



## WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND CRUISING ASSOCIATION.

### Minutes of a meeting of the Committee held at 20.00 on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Castle Cove Sailing Club

**Present; Michael Gregory (Acting Chair) Peter Anderson, Martyn Simmons, Chris Reid,  
Jacquie Crawley, Jane Atkinson:**

**Apologies-Sara Lloyd, Peter Rigby,**

#### Content

#### Action

#### 1.0 Minutes of Last Meeting.

Taken as read and agreed

#### 2.0 Matters Arising and Actions

Summary of visits to the Club website-266 visits in total, 171 unique, half via desktops.

Wondered if this could be used to generate more advertising?

Suggestion whether a Club post for PR could be created for to promote the club. Could raise it  
at the AGM to see if anyone would be interested?

**SL**

Other items discharged or ongoing as per minutes

#### 3.0 Treasurers' Report

Expenditure to the month end was £140.80. This was made up of:

£130.00 for our RYA affiliation fee

£10.80 for Hosting of talks.

There was a Go Cardless charge of £10.95 which is accounted for in subscriptions received.

Income for the month amounted to £2129.05 made up as:

£70 for advertising in Cruiser (carried over from Dec 2019)

£2059.05 for subscriptions (£2070.00 less £10.95 charges).

£20,000 was transferred from our current account into a one year savings account with Hampshire  
Trust Bank at an interest rate of 1.61% which will result in annual interest of £314.94.

The balance in our current account on 10 Feb 2020 was £5564.48. There is a cheque for £35 waiting  
to be paid in, giving a ledger total, including savings, of £25599.48.

Predicted essential income and expenditure for the year to end 2020 are:

Income:	£2455	
Expenditure:	<u>£2703</u>	
	(£248)	Deficit

#### Inclusions & Exceptions:

A Cruiser Magazine deficit of £360 is assumed.

A payment for Web services of £104 for the year to 31 Jan 2019 is included as well as £104 for the current year. CCSC have stated their intention to increase charges for the use of the clubroom by 5% and this is also included.

Discussion took place on the need to generate more income. Committee members reluctant to Reduce the number of issues of the Cruiser or introduce a charge as it is regarded as part of members benefits.

All Committee members to send any ideas for revenue generation to the President or Secretary **All**

#### 4.0 Membership Secretary's Report

##### Direct Debit

Over half of our members now renew by Direct Debit. DD makes my job so much easier, and is simpler for members as they need do nothing. I don't need to send out chasing emails (five in some cases), handle cash, and cheques.

Whenever it may arise in conversation could I encourage you to promote the benefits of DD to members **All**

WPCA Membership 10 February 2020

Joint memberships 40

Single memberships 29

Total memberships 69

Total members 109

Boats 53

Five memberships were not renewed.

Allen & Virginia Wells

Richard Thomas

Francis Osborn

Bill Barna & Lorraine Meese-Kennedy

Barry & Yvonne Gasson

## 5.0 Mooring Officer's Report

We have 3 moorings planned for the 2020 Season, David Farmer, Terry Harris and the club mooring. All have been inspected and are deemed to be suitable for use this coming season. David Farmer has been advised that he will probably require a new riser for 2021.

PHA have been advised of the mooring charges and boat licence fees that we should be paying for 2019 Season, and we are waiting for the invoice from them. All of the fees for the two members' moorings were paid to us in advance, so the only payment 'out of club funds' will be for the club mooring.

### Club Mooring Costs

I have been aware that the cost of maintaining the club mooring is getting prohibitive, bearing in mind the reduced income we get from a declining membership. I have listed the costs (at today's prices) of maintaining the club mooring – **see attachment**

The predominant annual cost is that of inspection, which has to be performed by a commercial dive team costing around £150 per inspection. The initial cost of fitting a new riser is £150 plus the cost of the chain which is currently around £120. The life of the riser depends on many factors, one of the most significant being whether the mooring is winterised or not. Winterising means removing the large yellow support buoy and lowering all of the chain to the seabed where it experiences little or no wear or degradation during the 6 months from October to April.

The annual cost at present from the table averages £273 if the riser has a 5 year life, and is replaced in year 6. Our annual income from memberships is around £2200 meaning that the club mooring is costing nearly 12.5% of our income, and is enjoyed by possibly 10% of our membership. This hardly seems justified.

I have looked at two possibilities of reducing the costs. The first is to reduce the inspections to only once every 2 years. If the inspection in year 5 indicated the mooring was acceptable for another 2 seasons, then the riser would not need replacement until year 7. This would save on average £75 per year, resulting in an average annual cost of £198 (9% of income).

The second option would be to do no inspections at all – but there could be insurance issues with this. With no inspections at all, we would be obliged to renew the riser in year 6, irrespective of its condition, and this would result in an amortised annual cost of £157 (7% of income). Note, this does include the costs which we cannot reduce – ie PHA mooring fee (£28), Crown Estate fee (£60) and £15 (Estimated) for miscellaneous maintenance items. This option does carry risk, but since the club mooring is only used for short periods, in calm weather and always with crew on board, this option could be justified.

The final option would of course be to dispense with the club mooring altogether.

On balance, my view is that for our limited membership the option of a club mooring is hard to justify, but I feel that the membership should be consulted – probably at the AGM

After much discussion, it was felt that it as was used by so few members we should dispense with the club mooring. As costs had already been incurred, it should remain in use for the coming season but the proposal to withdraw it should be raised at the AGM in the Mooring Officer's report (MG will not be attending the AGM this year)

**MG**

## 6.0 Cruising Officer's Report

Programme for this year has been issued with names against each cruise as Cruise leaders. It had not been possible to finalise the proposed Cross channel cruise as likely Participants (Chris Hill and Peter Anderson) were unsure of the time of their availability

## 7.0 Social Secretary's Report

21 going to the Brewery tour in 5 cars

PA to let JC know names and addresses of participants so lifts could be co-ordinated.

**PA  
(discharged)**

Fitting out supper is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> April.

£100 deposit required by Nothe Fort to reserve the room

£5 deposit per person required by the caterers by 24<sup>th</sup> March (Catering independent from the Nothe Fort.

Suggested we charge £26 per head to make a small profit.

Menus to go out shortly and members will be asked to pay the full amount.

JC to find out max people that could be accommodated by the Nothe Fort and caterers

**JC  
(discharged)**

If there is space, MG to speak to Peter Goss to see whether it would be worth inviting RNSA and if so who it would be best to send the invitation to. Formal invite would need to come from the Social Secretary or the President on behalf of the Club.

**MG**

To be considered once numbers attending are known

## 8.0 Club Trophies

To be presented at the AGM rather than fitting out supper.

CR to phone and recover the three trophies out so they can be engraved

**CR**

MG to locate other trophies

**MG**

Discussion as to whether we should continue to award trophies

To ask SL to consider. Possibly ask members at the AGM if they wished to continue with Awards.

**SL**

SL has already made some suggestion re who they should be awarded to this year. Other Committee members to send any nominations to MG

**CR PA JC  
JA MS**

## 9 Club Insurance

Unfortunately the cheap quote from Markel did not cover trustees so not suitable.

R J King had been asked to quote for covering both insurances but had yet to reply. Their cover expired on 10<sup>th</sup> February. Gallaher now to be asked to quote to cover both liabilities

**MS**

## 10.0 AGM

Notice of meeting and other papers to be sent out shortly

**JA**

## 11.0 Boat Jumble

Original email had gone into some members spam. Was reissued

Only 7 tables taken so far and none of them by Club members.

PA may take a table

RNLI were coming

MG to send out a chaser.

**MG**

**Post meeting note-** MG circulated details to all non-members who had tables last year.

Three wanted to come again and a fourth was very interested but cannot make it so we are now up to 10 tables

## **12 AOB**

If any invites to come in from other clubs, JA to send out via Mail Chimp. Will check with SL if there is any doubt

**JA**

## **Date of Next Meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> March 2020

There being no other business, the meeting finished at 21.40

	<b>Club Mooring Costings</b>						
	<b>Current Situation</b>						
	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6??</b>	<b>Year 7??</b>
Diving charges for Inspection or Install	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00	£150.00
New riser Chain	£120.00						£120.00
PHA Mooring Fee	£28.00	£28.00	£28.00	£28.00	£28.00	£28.00	£28.00
Crown Estate Fee	£80.00	£80.00	£80.00	£80.00	£80.00	£80.00	£80.00
Miscellaneous parts	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00	£15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£373.00</b>	<b>£253.00</b>	<b>£253.00</b>	<b>£253.00</b>	<b>£253.00</b>	<b>£253.00</b>	<b>£373.00</b>
<b>Amortised cost/year</b>						<b>£273.00</b>	
	<b>Bi-Annual Inspections only</b>						
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<b>Amortised cost/year</b>					<b>£157.00</b>		

Michael Gregory

Date: 12/02/2020