

SUSSEX YACHT CLUB

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DINGHY COMMITTEE

Held: 10th February 2015

Present: Des Silverson, David Terry, John Redman, Steve Pople, Keith Phelps, Kevin Headon, Cecil Smithson
Apologies: Adrian Weber, Alan Hall

		Action
1.0	Previous Minutes	
1.1	Minutes agreed and seconded by KH	All
2.0	Race Programme	
2.1	SP asked if the committee felt there could be more to encourage others to become involved in racing? KH said there is a possibility to engage and promote, but there is an issue with too many using club boats rather than purchase their own. JR said that he had spoken to some of the dinghy owners, but there wasn't a great deal of interest in racing. KH thought a database of dinghy owners would be useful as a means of circulating dinghy related activities.	SP/KH
2.2	SP is working with the Boson to draft a dinghy layout plan. The dinghy park has been squeezed too tight with the space taken by Yachts and suggested a layout plan will help with space allocations in the future.	SP
2.3	SP requested that the Committee look at the dinghy web pages for discussion at the next meeting.	All
2.4	AH emailed race results to SP	SP
2.5	DS agreed to contact Lancing re the Ferguson and the Black Rock Races.	DS
2.5	The PY for the Bobbin and the RS haven't been established. It has been suggested to use the PY of an Access 303 (1460) for the Bobbin and RS will confirm the PY for their RS Venture Keel.	All
3.0	Family & Cadets	
3.1	KH is arranging a pre-season meeting to rig and check boats.	All
3.2	Paula has details of members from last year so can send out information.	All
3.3	Charlie and Dave will continue in the same roles as last year, but it is unlikely that Alex, Millie and Livie will be able to attend this year.	All

3.4	KH raised that a Topper was damaged by a vehicle at Southwick and is out of service. DS mentioned that there was cheap boat for sale at Lancing.	KH
3.5	Key Roles – KP has agreed to continue as Senior Safety, Paula will continue with registration, DT to continue as IC and Charlie will continue with the on water side	All
3.6	KH confirmed 8 years as the limit for children on water.	All
3.7	KH raised that Southwick could be under refurbishment this season and an alternative venue to run activities is being investigated to use the adjacent Cadets Building.	KH
4.0	Sailability	
4.1	AGM held Saturday 14 th Feb.	All
4.2	A group from the Committee attended the Sailability Conference this year.	All
4.3	KH reported that sailing has been dropped from the Paralympics, which may have an impact on membership and disabled sailing.	All
4.4	KH confirmed an intention to sell a S16 following the purchase of the RS. The new boat sponsored by Wooden Spoon.	All
4.5	Sue has been confirmed as the new Treasurer for Sussex Sailability.	All
4.6	DS raised that the skill set for the volunteers isn't good and needs addressing. Boat rigging was seen to be poor on a few seasons last year that created avoidable rescue situations. A 'Shakedown Session' for the start of the season would help avoid repetition of these issues.	All
5.0	Safety Boat	
5.1	AW supplied an update for the committee in his absence.	All
5.2	Champ – The Boson's have said they will refurbish the boat, but KP suggested caution with this as previously it took a long time before the boat was prepared. SP proposed that AW formally requests a list of the works they will undertake and a completion date. AW to also arrange a boat survey to assess its condition and maintenance requirements.	AW
5.3	New Dory. DS confirmed the outboard requires a wedge and the part has been ordered.	DS
5.4	Solent needs new battery, which has been replaced along with a new prop.	All
5.5	Tub needs a new handle, DS is sourcing	DS
5.6	Pioneer needs seat replacement, bungs and fire extinguisher, DS is	DS

	sourcing.	
5.7	DS confirmed that the Bladder engines have been serviced.	All
6.0	Operational/Any Other Business	
6.1	Southwick mooring. Agreement has been made for the moorings along the north wall to be made available to the Dinghy section. A new jetty is being installed to enable 'alongside' mooring for safety boats.	All
6.2	SP was not elected to the Board and he expressed concern about potential implications for the Section. KH said that he will represent the Section at Board, but agreed it does present a problem. It was agreed to monitor the situation and seek access to other committees if required.	All
6.3	The visitor's pontoon is now clear and the boat overhanging the end of the jetty moved. KP has been offered this mooring, but he hasn't accepted as his boat is too long for the space.	All
6.4	The tender on A pontoon is still there, despite being request to remove. SP agreed to take to Board.	SP
6.5	125 year anniversary of the Club. SP requested consideration for events during the celebration year.	All
6.6	Food. The description of premises doesn't include Southwick or the Yard. Following the vote at the AGM it was suggested to continue as normal	All
6.7	Dinghy Show on 28 th Feb. DT confirmed a minibus has been booked and required confirmation of those that wanted to attend.	All
	Date of Next Meeting	
	10 th March – 19:30 at Southwick	