

**ORWELL YACHT CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 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): Peter Hibberd (PH): Paul Banjo (PBo): Mark Wilson (MW): Paul Belton (PB): John Ling (JL): Mike Fry (MF): Jamie Carrington (JC): Peter Parker (PP): Jill Howard (JHd)

**Trustees:** Alan Bimpson (AB)

**1. Apologies for absence:**

Robert Jones (RJ): John Owen (JO): Steve Gilson (SG):  
Samantha Mills (SM)

**2. Approval of Minutes – Management Committee Meeting held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

All agreed and signed off.

PB mentioned there was a comment on the item regarding the pressure washer. He has used it and although it did cut out, he feels that we don't need to replace it, but just be patient and let it reset. JHn agreed and thinks it down to the water pressure.

**3. Matters arising:**

**Budget**

JN had sent round the proposed budget for Committee's approval and explained the rationale. She explained that PP can no longer be expected to do the manual work on the moorings so this will have to be reflected in the additional costs. JGH has been looking into alternatives and that Felixstowe Ferry Boatyard suggested they could do it for a figure of £1,200 per day and get all the moorings done within a week. PP and JGH will look into this and discuss further.

A discussion ensued regarding stock and buoys with PP explaining that the mooring buoys wont sink but they are getting beyond it. JN agreed and said as we have the reserves for this we might as well spend it and now appears to be the time to do it as they need overhaul and repair.

There followed a long discussion regarding fees, costs, dinghies etc. JGH thought we should look at revamping all our charges completely, obviously not this year.

JN asked if everyone was relatively happy with what she had proposed. All were in favour.

**AGM**

(calling notice, confirm place and date, catering arrangements?, presentation i.e. audio/visual and management committee roles)

JGH and JHd have preliminary started on the calling notice. They asked for JN and RC to provide their sections to be added on.

It was agreed that the AGM would be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at the OYC. PNr and JNr would order food from Sainsburys.

It was agreed that rather than spend money on buying a projector with limited uses, we should look at purchasing a wall mounted TV. This would be used for meetings, events such as talk nights and maybe used for a film night as a social. JGH suggested we also purchase a TV license. This was agreed.

It was agreed that when JHd puts the nomination forms for Flag Officers and the Committee positions in the Clubhouse, that only the person who intend to actually stand for that position should put their own name down.

A suggestion was brought up that the selected Committee of 6 would each have a role/job to be responsible for. These job roles would be allocated at the next MCM after the AGM. This way, all the Committee would be involved in a responsibility for running and improving the Club and being proactive as opposed to the same one or two members volunteering for everything. It would also help offload some of the Officers heavy workload by having designated Committee to help with jobs.

This was agreed with JHd to send the above information out when the nomination forms are put in the Clubhouse.

### **Replacement Trustee**

JHd read out a confirmation from the Trustees regarding the appointment of MW to replace AB:

“After consideration, I write to confirm that the Trustees, Alan Bimpson, Steve Gilson, and I, endorse Mark Wilson becoming a Club Trustee upon Alan's formal resignation from that position”.

JGH proposed and JHd seconded the motion with all Management Committee in favour of MW becoming a Trustee.

MW accepted the position as long as he could remain an active member of the Club. He was informed this would be fine but he would forego his right to be able to vote.

### **Causeway Lease**

CC sent in a report regarding the Lease for the Management Committee meeting:

“The Lease has now finally been agreed and signed off. It runs until 2039, gaining us an extra year, and also acknowledges the 1970 agreement to our continued use of the bank, 10 metres in. This is now therefore in the contract and shouldn't cause a problem in the future.

It was slow work, but worth making sure it is right for now and the future”

CC was thanked for all his work in securing this deal.

Jn said they have invoiced us but not given us credit for what we have been paying monthly.

### **OYC Limited Company proposal**

JN has spoken to CC who hopes to give us something within the next couple of

weeks so it's ready for the next MCM. She also stated that we may have to look at the feasibility of becoming a Charity as well as a registered Company. It may let us be allowed gift aid on subscriptions which will help but whatever the circumstances, JN said we will do it all properly.

### **Electrical report**

JGH discussed at the last meeting that he would now look at starting the next phase of updating the electrical supply to the Causeway. The quote was for £4,776.00 which was to supply a 25mm 3 phase armoured cable to us which we would then lay to PP's workshop. The electricians would then connect this to the main supply installing a new 3 phase board in the workshop. The existing causeway circuit would be connected to this as a temporary measure until the next phase of replacing all the electrical boxes on the causeway commenced. JGH has checked prices and the cable alone is £1,300. He asked for committee's approval to go ahead, JHn proposed. Committee were all in favour of going ahead with this.

Committee were informed that the tripping of lights in the gents toilets were caused by the wiring of the outside lights. These have now been switched back on but this makes them non-compliant. It was agreed that JGH would speak to them to get a quote on changing them properly.

### **Dangerous and Barge refurbishment**

MW confirmed the barge refurbishment had been completed and can be moved at any time. PP thanked MW for doing this and said he had done a very good job. It was asked to be noted that MW donated all the materials needed for this task. We are just waiting for PP to confirm when Dangerous can be renovated.

### **Abandoned boats – Crazy Hen/ Sylva/Gilliwatte.**

MF took photos which were circulated to Committee regarding the state of Crazy Hen. It was agreed the Hon Secretary (JHd) would write to him asking him of his intentions as it is apparent from the photo evidence, it has become abandoned. Also the boat has to be cleared from its mooring by the end of October due to ABP rules.

Sylva's owner unfortunately is out of action for few months owing to a serious health problem, therefore it will be very difficult for him to attend the Club and oversee her refurbishment.

Unfortunately, Sylva caused damaged to one scrubbing post as she wasn't tied up securely. Committee discussed this and the majority felt the costs should be incurred by the boat's owner. JN to send him an invoice for the damage caused.

As Gilliwatte does not belong to a member and was just literally dumped by a member of the public, there is nothing legally we can do about it.

AB gave the name of a responsible boat disposal Company that can take abandoned boats/dinghies and either do them up to sell or scrap it. This

obviously will incur a cost to the owner.

### **Premises Licence**

The Club license needs to be changed over to JHd as she is the Hon Secretary. However it was asked whether we would be better to change it over to a full license which would mean we would be able to have better social facilities and scope to run more and different events, hire the hall to other people and to increase income at the Club.

We would need a Designated Premises Supervisor, JL would be willing to do this. It would incur a one-off fee of £190 plus £500 for a press statement.

A couple of the Committee were sceptical about this change. However it was voted on and the majority of the Committee were in favour of changing the license to a full personal one.

## **4. Management Action Plan**

All actions completed apart from:

To look at replacing Club heaters with modern and energy efficient ones – MF

To look at getting a better waste disposal deal – ongoing 2025 – MW

A discussion ensued regarding the heating of the Club as there is hardly any insulation in the walls and ceilings to prevent heat loss. It was suggested that we might be able to do this.

## **5. Reports:**

### **5.1 Treasurer**

JN sent round to Committee the usual management accounts which will now go to John Emsden, our accountants.

### **5.2 Membership Secretary**

Out of the four applicants agreed last month, two have joined, John Warren and Peter Howard. The other two want to join in the New Year. RC has told them it would be ok but the fees would be different.

RC reported there was a cradle taking up space in the car park which has not been used or paid for. All Committee agreed that this member should be charged.

### **5.3 Bank Master**

The preseason Team meeting was held on 21st September. New members attended and two training sessions planned where several new members were able to practice driving the tractor and carrier. Several also followed the team leader to gain experience.

At the annual inspection J D Lifting noted that due to modifications to the carrier steering, they were not able to inspect the carrier until a new load test had taken place. As a result, the use of the carrier is suspended until the new test. This is arranged for Saturday 19th October when Sanddollar will be used to obtain a

SLW of 8.5 tons. Once this is successfully completed the backlog will be cleared during the following week.

I would like to thank Robert Jones for his assistance in helping us to complete the test.

Other sources of weight were considered but JD Lifting suggested that a boat would provide the most appropriate test.

In the meantime, four hydraulic hoses have been replaced. These showed signs of damage caused by boats entering the carrier. The engine has been swapped with the spare, allowing it to be overhauled. This is a bi-annual procedure to clean any corrosion caused by the salty atmosphere.

There are 80 boats booked for winter storage, there may be room for 1 or 2 more. This is at least 10 less than in earlier years.

RC asked if the Club should pay for RJ's boat to be weighed. PH said he would get two engineers to come on Saturday which they don't normally do. PH proposed, JHn seconded, with the majority agreeing.

#### **5.4 Social Secretary**

Thanks to Diz Deacon and Emma for the music night and hobby nights.

Painting the Silence performed on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October and were very well received. Around 40 attended.

Raffle run by Mark & Emma Wilson achieved £221 – an excellent result.

Barbecue not very well supported with only £102 for hot food sales plus £16 for uncooked butcher's sausages.

Sadly, a quantity of cooked food given away at the end as an anticipated 'rush' did not appear.

Barbecue manned by Phil, Jenny and Jill.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Table top sale with bacon rolls

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Private Party (no bar required)

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November - talk by Neil Marshall on his circumnavigation of Britain in Whakairo.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Fish & Chip supper followed by entertainment with Nick Weaver (who has agreed to perform but final details to be confirmed). Awaiting costs from Riverside Fish & Chips our regular provider.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December - AGM

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December - The Hypochondriacs performing (due to perform on the fun day which was cancelled).

#### **5.5 House Secretary**

No issues

## **5.6 Mooring Master**

No issues

## **5.7 Sailing Secretary**

Bart Bash race in mid-September raised £25 for their charity.

We received a topper kindly donated by Rob Henchoz and would like to propose a vote of thanks to him for this.

The last Cruise in Company of the season was held on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> September and visited Suffolk Yacht Harbour. MF gave Committee an update about the trip, said it was a success and nice way to finish off the last CIC for this year.

There is a sailing committee meeting planned for next Monday where we will confirm this year's prize winners against racing, training and cruising

As the laying up supper is not going ahead, PB asked if we could present the Prize winners in between the AGM and Boat Owners Meeting. This was agreed.

A first aid training course has been booked on 25<sup>th</sup> January for all the volunteers.

## **5.8 Maintenance**

Barge is completed. MW spoke to PNr regarding the costs of knocking down all the lockers and building them from scratch.

MW had looked at plastic pre-fabricated lockers but they were £150 each and there is no concrete to lay them on. It was agreed that all owners of lockers should be present when their locker is being repaired and also there to assist.

JN suggested at the AGM members are told that the lockers are going to be repaired and that they need to be emptied by such and such a date.

MW has purchased two new brooms for the waiting pontoon and tuning fork.

## **5.9 Correspondence**

JHd read out an email from a member regarding the lack of dinghy spaces due to various items just being dumped in their allotted spaces and abandoned tenders just left where ever.

This incurred a lengthy discussion with various comments/suggestions made.

JN asked if we could be told which dinghies/tenders this email refers to or see the rack plan so we understand where the dinghies should be allocated in the rack. If they, or cradles are abandoned, then we can chase the owners up.

PH suggested having a report from CC to include what's in the rack, how many dinghy spaces there are, what needs to be moved in the car park and what's the level of usage of the racks and to differentiate between what is considered a small dinghy, boat and tender. He suggested In the summer they could go on the Causeway but in the Winter if there is nowhere else for them to go, put them under the bow of the owner's boat.

It was agreed that this is too much of a mammoth job for one person to do. This is a continuous job that needs enforcing on a regular basis to keep the problem down to a minimum.

Therefore it was suggested that this is something that the Mooring Committee and CC should be involved in.

The other correspondence was regarding the gent's toilet smelling again. As this is not smelling all the time, it was discussed that the present system is the best one to use. However it does need the toilet to be flushed and to run the tap regularly/repeatedly to prevent the odour.

The other item was that we need a pressure washer to help remove the bird's poo from the pontoon in time for next season.

## **6. Membership**

### **New members and applicants**

There are two potential applicants to be interviewed on 20<sup>th</sup> October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

## **7. AOB**

### **Proposal of (gig) rowing section (JGH)**

JGH had already circulated his idea of incorporating a rowing section (gig rowing) into the OYC to all the Management Committee. This is proving a very popular sport with especially with ladies as it is a good way to keep fit. It would also be a good income for the Club and there is a lot of help in the community to encourage Clubs to take up this sport.

PH said he would speak to Ipswich Maritime and we may be able to get grants to set this up.

Committee were in favour of this idea, with JGH and JHd to delve further.

### **Inhouse Facebook page (PBo)**

PBo suggested creating an inhouse Facebook page dedicated to existing members only so they can interact with other members, show photos of their boats/travel and also have a page whereby events can be publicised.

This would need to have an admin person and hopefully two committee members to modulate and vet all posts/photos.

It was agreed to set it up on a trial basis with no objections from the Committee.

**Time meeting finished: 22.59 pm**

**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

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

