

ORWELL YACHT CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 12th AUGUST 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): Mark Wilson (MW): Paul Banjo (PBo): Jamie Carrington (JC): John Owen (JO): Jill Howard (JHd): Mike Fry (MF)

Trustees: Robert Jones (RJ): Steve Gilson (SG)

1. Apologies for absence:

Peter Hibberd (PH): Phil Naylor (PNr): Jenny Naylor(JNr): Peter Parker (PP): Alan Bimpson (AB)

2. Approval of Minutes – Management Committee Meeting held Monday 10th June 2024

All agreed and signed off

3. Matters arising:

Causeway Lease

It has been signed but not sent back to ABP as we are still in dispute with the date of signing it.

OYC Limited Company proposal

We have received HMRC clearance but are still waiting to speak to Clive Cooksey and Graham Proven.

Electrical report

JGH reported that he had a meeting with Mark Woods (Electrical contractor) Robert Jones, Fred Codling and Mark Wilson on the way forward regarding the Club's electrics. It was suggested that they would start off by rectifying all the code 2's in Clubhouse – i.e. sockets, lights, downlighters which are not fire rated and meter tails (the quote for this was around £800) so JGH asked Committee for approval. JHn proposed, MW seconded with all Committee in favour.

The next step is to run a much larger 3 phase cable from the Clubhouse to PP's workshop and put a new 3 phase board in there. No quote was given at the time but JGH said we could do most of the work.

Once he has received a quote, he will put it forward to the Committee.

Policies and byelaw review – abandoned boats/safeguarding vulnerable Adults (Welfare policies previously sent round for Committee's perusal)

PBo suggested adding the inclusion of Care Act 2014. All were in favour of this.

JHd to contact Welfare and ask for them to put it on the website.
JHd asked if Committee would accept the abandoned boat policy as the Mooring Committee were in favour. This was agreed.

Welfare vacancies/inclusion of Welfare Officer rule change

Teresa Thorogood is resigning from the role as Welfare Officer with John Burnell stepping down at the December AGM. It was decided to send out a global email asking if any member was interested in the volunteer role. There followed a short discussion as to whether the person needed to be included in the Committee which would need a rule change especially if they became a Welfare Officer or whether to just answer to the two Flag Officers (not the Commodore) and if an incident needed action, then to be presented to the Committee.

Dangerous and Barge refurbishment

PP has asked if it could be arranged for someone to paint the barge before Winter. MW said he would arrange a work party to do this.

Abandoned boats – Crazy Hen/ Sylva /Soup Dragon

There has been no further correspondence regarding Crazy Hen other than what was received in June.

The Secretary has been updated regarding Sylva and Soup Dragon.

Dinghy storage (behind PP's workshop – CCn)

It was suggested that we utilise the area behind PP's workshop to store all abandoned dinghies in which would make it easier to monitor/action. This system was used last year and worked very well.

However it was mentioned that as boats will be coming in in 6 weeks' time, this space would be needed so it was felt it was too late to do this now but would be good to do this for next year.

4. Management Action Plan – all actions have already been completed

5. Reports:

5.1 Treasurer

JN needs budget feedback from the main budget owners as to what is actually required and what they would like to spend. She emphasised the fact that we need to start thinking about all future projects, thinking about our assets, what we can do for the future and looking ahead long term.

JGH stated that we would need quite a few funds for the electrics to be done.

The moorings had a lot of expense this year but JN can claim some of this back.

PBo wondered that perhaps we need a more structural system, i.e. a single person pays as much as a family and a 24ft boat pays the same as a 32ft boat.

Due to time constraints it was agreed that the meeting in September would be a normal MC meeting but we could hold a separate budget meeting later.

5.2 Membership Secretary

Since the last meeting in June, three new applicants have joined the OYC although RC has not heard anything from Alan Thomas since he sent him a bring the boat to the Club application form.

Richard Plant has taken up a mooring and this has now been paid.

5.3 Bank Master

PH sent in the following report:

“Waikera has requested remaining on the causeway to fit a new engine and will not be launched this season.

To date the following boats have been sold:

Runaway Bay

Sybil

Those for sale now left on the causeway are;

Second Sandpiper

Luna

Pasca

Thalassa

Trigger

Bon Accord

Jezebel

Slipaway

Black Rose

An email was received from the owner of Thalassa requesting advice. The secretary has a copy which was read out to Committee for their comments.

The booking sheets have been completed and are in the clubhouse.

The carrier teams will be organised during the next month.

The carrier equipment has been inspected and the carrier greased.

The “herring bone” positioning of boats used last Autumn appears to have been successful and will be repeated although it does mean slightly limited space. There was significantly less stress involved in parking boats. The increase in larger boats also limits the number that can be accommodated. However, to the best of my knowledge, we should be able to accommodate all member’s requests this season.

Regarding the SLW of the carrier as discussed at the previous meeting, one of the largest boats, Sandaig might present a problem. Should the committee require this and any other very large boats to submit to be weighed at a local marina with the appropriate equipment. The cost would be offset by the club's inexpensive fees if within the limit.

5.4 Social Secretary

JNr sent in the following report:

“ Thanks to John Owen for running the barbecue for the funday on 4th August with assistance from Natalia and also Julia for getting some additional supplies.

For information, these may be approximate figures as I have not checked in Xero

Good level of donations received at £158.80p

Total spend around £195.10p. Reported that although well attended there appeared to be a lot of guests.

Music by ‘The Silburys’ well received and thanks to The Silburys who performed for no fee as a ‘thank you’ to OYC for allowing them to use the clubhouse for rehearsals.

There is a private meeting on Sunday 8th September from 10 am - midday arranged by Jenny Naylor, approved by the Commodore, scheduled to avoid clashing with the regular Sunday lunchtime bar session.

An update on the planned appearance by 55Jive, rock and roll band scheduled for October will be provided once the health of one of the band members is confirmed - best wishes for a speedy recovery to their drummer. However they have now got a replacement drummer so it will go ahead for 5th October”.

5.5 House Secretary

No issues.

5.6 Mooring Master

Nothing reported

5.7 Sailing Secretary

The kayak storage has now been completed with the addition of the roof. Thanks to Charlie Carrington, Stu Risebrow, Matt Belton & Richard Harris for their work in completing this and enabling the club to provide this facility for members.

Junior training has now finished for the year. We ran 13 sessions with 163 attendances. This year’s unpredictable weather resulted in a record three shore-based sessions, thanks to the flexibility and imagination of instructors who came up with lots of short sharp fun sessions the kids were kept engaged and filled in their theoretical knowledge as well as giving them rowing and sculling practice. This year has again seen children progressing from the beginner Double-hander fleet to the intermediate Silver fleet and up to the advanced Gold fleet. We are also seeing a number of the older Juniors now competing in the weekly racing on a Wednesday night. They have mixed results but they are especially pleased when they finish ahead of their instructors! We held a prize-giving event on the last training evening with all Juniors receiving commemorative certificates and photos we’d taken of them on the water. This season six had 100% attendance (up from only one last year) so we recognised this by awarding them with water bottles. The ‘Most Improved Junior’ award went to Sophia Owen and along with a couple of others she’ll be moving up to the Gold fleet next

year. The time, effort and commitment of volunteers who make these evenings possible was also recognised and they were all given commemorative mugs. I'd like to thank the following instructors & helpers: John Burnell, John Norman, Chris Codling, David Robinson, Brenda Read, Rachel Belton, Rik Codling, Julia Norman and Darren Miller. One of the families whose children take part in these sessions who also hold membership at another local sailing club said that they are planning to resign their membership of their other club and move their sailing to the OYC due to the variety of events at this club so we look forward to seeing them a lot more around the club from next season.

Cruise-in-Companies have continued exploring near and far. In late June the reserve date for Lowestoft/Southwold wasn't required as we'd managed to make the trip in May so we decided to stay closer to home and returned to Pin Mill instead. Seven boats enjoyed a barbecue on the beach. At the end of June five boats made a swift trip to the river Crouch to visit Burnham where they enjoyed dinner at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club. At the beginning of July a number of boats hoped to sail to Ramsholt however a blustery forecast made the entrance untenable so sadly this cruise was cancelled. At the end of July seven boats journeyed to Stone Point (Walton Backwaters) and had an entertaining evening on the beach with the customary barbecue. On the weekend just gone 11 boats convened at Titchmarsh marina and had the choice of Harbour Lights (reopened as a seafood restaurant) or the barbecue area on the grass. The majority of members opted for the latter. We spent a very sociable evening together with some crews heading into town on Sunday morning. I'd like to thank Mike Fry and Teresa Thorogood for their efforts in organising these events, they encourage club members to explore our fabulous local cruising grounds as well as providing mutual support when venturing further afield.

The Fun Day at the beginning of August benefitted from a favourable weather forecast which certainly helped to bring out the crowds. It was great to see members bringing friends and family along to enjoy the activities afloat as well as the barbecue and music by The Silburys ashore. The day started at midday with free sailing, kayaking, paddling, rowing and joyrides in the Hartley accompanied by one of the instructors. It was good to see more adults participating in the activities afloat. This was followed by fun sailing races, an Olympic medley relay, a new pirate game as well as the traditional cork race which were all well-received. A headcount midway through showed we had 120 people at one point, making this not only the most well-attended event of the year but for the past couple of years. Thank you to Jenny Naylor for booking the band, Peter Parker for moving boats from the side of the pontoon, Mark and Emma Wilson for cleaning the pontoon decking, John and Natalia Owen for preparing and manning the barbecue, John Ling for opening and running the bar, John and Julia Norman, Chris and Claire Codling, David Robinson, Lizzie Warren, Jamie Carrington and Rachel Belton for assisting with water activities. As you can see this is a real team effort. These events are a great opportunity to showcase what the club has to offer. A couple of members' friends asked about membership on the day so

hopefully we'll see these enquiries turn into applications. One was interested in their children joining the Junior training and the other was interested in taking part in the adult training and dinghy racing.

Looking ahead the adult training level 2/3 course is in full swing throughout August and is running close to full capacity – more on this next month. The evening racing will switch to weekends come September due to the evenings drawing in. The next Cruise-in-Company is to Brightlingsea and the wider Blackwater area and is scheduled over the August bank holiday weekend to take in the Clacton airshow on the preceding Friday. The club has had a very busy season and continues to provide a range of opportunities for members to get afloat and make the most of their boats.

5.8 Maintenance

MW reported that there had been a general tidy up. Gary O'Sullivan has been working on the cabin, they have got rid of the mud around pontoon but the electrical work will now take priority. He asked whether we bodge the lockers or wait for the budget to see if there is an allowance to do them properly as it looks like they will need to start from scratch for most of them. He will speak to PNR. He is possibly looking at getting another skip before haul out as there are a lot of old and abandoned ladders strewn around the Club so they will be put in there.

5.9 Correspondence

Nothing to report as most of it had been covered previously.

6. Membership

New members and applicants

SM and JGH will interview two new applicants on Wednesday with another two to be arranged.

7. AOB

NONE

JHd reminded Committee that we still to look at getting a replacement Trustee as Alan Bimpson is resigning at the AGM.

Appending – Matters arising still ongoing

Changing combi door into wheelchair friendly access

Redevelopment of ladies changing facilities (deferred)

Repairs to Club Wall (deferred)

Dredging

Dolphin (deferred)

RYA affiliated

Finished at: 9.40 pm

Dae of next meeting: Monday 9th September

