

OSSC Committee
Minutes of Meeting on 26.05.14 at Dolphin House at 3.00 pm

ACTION

1. Present

Peter Beck, Jerry Clarke, Sue Gathercole, Jane Heath, Andy Turner, Camilla Warner [chair]

Apologies: Ashley Deakin, Paul Goakes, Ben Goakes

2. Minutes of meeting on 19.04.14

Approved.

3. Matters arising from above

3/ Pennant races: Peter reported that the Jubilee Trust and the Lifeboat Institute [whose pennants have been awarded for the Nod and Haines races] were no longer providing pennants with effect from this year. Agreed the Jubilee Trust race would go without a pennant/trophy for the current year.

3/ Club accounts check by third party: CW reported that Johnnie Usher had agreed to check the accounts, which run to 31 Dec. On closing, the accounts will be reviewed by JU and circulated to the committee before presentation to the AGM.

PB

3/ Regatta mugs: CW to consult with Norfolk China to ensure the new regatta design would fit on mugs instead of plates; also to check the practicalities of having undated mugs for crews. PB would finalise numbers and place the mugs order, together with the order for plates for the five open meetings [taking account of any existing '2014' plates left over].

CW

PB

5/ Membership: up-to-date total for paid-up members is 96 adults and 25 juniors. CW reported she was tightening up on discrepancies, such as couples paying one subscription between two. Regular racing crews should be members. JC suggested looking at reinstating family membership. Agreed CW and PB would review the possibility and draw up a proposal. Any change would be subject to approval at the AGM.

CW, PB

Re dealing with members' requests, it was agreed not to use the members' email list on behalf of individuals, who should be directed to use the website forum. It would help if the forum has a stronger profile on the website. The forum can also be highlighted in the next general membership emailout.

DC
JH

8/ Harbour Trust report: Richard Warner joined the meeting to report from BOHT. Marker buoys have been placed at the harbour entrance [thanks to good work by Kevin Gathercole]. Letters have been sent out to confirm current users of all moorings, and to prevent more being laid. The Trust is trying to resolve how to collect licence fees, especially on-the-spot payments from visitors. The new Trust chair is David Hart.

10/ Bank account: the correct forms for change of signatories had now been submitted and documents are awaited from the bank.

PB

4. Sailing Programme

Try Sailing: one family had booked. Agreed JC would take them out. There was concern about the low response and whether the Newsletter feature on its own had been enough publicity. Posters may be more effective. Promotion needs to be better planned next time

JC

Junior Training: AD had asked to change the date. Agreed the training would be moved to Monday August 18 [one day only, start time tbc] – this unfortunately meant a clash with the Adult & Child Race but the general feeling was that there was little overlap in likely participants in the two events.

AD

Non-racing event: 'Crab Roll' Cruise to Brancaster – AT to find a suitable date in August. The event to be notified via emailout to members [together with the new date for Junior Training].

AT
JH

Regatta & bbq: start time for the bbq & prizegiving will be 1.00 pm. CW willing to run the bbq as before, with support from JH.

CW, JH

5. Clubroom

PG had received 75 responses from members all in favour of the clubroom idea. AT tabled a paper listing positive and negative aspects. PB, with reference to Brancaster, warned that a clubroom could be divisive and could change the nature of the Club.

CW and AT, who with PG formed an ad hoc working group for the project, reported that given the membership's mandate the next step now would be to meet again with Boathouse directors Anthony Llwellyn and Nina Plumbe; and to work towards a development plan with costs, and who pays what. Agreed the committee would hold a special meeting to discuss this. JH asked that a committee visit to view the room be arranged before this meeting.

PG, CW,
AT

6. AOB

Chris Geering memorial: Richard Heffer had written to propose that the Trafalgar Trophy could be adapted to make it a Chris Geering Memorial trophy [unaware that the original trophy, which he donated, had been broken and replaced by a miniature cannon]. Agreed to suggest to Richard that the Trafalgar Race be changed from a 2-day series to two separate races, one of which would be the C G Memorial with a new trophy. JH to reply to Richard.

JH

7. Date Of Next Meeting

A provisional date was set for the special meeting re the clubroom [meeting subsequently put on hold pending further progress in negotiations with the Boathouse]. No date was set for the next regular meeting.