

**ORWELL YACHT CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 PM**  
**AT OYC CLUBHOUSE**

**Those present:** John Hazelton (JHn): Jim Howard (JGH): Fred Codling (RC): Julia Norman (JN): Phil Naylor (PNr): Jenny Naylor (JNr): Paul Belton (PB): John Ling (JL): Mark Wilson (MW): John Owen (JO): Jill Howard (JHd): Mike Fry (MF) Jamie Carrington (JC)

**Trustees:** Alan Bimpson (AB)

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Samantha Mills (SM): Steve Gilson (SG): Robert Jones (RJ): Peter Parker (PP): Peter Hibberd (PH): Paul Banjo (PB)

**2. Approval of Minutes – Management Committee Meeting held Monday 12<sup>TH</sup> August 2024**

All agreed and signed off

**3. Matters arising:**

**Causeway Lease**

This was going smoothly but has now been taken over by more senior management in ABP who doesn't understand that we shouldn't be paying for the land agreed in the 1970 dock act. Clive Cooksey has now emailed him a copy of the original document.

**OYC Limited Company proposal**

As soon as Clive Cooksey has finalised his draft, he will send it to the Management Committee for their approval. Once they are happy with it, it needs to go to the AGM to move it forward.

**Electrical report**

JGH reported the work on the upstairs lights and RCBO breakers for toilets have been completed. Unfortunately the gents toilets kept tripping, so we had to call them back. It was a fault with the outside light which made them trip, JGH will speak to them about it as he has concerns regarding the bill and thought the fault should have shown up on the testing.

**Dangerous and Barge refurbishment**

MW reported that work on the barge is coming along slowly.

**Abandoned boats – Crazy Hen/ Sylda /Soup Dragon**

JHd read the latest correspondence received from the owner of Crazy Hen who assured us his boat is not abandoned and dumped.

MF disagreed and said the boat is completely dilapidated.

It was agreed that MF would go out, take photos of her and send them to the Commodore for further investigation.

The owner of Sylva has reported she is back in action, had its engine serviced, a new battery installed and he has already taken her for a sail.

Soup Dragon – Committee agreed that we would keep an eye on the progress of her, with the owner working on her when he could. We would chase again next season if required.

### **Date to be arranged for Budget meeting**

18<sup>th</sup> September

### **Welfare person applicants/person appointed**

JHd reported there were three applicants who applied. Each person was asked for a resume to be sent with details of experience in safeguarding/welfare and what made each applicant think they were best suited for this role. SM and JHd looked impartially at each resume and the role was decided to be filled by a person who has been DBS checked and is already working as a Welfare person for children between the ages of 4-18 years. The appointed person also has worked for 30 years dealing with such issues as confidentiality, discretion and working alongside other agencies.

There followed a brief discussion regarding whether the welfare needs to be a designated role and the position needs to be elected every year.

## **4. Management Action Plan – all actions completed**

## **5. Reports:**

### **5.1 Treasurer**

As normal, JN had sent the accounts to each of the Committee for their perusal. She booked a budget meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> September to discuss overheads, subscriptions etc. At present, our membership numbers are down, our admin overheads alone are coming in at 34%. Rick Codling is looking and renegotiating contracts/prices from various energy suppliers.

JGH mentioned a lot of energy is being used from the heaters in the Clubhouse, perhaps we should look at replacing them.

JN suggested that we should look at looking for a different Waste disposal company as we currently spent approximately £40 per month on Wastesaver.

### **5.2 Membership Secretary**

RC reported we have had no new members to sign up since the last MC meeting. Peter Davies has resigned and is giving up his mooring. His cradle has gone and he will give up his locker before the end of the year.

Richard Codling is working on an online Bring a boat to the club form which will be part of the website and help the administration side.

Membership cards are on order.

### **5.3 Bank Master**

No report

### **5.4 Social Secretary**

Emma Wilson has kindly offered to run a Hobby Night on Thursday 26th September.

The band 55Five are playing on Saturday 5th October. We will be running a BBQ.

Neil Marshall has offered to give a talk about his experiences of an anticlockwise circumnavigation around the U.K. In a 29ft Sadler. He was accompanied by Shaun Croft also an OYC member. He has raised £13,000 for British Heart Foundation and the RNLI. We are considering organising the talk in November along with a ploughman's supper.

The Harwich Haven authority have offered to give us a talk about their role . They are keen to encourage liaison with the yacht club.

### **5.5 House Secretary**

SM has left some ropes for fundraising which JL has put in a place for safekeeping.

### **5.6 Mooring Master**

JGH spoke to PP this morning and all he has reported is moving a boat.

### **5.7 Sailing Secretary**

The level 2/3 adult training course ran on Friday evenings throughout August, led by John Burnell. Five of the six places were taken and the smaller group size enabled sailors to be given tailored tuition either in the club's double-hander training boats or members' own dinghies. The weather was much better than the earlier course in May with all sessions able to go ahead on the water.

A number of members were hoping to head south down to the Blackwater for a Cruise-in-Company over the Bank Holiday weekend however sadly this had to be cancelled due to the forecast of strong wind.

Looking ahead we have the remainder of the September weekend dinghy series. Also the last Cruise-in-Company to Wrabness / Suffolk Yacht Harbour.

### **5.8 Maintenance**

MW had no issues to report. PB thanked him for putting the bird scarer up.

### **5.9 Correspondence**

Peter Davies has kindly donated 3 model boats to the club for Emma's hobby night. They need slight renovation and a bit of work done to them if anyone is interested. He is happy if we either keep them or sell them off for fund raising.

Rob Henchoz has kindly offered to give the Club his topper free of charge. PB is aware.

Andrew Witherley has paid £10 to the Club for the use of the sewing machine.

A member has queried whether they should be charged for their dinghy trailer to be stored on the Causeway if they put it in the same space where their boat is laid up for Winter. After discussion, it was decided to let the Bankmaster decide on how much space he will be taking up and charged for winter space as he deals with all spaces on the Causeway.

Another member has asked permission to keep his daughter's topper dinghy at the Club and has filled in the appropriate bring the boat to the Club form. This was agreed providing Charle Carrington could find space for it.

JHd received a letter regarding the tuning fork problem – the walk on pontoon being covered in bird mess and also the coating on there which makes it hard for members to kneel on. Again a lengthy discussion ensued on how to prevent this although the members did vote for this coating at the 2022 AGM. A few suggestions were muted and a letter would be sent to the member informing them of the outcome.

The pressure washer was also mentioned. JGH had spoken to RJ who thought the drop of water pressure might cause the cut-out mechanism in the pressure washer to activate. It might be that we have to invest in another one.

## **6. Membership**

### **New members and applicants**

Dr John Warren – Ipswich

Derek Webster - Cambridge

Peter Howard - Ipswich

Trevor Durrant - Thetford

All in favour and agreed to them being accepted as OYC members.

## **7. AOB**

**NONE**

**Finished: 21:19 pm**

**Dat of next meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

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

