the asymmetric race training event originally planned for 10th June, as the RS coach, Pete Vincent, was no longer able to make this date. I have written out to the fleet suggesting that the training be rearranged for early September, after the end of the school holidays. I've asked Pete for some possible dates.

Although the fleet is quite a big one, only the same people sail regularly, and I will try to encourage others with asymmetric boats to participate in racing at the weekends, as well as on Thursday evening. Hopefully this can be linked



to RYA spinnaker training, and other introductory courses, with encouragement to actively become involved in the racing. I will do what I can to support this. I've also asked fleet members for any suggestions about improving the way the fleet operates, or is supported".

- 4.2. Symmetric double-handers – David Harris was not present – no report.
- 4.3. Handicap Single-handers – John Cottington sent his apologies and had nothing to report.
- 4.4. Solo Fleet – Keith Lancaster sent his apologies but in discussions with SK noted several new Solo sailors joining the fleet and they have become active in club racing. He is also going to try and find a date where he/GB/Stuart can run some club coaching, probably a Saturday as locking down a Solo Assoc coach was proving difficult.
- 4.5. Laser Fleet – Simon Bickers reported that he has had a volunteer to take over as fleet captain – Mike Harding. Committee discussed suitability and concluded that this would be a good appointment. Simon B. to mentor him into the role and report to the next committee Mike's acceptance of the responsibilities. Mike to be confirmed as fleet captain at next AGM.

NOR for our Open on Sunday the 18th June has been completed and on the website. Entry fees were agreed as £10 for adults and £7 for under 18 on the 1st Jan 2018. Lunch to be charged at £3.50. Prizes were discussed and committee agreed:-

- Overall – 1st, 2nd, 3rd to receive vouchers (P&B or Amazon) to the value of £25, £15 & £10.
- Others – 1st Radial, 1st 4.7, 1st Lady, 1st junior (as long as they did not win an overall prize) – wine/chocs as appropriate.
- Club Champs – wine/chocs for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 1st female and 1st junior. Club champs to be scored using RYA PY numbers.

- 4.6. Sailboard Fleet – Mike Playle sent his apologies and had nothing to report.
- 4.7. Youth Fleet – Ivor McDonnell reported that the club was again very successful in getting junior sailors into regional and national coaching squads. He also noted that there seemed to be a growing interest from juniors moving into pathway double handers instead of single handers.

Ivor past on a request that the club host a RYA Midlands Area Topper squad coaching weekend on Saturday/Sunday the 18th/19th November 2017, to be held alongside club racing on the Sunday. No additional safety cover required as this is provided by the Topper coaches but the committee



request that at least one HSC member is in attendance on site on the Saturday. Committee **AGREED** to this request but the DO on the day needs to be made aware of the visitors. The RYA will be charged £300 for the use of the club. **[ACTION: Ivor/Graham to make sure an invoice is raised]**

- 4.8. Hollowell Scullers Rowing Club – Tim Joint sent his apologies. In an email to SK he said the scullers had been in discussion about replacing him as sailing club liaison, as he wasn't able to get to the club for various reasons at the moment. **[ACTION: TJ will chase and try and get us an update]**

He also reported that the number of volunteers/helpers they have is down slightly and something they need to address, otherwise it's relying on exactly the same people week in/ week out. They have discussed possibly introducing rotas/duties to try and spread it around a bit. The club has been to a number of recent regattas which are going fine for juniors and they have actually got more interest from adult rowers at the moment.

- 4.9. APMYC – sent a report – see attached. PS informed the committee that they intend to participate in the Fun Day on the 28th May. They will offer two opportunities for HSC to enjoy model boat racing – Free Sailers, which will replace our 'build a boat' race, and 'Beat the stick' – a windward/leeward timed sprint.

5. BBC filming – Stewart reported that the BBC will only be coming to the club on Thursday evening now. Short piece providing background to Giles Scott's participation at the Americas Cup – committee agreed it will be good publicity and has encouraged all to attend.
6. Sailing Risk register – Simon B. submitted a revised, and less complicated, schedule which was reviewed, thoroughly debated and amended by the committee – see Appendix 2 at the end of these minutes. This still needs to have committee approval and sign off. **[ACTION: SK to seek sailing committee approval by email]**
7. Family Fun Day Sunday 28th May – SK to organise/run. Organisation all in hand. Members have been told that there is to be no tea-bar and both lunch and evening meals are BYO. Some burgers from the freezer will be made available to be sold to members that require extra food.
8. Open meetings:-
- 8.1. Laser Open – all in hand (see Laser fleet report). SK to check with KI & GB race officer duties.
- 8.2. AWS – IM informed the committee that the old Anglian Water Series has been renamed the 'P&B Northamptonshire Youth Series' by the current



organising committee, mainly because of a lack of support from Anglian Water! Coaches for our event on Saturday 24th June are to be organised, Simon Bickers volunteered to do DO/RO for the day. **[ACTION: Ivor to send email to all juniors reminding them of the day; Sailwave file to be renamed – MH; sailing calendar to be amended – SE; Prizes – shields? and chocs/food – NF to liaise with Ivor on requirements]**

8.3. Topper & Optimist Open – DO in place, Ivor will ensure other club sailors on the circuit get reminded of our event, prizes agreed as 1st, 2nd, 3rd for each fleet of Thornton's Choc Trophies. **[ACTION: NF to liaise with Ivor on requirements]**

8.4. Warwick Trophy – We are hosting. Mark Hope has confirmed he will organise the team. No RO as yet. This year's format was discussed and the committee AGREED the following:-

- Teams to be made up of 6 nominated boats in each fleet – fast, slow and junior. More sailors from the other clubs will be allowed to sail but only the nominated boats will count towards the trophy.
- In each race, only the 18 nominated boats will be scored against each other for the trophy result, and the top four boats from each club will count towards the team total.
- RYA PY numbers of 1135 and above will be allocated to the Slow fleet, lower than 1135 allocated to the fast fleet, and members of the junior fleet can sail any boat.
- All races will be scored on handicap using RYA PY numbers.

9. 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]

10. DUTY MAN – Stewart was happy at the progress to date on filling duties, nothing to report.

11. A.O.B.

- 11.1. Safety boat attendances at capsizes - Carole Halliday sent an email detailing that on Saturday afternoon we saw a rescue boat that didn't attend a capsize and she felt this was happening too often.



TE, who was DO on Saturday described the event as he saw it – due to the wind conditions there was only need for one safety boat on the reservoir, others were tied-up on the pontoon which could be manned by volunteers – there were plenty on-shore at the time, the capsized boat was a free sailor who capsized just in front of the clubhouse and the safety boat was correctly shadowing the racing fleet at the other end of the lake, the DO was informed by radio of the capsize but no safety boat attended the capsize. In TE's opinion he felt that as the boat went over at the far end of the lake for a safety boat to go to and because it was right in front of people on the shore capable (at least one SBI was available) of manning any one of several safety boats tied-up they should have been the ones to go out to check on the sailor.

As it turned out no harm came to the sailor but the committee during discussion felt that we needed to provide another reminder to all members who have responsibilities on any day the club is open that safety is paramount and we have policies which need to be adhered to including <http://www.hollowellsc.org.uk/rescueboat.html> on our website.

As a further safety measure the committee agreed that a reminder list should be developed for duty officers to ensure everyone, including safety boats are fully briefed on duties/responsibilities before anyone goes on the water. **[ACTION: Stewart to produce a laminated checklist to put on the committee boat, on the clipboard used for race scoring and a poster in the clubhouse]**

The key reason is to emphasis to all **RESCUEBOAT CREWS SHOULD ATTEND EVERY CAPSIZE.**

- 11.2. Hark H. noted several new sailors at the club who should be in a personal handicap fleet other than bronze (the default for new members). The committee AGREED with MH's recommendations that Stuart Bush should be promoted to Gold Fleet, Angie Grimes to Silver Fleet and the new Enterprise team of Neil and Sophie Barrett to Silver Fleet.
- 11.3. Fleet training Subsidy – Clive de la Fuente proposed that the committee recommends that the club set aside £200 per fleet (a total of £1200 for the year) to help subsidise fleet training activities, especially the costs of bringing in external coaches. The allocation of this coaching fund would be the responsibility of the sailing committee. This proposal was approved and further ratification will be required. **[ACTION: SK to take proposal to the next General Committee meeting]**



- 11.4. Club helmets for people to use on windy days – Clive de la Fuente brought forward a suggestion from the training committee that the club purchase helmets for club members to use on windy days. He said that the training committee could not agree to this and it was suggested the sailing committee might consider it. After discussion the committee **AGREED** that we should not recommend the purchase of helmets by the club but we would encourage all sailors to do so at their own cost. After all it is the club's view that each club member should be taking individual responsibility that they are appropriately equipped for the sailing conditions at the time.
- 11.5. Request from Ivor McD that he can long term lease the club FEVA for Hazel/Ellen to compete in at the club and for the boat to be taken to regional regattas, until they were big enough and competitive enough to buy their own boat. After discussion the committee gave its approval in principle but felt that it would be appropriate to get this ratified by the General Committee at their next meeting. **[ACTION: SK to take proposal to the next General Committee meeting]**
- Annual fee of £100
 - Rented 'as seen' and to be returned in at least as good condition
 - Simon B. to check our club craft insurance details, IM may be required to take out separate insurance when the boat is off site – SB to confirm.
- 11.6. Proposal for the club to host a RYA Topper Zone coaching weekend on 18th/19th November (GS) – **AGREED**
- 11.7. Canoeing trial – SB reminded the committee that the trial of canoeing activity on the reservoir had come to an end but no decision had been taken on what the club would like to do next. Club members have paid some fees for storing canoes already this year. After a brief discussion involving Ivor, the committee **AGREED** that we would not include canoeing as a HSC approved activity on Hollowell Reservoir. Any craft payments for this year would be refunded to members.
- [ACTION: Simon B. Any reference to canoeing being available at the club to be amended]**
- [ACTION: Ivor Mc. to inform the club membership that the canoeing trial has ended and contact all those who had a canoe at HSC to remove them as well as arrange refunds for those that have paid with Ruth].**



DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm 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 & 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>



APMYC Report to the Hollowell Sailing Committee 24/05/2017.

Reported by Peter Jackson.

Since the last meeting we have run a Six Metre Open on the 25th February where eight boats took part.

We have run three training days on a Tuesday afternoon at Hollowell run by Peter Shepherd.

We now run specific boat type event on Hollowell Tuesdays and it rotates between Footys, Wee Nips, 6M and Dragon Force 95's.

On Saturday 15th April we ran a Club Wee Nip Competition at Hollowell, open only to Hollowell APMYC Members. A good note was that Paul Mallard has joined us from the sailing club, and this was his first outing.

On 29th April we ran a Wee Nip Medal Competition with ten entrants. We also have an inter club competition running along at the same time split between Hollowell, Emberton, APMYC and Two Islands, at which Hollowell Members won this round.

Away from Hollowell members have won three open Footy Competitions and a win from the 6M Trophy race held at Two Islands.