

**OSSC Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting on 19.04.14 at Windward at 2.30 pm.**

**DRAFT**

**1. Present**

Paul Goakes [chair], Jerry Clarke, Ashley Deakin, Ben Goakes, Jane Heath, Andrew Storer, Andy Turner, Camilla Warner  
Apologies: Peter Beck, Dave Cooper, Sue Gathercole, Alex Scoles.

**2. Minutes of meeting on 21.09.13**

Approved.

**3. Matters arising from above & from AGM 5.01.14**

21.09.13 Item 6: event to attract non-racing members. The idea of a cruise to Brancaster was discussed briefly, also treasure hunt or novelty races; noted that the suggested timing between 11&15 August coincides with Brancaster Week. Discuss again at next meeting.

21.09.13 Item 10: races awarding charity pennants as trophies [4 races]. Agreed to ask PB to get detailed information re which charities will stop providing the pennants, and when.

AGM Item 5: in past years the accounts have been checked by an independent person before presentation to the AGM. It was agreed this procedure should be reinstated and that Johnnie Usher be approached [CW] to do this on a voluntary basis. Accounts would then be circulated to committee members in advance of the AGM.

AGM Item 10: it was agreed to retain mugs as Regatta trophies to complement plates for Club races.

**4. Review of Annual Dinner/Prizegiving & AGM**

The Annual Dinner had been a successful evening once again. Costs had been covered with a surplus of £83 – details below:

	2014	2013
<b>Costs</b>		
Drinks	£154	£218
Food	£287	£278
Hall hire	£52	£52
Entertainment	£54	-
	£547	£548
<b>Ticket income</b>	£630	£666
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£83</b>	<b>£118</b>

Andrew S has restored old film footage of Club racing, approx 1 hour long, which could be shown at the 2015 Dinner.

**5. Membership renewals**

In PB's absence CW reported the current position as 100 paid-up members and 129 unpaid [some of whom had been racing today]. An email reminder will be sent to non-payers. Only 27 had paid by Standing Order.

**ACTION**

PB

CW

CW

CW highlighted issues with the SO system so far. 1/ SO's for adults but not children was confusing so we should change the system to accept SO's for juniors, adding juniors' age details to alert the membership sec. when an increased, adult fee became due. 2/ Contact details to be given on the form only if changed.

CW

It was agreed to leave the payment date at 31 March. The cash flow problem raised by PB should iron itself out in subsequent years.

CW had managed to obtain email addresses from all members, which had saved a lot of costs and time for the new year mailing and onwards.

## 6. 2014 Sailing Programme

Handicaps: RYA has made its annual handicap adjustments. Andy thought existing handicaps had worked well last year and was not in favour of the RYA revisions. The meeting agreed that handicaps should remain unchanged for this season.

Sharpie Open 17/18 May: Safety boat driver is needed, and Assistant Race Officer [CW volunteered].

AT

'Try Sailing' 27 May: the assembly point will be East Point, rather than the Staithe as last year, with participants advised to take the ferry – AT to let Peter Bickell know.

AT

Volunteers are needed to lend boats and help on the day. AT will contact selected members for help.

AT

A notice about the event will be in the Burnhams Newsletter, May issue. JH will update the booking form, to go on the website for completion online. Forms will be emailed to Andy as before. DC to be asked to put a 'newsflash' type headline for the event on the home page.

JH /DC

Regatta: PB has volunteered as RO for most races. Other roles still need to be filled.

Adult & Child Race: AT suggested a prize for first junior helm.

## 7. Watersports

Our Insurers have confirmed that cover is in place for Club members involved in organising the Watersports. It is important to ensure all those with responsible roles in the event are temporary members for the day.

A hog roast will be held again on the evening of August 23, profits to the event fund.

## 8. Harbour Trust Representatives

The Club has two nominated representatives on the HT, one of whom had been Chris Geering. It was agreed Andrew Green be asked to fill the vacancy.

PG

To improve communication between the two groups, it was also agreed that Committee meetings should have an agenda item for Harbour Trust reports. One of the reps could be asked to give a brief report, when appropriate, at the start of the meeting.

### 9. Boathouse update

Given that the Boathouse was in a process of reassessment, the meeting discussed the idea of approaching the directors to explore whether the Club might be assigned use of a meeting room and possibly other facilities in the building. It was recognised this could mean radical change for the Club and that the benefits would be likely to come at substantial cost; but all agreed there was a potentially exciting opportunity which should be pursued and fully considered. Andy to liaise and register our interest with Nina Plumbe [Boathouse director].

AT

### 10. AOB

Bank account: AT and CW reported that owing to delays the bank had aborted the process of adding to the Club's account signatories, and it was necessary to restart from scratch. PG would consult with PB with a view to getting the three signatories [AT, PB, CW] together with the bank as the surest way to execute the change without further problems.

PG, PB,  
AT, CW

Radio aerial: congratulations and thanks to DC for making the new aerial. It worked well apart from interruptions owing to use of a busy channel. PG would advise on alternative channels. One of the radios [spare] needs replacing but as not urgent, this can be held over to take advantage of a future special offer.

PG

Burnhams Newsletter: there was a 'start of season' piece in the April issue and 'Try Sailing' in May. It was agreed to send items on junior sailing for the July issue and on the Regatta [prepared by AT] for August.

JH, AT

Safety boat: BG said the boat was now 30 years old. Its longevity was partly due to its being well stored indoors, as well as good maintenance.

### 11. Date Of Next Meeting

Monday 26th May 2014 at 3.00 pm at Dolphin House.