

**ORWELL YACHT CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 AT 7.30 PM**  
**AT OYC CLUBHOUSE**

**Those present:** John Hazelton (JHn): Jim Howard (JGH): Samantha Mills (SM): Fred Codling (RC): Julia Norman (JN): Paul Belton (PB): John Ling (JL): Peter Parker (PP) Jenny Naylor (JNr): Phil Naylor (PNr): Mark Wilson (MW): Paul Banjo (PBo): Jamie Carrington (JC): John Owen (JO): Jill Howard (JHd)

**Trustees:** Robert Jones (RJ)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Alan Bimpson (AB): Steve Gilson (SG): Mike Fry (MF): Peter Hibberd (PH)

**2. Approval of Minutes – Management Committee Meeting held Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

All agreed and signed off (SM wanted it minuted that she disagreed with the OYC using Mick Fuller's mooring)

**3. Matters arising:**

**Main pontoon repairs**

Waiting for electrics to be put in.

**Causeway Lease**

Ongoing.

**OYC Limited Company proposal**

JN has applied to Revenue Clearance, waiting for them to get back.  
Ongoing.

**Electrics**

All the testing and inspection has been done and we have received the certificates. Unfortunately we have had loads of code 2's which means there are things that need updating. The main items are upstairs, all the downlighters need changing as not fire rated including fittings as the bulbs are halogen so burn hot. We have received an estimate to put things right - £4,728.

It was suggested that to make things better to have a new 3 phase box in the Clubhouse and a 3-phase supply run from the Clubhouse to the Mooring Masters workshop. Therefore PP could have a 3-phase supply for his welder and a single phase for his workshop. The other 2 phases could be run down the causeway one each side feeding Marina style units each having four 16amp commando sockets. As a lot of the distribution boxes along the causeway will need changing anyway and if we got purpose-built ones we could run cables and

save a bit of money. In the bar cellar, the cables need updating so this would make it tidier and more compliant to put a new board in. We really need to be tested every year.

JGH proposed having a small sub committee group, consisting of RC, RJ, MW and himself to look at this and have a meeting with Mark Woods to discuss further and get quotes for the main Committee's approval. This was voted on and agreed unanimously for JGH to go ahead with this.

### **Policies and byelaw review – abandoned boats**

The policy sub committee slightly changed the wording from PBo's original draft and this was sent out to all Committee and Trustees before this meeting. In view of MF's absence, he asked JHd to read out his comments favouring the altered version.

There was a long debate regarding this as PBo thought the members agreed and voted his version of the revision of the abandoned boats policy at the AGM/BOM. JGH asked who was going to police this and the general census of opinion that as it is a mooring issue, then the Mooring Committee should.

This debate concluded by some of the comments that were made were a Causeway/Bankmaster issue, so it was agreed to defer this debate until PH is back and can help clarify the situation.

### **Fun Day BBQs**

JNr explained the reasonings behind sending out a spreadsheet with the last six times a BBQ was held showing the costings against the money we received from donations. Out of the social budget comes the food and band charges. She also mentioned that her and PNr would not be here to do the other two BBQ's and felt that someone with at least a Level II experience of food handling etc, should manage this.

It was agreed that we would cover the cost of someone suitable to attend this course.

PB said that he would be willing to put £200 out of his budget in for the food for each of the BBQs.

It was also agreed that we wouldn't charge for food but ask both members and guests for donations.

PNr informed Committee that our BBQ is fallen to bits and extremely rusty resulting in us needing a new one. He can get one for around £150-£193 which will be paid out of the Social Secretary's budget.

## **4. Management Action Plan – March 2024**

No action plan required.

## **5. Reports**

### **5.1 Treasurer**

As usual, the Management accounts were sent to the Management Committee Members prior to the meeting.

RJ will pick up the two pressure washers soon, there appears to be no problems with them.

The Club insurance is due mid-May and the Broker wants us to go through all the assets. JHn enquired as to whether the sum insured for the Clubhouse will be enough given the consistent rise of inflation/building material costs and suggested we get a surveyor in.

### **5.2 Membership Secretary**

RC reported there have been 3 new applications submitted since the last meeting, Jonathan Yates, Toby Lever and Richard Talbot.

He also mentioned that he is away for the next 3-4 weeks.

### **Bank Master.**

No report.

### **5.4 Social Secretary**

JNr thanked Richard Harris for being available on Thursday evenings to help members with sewing their sails and spray hoods.

She also thanked Diz Deacon for running a music night on 27<sup>th</sup> and Emma Wilson for organising a Hobby Night on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

The children's Easter Party took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. There were 15 children in the end, 3 were grandchildren of members and the other 12 were Cadet or Family members and enjoyed lots of fun including games, crafts and egg hunt. Thanks to Rachel Belton and Natalia Owen for planning and running the party and also to Samantha and Terry Mills who donated lots of eggs which were very popular and well received.

The Fitting Out supper took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> April. It was very well attended. 55 people had meals and a few members came along to socialise. Choc ices were provided at a cost of £17.15p from the Social Budget. Fitting Out Supper raffle: many thanks to members who donated prizes. £128 tickets sold. £89.42 spent on prizes plus £9.10 for ticket books with tickets available for next raffle.

Emma Wilson, who always donates prizes asked whether we should donate raffle proceeds to a charity such as St Elizabeth's Hospice?

As the Fun days and BBQs approach it may be necessary to purchase a new BBQ as the current one is now very rusty and starting to fall apart.

Also, Phil and I have been using our own BBQ tools and as we won't be covering 2 of the sessions so it may be necessary to purchase some tools and a thermometer for the club. Bands have been booked for the Fun Days.

Committee voted and agreed with donating the raffle proceeds to St. Elizabeth Hospice.

### **5.5 House Secretary**

JL mentioned that Brad Sharpheale is stepping back from alternative Friday nights manning the bar. MW and Emma Wilson will cover those instead. Martin Bennett is covering Thursday nights.

### **5.6 Mooring Master**

PP is getting on with the moorings but it's slow going. There are so many mussels that need to be taken off, then replacing shackles, chains buoy ropes etc.

A discussion ensued regarding JO's heavy boat and where it would be moored. PP has now sorted this out and given JO a suitable albeit temporary mooring.

### **5.7 Sailing Secretary**

The past month has focused on preparing for the season ahead, an invitation for the adult training course in May was circulated to members this morning. Looking ahead we have the 'Parent & Junior briefing' this Thursday evening, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> the first of the weekly Junior training sessions will start and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May sees the start of the weekly evening dinghy racing. May's Adult training course will start on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue weekly. Last but not least the first Cruise-in-Company to Clamp House will occur on the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May.

### **5.8 Maintenance**

Out of the initial list of 10 urgent jobs to be done, 3 have already been completed which includes the original leak and manhole cover plus the Causeway pot holes being filled in.

Next on the list are the lockers starting from lockers 1-15.

### **5.9 Correspondence**

JHd received a letter of concern from a member regarding the original positioning of JO's boat. This has now been resolved.

Another member wishes to bring a fin keel boat he has recently purchased to the Club. Unfortunately there are no fin keel moorings available at this time.

An email was received from an ecologist with RSK bio census requesting permission to possibly use the OYC land to complete an Orwell Estuary SSSI breeding birds survey. This was passed over to RJ, who will deal with it.

## **6. Membership**

### **New members and applicants**

Two applicants were interviewed, Maddie Phillips and Gill Green.

Both had references/proposers. Committee voted unanimously to accept them.

JGH mentioned a past practise at the Club of showing potential members names on the notice board for two weeks. Due to GDPR data, it was decided to reintroduce this again but for the Secretary to email all members their names and town of residence with a view that if any member had any objection or comments regarding the potential applicant(s) becoming a member, then they would inform JHd.

## **7. AOB**

**NONE**

**Time finished: 21.52 pm.**

**Next meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Appending – matters arising and still ongoing

Changing combi door into wheelchair friendly access

Dredging

Redevelopment of ladies changing facilities (deferred)

Repairs to Club Wall (deferred)

Dolphin (deferred)

