

Hollowell Sailing Club

Minutes of Sailing Committee Meeting

19.30 in the Club House

Tuesday 5th September 2017

Present Simon Bickers (S.B), David Harris (D.H), Clive de la Fuente (C.F), Keith Lancaster (K.L), Stewart Elder (S.E), Mark Hope (Ma.H), Mike Harding (Mi.H), Ivor McDonnell (I.M), Larissa Barker (L.B), Mike Playle (M.P)

1. **Apologies:** Tony Everard (T.E), Brian Atkins (B.A), Graham Smith (G.S), Rob Dunkley (R.D), Inge Day (I.D)

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 24th May were read and proposed by S.E and seconded by I.M as a true record of the proceedings. All agreed these as a true record.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

1. 4.7 RYA will be charged £300.00 for November Topper Meeting.

ACTION I.M/G.S

2. 11.3 Fleet training fund will be presented to Annual budget meeting.
3. 11.5 Feva fee of £100.00 agreed by I.M
4. 11.7 Remove all mention of Canoes from Club paperwork **ACTION**

S.B

4. Fleet Captain Reports

4.1 Solo Fleet

Request for Solo Open at Hollowell. General consensus that it should be on the same day as the Laser Open. **ACTION K.L/Mi.H to investigate.**

4.2 Youth Fleet

Training days 9th Dec and 3rd Feb to be put on calendar. Raft building suggested to be included as an after race event at the Optimist/Topper Open. Purchase of Wooden stakes and ancillary equipment to aid raft building suggested by I.M and M.P. Expenditure of £100.00 proposed by I.M for Raft equipment. Seconded by L.B **AGREED**

Visitors at Hollowell Junior events will be allowed to sail on Hollowell Saturday and Sunday series. Their results however will not affect regular sailors in the series.

4.3 Symmetric Fleet

D.H to investigate Hartley 12 Symmetric conversion Kit. This will be reported to Training Committee. **ACTION D.H**

4.4 Windsurfer Fleet

M.P reported improved uptake on the Dinghy/Windsurfer Week this year. He is hoping this will translate to greater numbers of Windsurfers sailing at Hollowell.

4.5 Laser Fleet

Bits missing off both Club Lasers. Mi.H to keep an eye of all club Laser Rigs and rectify if possible. **ACTION Mi.H**

Mi.H to investigate external coaches for Laser Training **ACTION Mi.H**

4.6 Asymmetric Fleet (Copied from B.A Written Report)

Generally the asymmetric fleet seems to be progressing quite well, with the same 6 to 10 boats competing regularly in Sunday and Saturday racing, and some of the better sailors doing well in the overall fleet. I have recently talked to some of the less experienced crews, and I think there is a need for some basic asymmetric technique training, as distinct from spinnaker training, such as apparent wind techniques, and rules as they apply to asymmetrics in mixed fleet. I'm trying to arrange something from within club resources to help here - it may encourage some people from rarely sailed asymmetric boats to go on the water. I have also talked to Clive about general spinnaker training, which I can promote was in the fleet.

I've also, at popular request, tried to arrange another training session with the RS trainer, Pete Vincent, who was well received last year, but several emails, texts and actual conversation have been unable to tie him down to a date. I think I will need to go back to the drawing board

and talk to RS to get someone else for the spring next year. I did hear rumours that fleets would get some financial support for bringing external coaches, but I'm not sure if this is in fact the case and would appreciate some clarification.

5. **Sailing Risk Register** All amendments read and agreed subject to changes below being carried out. Proposed by D.H and seconded by L.B **AGREED**

5.1. "all safety boats to be equipped for entrapment" to be deleted

ACTION S.E

5.2. "Sailors and Rowers". Remove mention of "Kayakers" from register

ACTION S.E

5.3. Delete "Canoeing no Longer....." **ACTION S.E**

6. Mr Barney Creaser put forward a motion which was proposed by S.E to have separate Slow and Fast Fleet starts in the Hollowell series racing. There was sympathy for this motion by some of the committee but it was decided at this moment in time that it was not viable option. Proposed by S.E but not seconded. **MOTION NOT CARRIED**

7. There was general consensus that the start lines at Hollowell for most races were too short. All Duty Officers to be advised. **ACTION C.F**

8. Due to the abundance of empty Duty Officer Positions a list of people is to be drawn up and the people on the list contacted with a view to them doing Duty Officer positions next year rather than other less taxing positions.

ACTION S.E

9. M.P proposed to reinstate Assistant Duty Officer position on Saturdays starting beginning of next year. The case for it freeing up more people for other duties could not be justified . The consensus was that it had put people off doing Duty Officer on Saturdays. Proposed by M.P. Seconded by Ma.H **AGREED**

10. Mr Tony Everard proposed that the publishing of C.V's for all club officers would be useful for people who were thinking of standing for such positions. Due to the flexibility of a Job description which would fit around the strengths and weaknesses of a particular individual it was decided that this would be very difficult and time consuming. As it was outside the remit of the Sailing Committee it was decided that it should be brought to the attention of the general committee. **SEND TO GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION ACTION T.E**

11. It was suggested that Special events and Series should be run together, so that ,for instance, people who only do one day of a special event can count this towards their series total. Due to the complexity of having Pursuit races and Personal handicaps to sort out it was decided that this would be very difficult to sort out and be an unfair burden on the Duty Officer and Results officer. **MOTION NOT CARRIED**
12. **Propeller Guards:** At present there is no strong case for installing them as long as all relevant Safety Boat guidelines are followed. **MOTION NOT CARRIED**
13. **Portable Pontoon** M.P proposed that the current pontoon needs replacing with a new structure of dimensions 8 x 2.5 meters. The sailing committee supported this. Proposed by S.B Seconded by L.B **AGREED**
14. **Iced Tankard prizes** These are to be the same as last year and the same budget. Nicky Frost to be informed **AGREED. ACTION S.E**
15. **Advertising Iced Tankard open Meeting**
 - 15.1. Notice of race to be put on Yachts and Yachting Website. **ACTION S.E**
 - 15.2. Poster to be produced **ACTION S.E**
 - 15.3. Talk to Ian Brett about contacting his sources at Pitsford etc. **ACTION S.E**
 - 15.4. Fleet captains to publicise event with all external contacts - **ACTION ALL FLEET CAPTAINS**
16. RYA Inspection Visit 15th October 2017. C.F
17. **Sailwave Training.** Practical lecture for beginners to be carried out Wednesday 7th March at 7.30 pm at the clubhouse by Ma.H. S.E to be contacted to put on Calendar. Another date can also be arranged for next year when there is demand for it. **ACTION Ma.H**

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 31st October 19.30 in the Clubhouse

The meeting closed at 21.30 with thanks to all.