



The Solway Yacht Club

RYA Scotland 'Club of the Year 2018'

Minutes of Committee Meeting of 9th February 2019

Held in the SYC Clubhouse, Kippford at 1030hrs.

PRESENT: Lindsay Tosh (LT) (Chair); Robert Dinwiddie (RD); John Sproat (JS); Dave Hart (DH); Anne Stewart (AS); Gavin Phillips (GP); John Broadbent (JB); Steve Taylor (ST); Chris Nurney (CN); Duncan Gillespie (DG); Becky Davison (BD); Ian Purkis (IP) by Skype.

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED: William Patterson (WP); Peter Hammond (PH); Joanne Harris (JoH); Blythe Gale (BG); Douglas Waddell (DW); Maureen Scott (MS). Absent: Denis Latta (DL)
2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:
Minutes of Committee Meeting of Saturday 07JAN2019: proposed as a true record by CN, seconded by RD.
3. MATTERS ARISING:
 - a. **GP** and **DH** have inspected the damaged pontoon; there is a dip on the upstream side of the first pontoon. 'Intermarine' have modular tanks which can be made to fit. DL was able to position the pontoon when first built. Action: **GP & RD** to contact DL to find a solution.
 - b. IT tuition. This is on hold until season is in flow. 'SailWave' tuition can be carried out during **CN**'s Race Officers' course. **JH** is to divert info@thesyc.co.uk to a new 'gmail' account, in an effort to reduce spam
 - c. Clubhouse replacement of 14 windows. RD had obtained 3 quotes: Gold Seal (£11,400), Brain Gray (£4,140), Catherinefield Windows (£8,732 +/- £2,640 for scaffolding). The latter, an experienced fitter, came highly recommended. It was opined that window lights were required for ventilation in summer (not included in quotation). Are windows part of the structural framework? How long would PVC windows be guaranteed? **RD** (lead) and **IP** to have an on-site meeting with Steve Moffat of Catherinefield Windows. It was hoped that this project would also be part of a major Clubhouse refurbishment, to include above-ceiling insulation and folding room divider, with major grant-aid applications at one time. RD to report to next meeting.
 - d. Hollywood Trust meetings.
Roarie and Bahia to go to Castle Douglas on 22nd February with LT & IP
Bahia and GP's Dabber to go to Dumfries on 23rd February with CN & GP
No organisation yet for Dalbeattie Learning Centre on 30th March
JS to email Committee to collate attendance; volunteers would be welcomed.
Leaflets / flyers are required for these events, also to promote a 'Taster Event' at SYC during Easter Weekend 8th/9th April (Leaflets **BD & LT**; Event led by **CN**)
 - e. Proposed boat maintenance shed behind Clubhouse. DH put forward this proposition; LT requested a full paper on costs, cost-benefits, need, planning requirements, etc. for a meeting in 3 months' time, making the point that other current projects had a higher priority.
 - f. Handbook printing was imminent. Several last-minute alterations were made, including the SYC mobile phone to be the first contact as the landline was rarely answered during non-sailing days. Changes to Pier Guidance, proposed by GP, were discussed and ratified to allow them to be printed in the current Handbook. It was hoped that the previous ones could be changed, as they were ambiguous in some parts

4. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- a. RYA Scotland "Club and Principles Conference" on 24th February. **LT** and **RD** volunteered themselves to attend.
- b. It was considered imperative that SYC should have a Safeguarding Policy in place to parallel the RYA version; [this latter may follow English Law (circulated previously)]. It was agreed that Becky Davison be appointed an interim Safeguarding Officer until a permanent person can be found (* to be discussed at next meeting).
Lisa Linton of RYA Scotland is speaking on this subject at **Annandale Sailing Club on 28th February at 7.00pm**, to which all SYC and ASC members are invited.
- c. Kippford and Rockcliffe Moorings Association (KARMA) had asked if any SYC members were available to join their committee. CN suggested that the Cruiser Secretary should put him/herself forward. ST had done this.

5. OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- a. Training Officer (CN):
 - i. **CN** is to hold his Hestan Training Day-Skipper course on the weekends of the 1st and 2nd weekends in March.
- b. Safety Boat Officer (PH)(read by JS as PH in Cornwall):
 - i. Safety boat and engine annual maintenance is proceeding well, thanks to LT
 - ii. OOD flares have been disposed of by the Bishop family: thanks to them
 - iii. PH requested that a console cover (max cost £175) for Roarie be fabricated by Anna Grafton. Committee agreed.
 - iv. Seasonal duties have been planned and will be placed on Dutyman soon, again courtesy of LT
- c. Social Convenor (WP):
 - i. WP forwarded many thanks to those, specifically Maureen, Mary D, Robert D, Blythe Gale and Duncan G, who had helped at the Annual SYC Prizegiving, and to Maureen and Mary who cleared up on the day following
 - ii. Bookings via WebCollect totalled 70, but some did not turn up, which unfortunately prevented attendance by others
 - iii. Food bill amounted to circa £300, with donations at £220, and with 40 portions of chilli left over in the freezer.
Recommendations:
 - a. A token charge should be applied rather than organise a 'free' event due to non-attendance and the risk of left-over foodstuffs
 - b. Bring-and-Share is a good prospect as members are very generous
 - c. If an event is made 'free', it is difficult to request more money for charity, thus these charities lose out
 - d. Simple menus as at the recent Prizegiving Supper are good due to the ease of catering, and ease of subsequent freezing
 - e. Events at the Clubhouse are idea, since moving crockery and cutlery to the Village Hall is difficult and potentially hazardous, with washing-up problematic. If the Clubhouse improvements come to fruition, this would be ideal.
- d. Membership Secretary (AS):
 - i. Subscriptions are coming in well.....
- e. Cruising Secretary (ST):
 - i. There is a reduction in willingness of cruiser owners wishing to participate in racing alongside the dinghies. This decline may be due to NCH (new cruiser handicaps), which are difficult to apply.

- f. Bosun (DH):
 - i. DH has cleaned up broken trailers and boats behind the Clubhouse, and also organised the relocation of Shimmer. Committee thanked him for his work.
 - g. Hon Secretary (JS):
 - i. Gordon Daly brought to Committee's attention the Lowland Canal Carnival on 24th – 26th May to celebrate the reopening of the Forth-Clyde Canal by sea travelling craft
 - h. Past Commodore (IP):
 - i. There has been confusion as to whether SYC or RNLI Ladies' Guild paid for the Village Hall. **JS** is to contact DW to ascertain if SYC has paid. Payment is due on alternate years for each organisation, with SYC due to pay this January.
 - ii. IP reiterated his thanks to Committee for their support over the past two years, but Committee also thanked IP for all his hard work during his term of office.
 - iii. IP also thanked Poppa and Dom for all their successful endeavours for the events
6. AOCB:
- i. DH asked for Committee approval to purchase a reasonably-priced Topper whilst on a trip to East Anglia. Committee had previously agreed this and gave permission.
 - ii. DG suggested that SYC be mindful of environment concerns, recommending that, for example, degradable pan scourers, based on coconut fibre, be used. **DG** to action.
7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 11th March 2019
At 7.00pm in The Clubhouse, Solway Yacht Club, Kippford

(Becky to be on Skype then)

[Note: Next Sailing Committee Meeting 13th February at 7.00pm]