

OSSC Committee
Minutes of Meeting on 1.11.14 at Windward at 2.00 pm

1. Attendance

Present: Jerry Clark, Dave Cooper, Sue Gathercole, Paul Goakes [chair], Jane Heath, Andrew Storer, Andy Turner, Camilla Warner

Apologies: Peter Beck, Ashley Deakin, Ben Goakes

2. Minutes of meeting on 22.08.14

The minutes were approved.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.10 Bank account: CW confirmed she has activated her access to view the Club account online. PB and AT should also have had notification from the Bank re setting up online access.

3.5 Website forum: use of the forum had never built up enough critical mass to take off. The need to register [username & password] might be an obstacle. *It was agreed DC should speak at the AGM to demystify the process and encourage more users.* SG suggested a link with the Burnham Market facebook page.

6.2 New trophy: production of a ceramic plate as the new Chris Geering Trophy was being organised by Lucy Geering, to be kindly paid for by the Geering family. The plate will have a printed image by Chris. It will need to be set securely on a wooden base inscribed with the Club and trophy name and names of winners. *This base will be procured by the Club.* There was no CG race this year so the trophy will not be awarded till January 2016.

4. Harbour Trust Report

No report.

5. Fixtures 2015

5.1 Racing: AT tabled a revised 2015 Fixtures list. The Nod Race had been moved to Monday August 31st. JC suggested adding spare dates on the weekend of 19/20 September.

5.2 NWNSA North West Norfolk Week: NWNSA had approached the Club to hold an NWN Week race at Overy, in addition to the regularly held Jenny Lee Trophy. There would be approx 40 boats, in 4 class groups. One-day entries are accepted. AT had identified Thursday August 6th as the best date.

AT proposed races would be held at sea if possible, with the Jenny Lee Trophy run separately after the main classes. Practical organisation would call for:

- Additional safety boat cover, available from Brancaster SC and possibly from other NWN clubs.
- Dowley's field for car parking [best option]
- Use of two back rooms in the Boathouse for changing
- A taped-off area on the hard for trolley parking
- A team of volunteers including beachmaster (BG to be asked), trolley helpers etc [DC signed up, also Will Turner]

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CW, JH, AT

The proposal was agreed subject to suitable arrangements for the practicalities being put in place. AT would seek the necessary agreements with the Boathouse, Justin Dowley and the Harbour Trust.

5.3 Non-racing event: it was agreed to schedule an 'accompanied cruise to Brancaster' with the main aim of getting people who don't race involved. Slower boats could be towed part of the way and thereby go further than they normally could. Going out or back via Trowland Creek was a possibility. August 7th would be the advertised date, with the possible fall-back of an evening sail on regatta days with morning starts.

5.4 Junior Training: the hoped-for collaboration with Brancaster SC was not possible as their junior training is always fully booked. It was hoped therefore that AD would be willing to deliver the training again on a date to suit him [August 8 and/or 9th were suggested].

5.5 Try Sailing: It was agreed the Club should retain the principle of offering help to prospective 'new' sailors, but the approach needed rethinking. It was therefore decided to replace the 'Try Sailing' day next year with a different, ongoing approach whereby:

- notices on the noticeboard and website encourage people to contact committee members [CW & AT] for initial advice
- AT explores with the Boathouse [which owns an Enterprise and two toppers] the possibility of an arrangement linking boat hire by the Boathouse with an offer by the Club to provide helms to take people out on trial sails.

5.6 Social: AT reported that the Village Hall was booked for an exhibition in August 2015 and could not accommodate the Regatta BBQ. It was hoped the Boathouse might be made available for the event, which could work well with the bbq outside at the back. [see also para 8].

Responding to a suggestion from Sam Mason, it was agreed to hold a Club social evening during the Regatta, on Saturday 15 August, the Boathouse being the venue of choice subject to agreement on a booking.

6. Annual Dinner & Prizegiving

6.1 Invitations: dinner invites plus notice of the AGM would be mailed direct to members and advertised on the website in early December. In addition – new idea - invitation cards for the dinner would be delivered to selected local people eg keen sailors, Boathouse staff and management etc. Generally the idea is to promote the dinner as a social evening, encourage more people to come and bring their friends, and to dispel perceptions that it's all about the prizegiving.

6.2 Cost & Bookings: it was agreed to hold the price for a third year at £12 for adults, £6 for juniors, while recognising the outturn might be reduced to breakeven or possibly less. Booking forms would be emailed with invitations and also be downloadable from the website. All payments to be made by cheque [or cash].

6.3 Organisation: CW & JH agreed to share organisation of the meal, with AT organising drinks, as before.

6.4 Prizes: AT reported a total of 62 boats racing over the season [compared with 49 in 2013]. He tabled the list of 2014 race results including the Combe

Cup. 2014 prize plates would be ordered by CW in consultation with AT re numbers.

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CW, AT

6.5 Entertainment: in the absence of good ideas, it was decided to have no after-dinner entertainment this time. AS has old video footage of Overy sailing transferred to DVD and this would be played continuously during the evening. A TV screen was thought to be a better viewing option than projection, but AT would explore and test out possible solutions. AS would provide his original blu-ray disc for AT to get a copy made.

AStorer,
AT

7. AGM

7.1 Agenda: in addition to the regular items there would be additional agenda items this year for a/ membership changes [see minutes 22.08.14, para 7] and b/ proposed clubroom.

7.2 Reports: committee reports would be as follows:

- Commodore [PG]
- Sailing Secretary [AT]
- Treasurer [PB]
- Membership [CW]
- Boatswain [PG]
- Websurf [DC]
- Harbour Trust Representatives [Richard Warner and Andrew Green]

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Reports if typed can be handed to JH to help minute writing.

7.3 Election of officers: *all present confirmed they were willing to stand for re-election to the committee and to the officer positions presently held* [but SG subsequently tendered her resignation from the Committee]. JH would contact AD, PB and BG for confirmation of their willingness to continue. In the case of A Scoles, it was agreed JH would write to ask if, given his recent low attendance at meetings, he might prefer to stand down.

JH

7.4 Refreshment: it was agreed to offer coffee/tea to members on arrival [using supplies held over from dinner], served at 10.50 for 11.00 prompt start time.

8. Clubroom update

PG reported that after several meetings discussions with the Boathouse were still inconclusive. CW felt that a way forward was emerging more organically. An arrangement for hiring space as and when needed would likely prove a better outcome for the Club than taking on the expense and commitment of a dedicated room.

It was agreed that a schedule be prepared with 2015 dates of races and events for which we would like to hire Boathouse facilities, for discussion with Chris Booth. This process could begin to define how collaboration with the Boathouse might develop.

AT

JH noted one response to the recent members' mailout 'Clubroom - Update on Negotiations with the Boathouse'.

9. AOB

As well as AGM minutes, minutes of Committee meetings should be put on the website.

JH, DC

Racing buoys had been brought in, also the starter's board which needs repair.

The safety boat required its annual service and move to winter storage – PG to talk to PB.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held at Easter, date and venue to be confirmed.

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