

Minutes of Council meeting on September 21st 2021 by zoom video link.

Mark Girven welcomed everyone to the meeting and, after a discussion as to whether the meeting was according to constitution rules with so few Council members present, was opened.

Members Present

M Lewis, Ste Gratton, M Girven, N Platt, R Glowa. M Green and A Drabble arriving later.

Apologies for absence

C Ball, S Booth, D Hudson, N Girven.

Minutes of last meeting. (JULY)

These had been circulated prior to the meeting.

There was discussion as to the content of the minutes regarding "swimming" remarks. Mark Girven gave an overview of his announcement on a Club WhatsApp group then asked Council members if the minutes were a correct record. R Glowa proposed them as a correct record with Ste Gratton seconding them and 5 members voted in favour of acceptance with one member abstaining due to not having read them.

Correspondence

There was a letter from John Byrne a member for a number of years. Due to personal circumstances he wasn't able to sail anymore and wanted to cancel his monthly payments. After a short email discussion John agreed to carry on with his payments until the end of the year as per his contract with the club.

Action Log

Unfortunately M Girven hadn't managed to bring the Action Log up to date.

Secretary's Report

The AGM was discussed, with some members in favour of using zoom, but it was decided to use the clubhouse. The Agenda was discussed and we could serve wine with cheese and biscuits to any Covid regulations. M Girven suggested that we try to enlist new members to the council. N Platt asked for Agenda items in early and could we complete existing tasks rather than bring new ones to be completed.

Membership Secretary's Report

Ste Gratton gave a very comprehensive report.

He reported that there were 227 members but may be 226 as there were problems with payment with one member. He wondered about changing fishing permits to 12 mth memberships from date of purchase. M Green proposed to change permits to 12 mth membership from date of purchase. N Platt seconded the proposal and all were in favour.

The entrance fee

Ste mentioned that there are some anomalies so we could explore the possibilities of moving to a different system. Ste would put some proposals forward within a week for circulation amongst Council members. M Girven mentioned that the October meeting may be best

brought forward to October 12th so that items can be discussed and to give 21 days notice for discussion at the AGM.

Treasurer's Report

This was presented by M Girven as S Booth was on holiday. The month of August had £700 excess expenditure over income.

Cash totals

Current account	£27730.77
100 club	£2941.19
Savings reserve	£6024.30
Total	£36696.26

Commodore's Report

The Runners met every Thursday in September with 50 – 70 runners each Thursday. Next year the Runners will be offered an affiliate membership then charged £1 / runner /attendance. For September 2021 the club should hope to expect to receive £200 - £250.

Mark Girven has been in touch with the school bringing their boats to the club and with the RYA about the same matter.

There was discussion about cleaning boats in general before they went on the water and an email would have to be sent to all the members on how to clean their dinghies. M Green gave his advice as to how and what other clubs do but couldn't offer guidance on cleaning agents. Ste Gratton and M Green wanted guidance from UU and the RYA as to what to do. M Girven is going to ask Adam McGovern at the RYA for his advice.

Training Principal's Report

M Girven is organising some training for October 2nd/3rd

The second first aid course is 13th November.

M Girven then mentioned that we hadn't been successful with our second grant application so we need to get a new boiler. The question was asked if we need 3 quotes and yes we did. There was further discussion about gas installers as we need a commercial gas installer. M Lewis said he will get a couple of quotes.

Team Activities

The last race of the season tomorrow (Wednesday 22nd September)

Adam was thinking about a Saturday or Sunday race. M Girven suggested we set up Sunday racing and A Drabble agreed. It was suggested that some members take a couple of club boats out for novices to learn in. The first Sunday race will be 26th September then fortnightly.

Ste Gratton brought up the question of a lack of control over the Facebook site. The same comments about this topic were voiced as last time.

Maintenance

N Platt mentioned about the Wayfarer jockey wheels and their poor condition.

It was decided that he would liaise with R Glowa to get them replaced/repaired.

Development

It was decided to get some slots for Tasters on the 16/17 October. There was a suggestion that we could have some boats ready rigged for members to use. There was discussion about sailing for new members and the Wednesday Wayfarer slot was proving to be successful and much appreciated by those who took part in it. Adam Drabble said he would update the calendar of events on the website if Council members sent him details of any updates.

Cost of teas.

R Glowa had a proposal to reduce the cost of teas to 50p and after much discussion it was seconded by Ste Gratton and passed by a majority decision.

AOB

M Girven suggested we don't carry on with Zoom for the next meeting but there was a desire from members to stay with Zoom to save members' time and fuel costs. It was decided to carry on with Zoom and bring the meeting in October forward to the 12th in order to prepare for the AGM.

M Lewis wanted to see the Insurance certificates prior to the AGM. If Council doesn't follow the small print in the Insurance details then it could be very difficult for council members. We could be in breach of Insurance conditions. The same applies to the Lease with UU.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Next meeting 12th October