

ORWELL YACHT CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2024
7.30 PM OYC CLUBHOUSE

Those present: John Hazelton (JHn): Jim Howard (JGH): Samantha Mills (SM): Julia Norman (JN): Fred Codling (RC): Phil Naylor (PNr): Jenny Naylor (JNr): Paul Belton (PB): John Ling (JL): Peter Hibberd (PH): Emma Wilson (EM): Andrew Witherley (AW): Mike Fry (MF): Jill Howard (JHd)

Trustees: Robert Jones (RJ): Steve Gilson (SG): Mark Wilson (MW)

1 Apologies for absence

Terry Mills (TM): Peter Parker (PP)

2 Approval of minutes – Management Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13th November 2024

All agreed and signed off

3. Matters arising:

Welcome to the new Committee members. Committee of 5 – job roles

JHn welcomed the new Committee members.

JHd explained the job roles for the Committee of 5. AW was asked if he could also help Malcolm Silburn with putting things on the website, he was agreeable providing MS could advise him further.

Electrical report/work party

JGH reported that they have started laying the cable from the clubhouse to the workshop, the trench had been dug and the cable put in and the trench refilled. However, they need a work party asap to move all the dinghies away from the side leading to the Clubhouse and to clear the vegetation. MF, as work party organiser, suggested Saturday 4th January to do this with just a small work party needed.

New Trustee process

JHd gave RJ the paperwork to finalise MW becoming the new Trustee.

OYC Limited Company – sub group meeting date to be arranged

AB has now retired as Director for the Limited Company, with MW taking his place. The sub committee group will consist of RJ, MW, SG, PNr, JN, FC, JGH, JHn, SM and Clive Cooksey. A meeting was arranged for Monday 6th January.

Gig Rowing – arrange another sub group meeting

Committee agreed to put a banner advertising gig rowing and inviting people to join but this would have to be placed behind the fence, not on it, but once we have acquired a gig. There was also talk about a visit by Suffolk Community Trust and consultations with other gig clubs in the area.

There ensued a lengthy discussion regarding fees, whether the gig side would be separate from the main part of the OYC, where we might get funding from.

It was decided that the gig sub-committee would arrange another meeting to

discuss these points further before bringing the ideas back to the main MC.

Abandoned boats – Crazy Hen/ Sylva/Sea Fret – no further update

The owner of Crazy Hen had been down to his boat but JHd had received nothing further from him.

JN queried whether she should send a member an invoice for his boat damaging the scrubbing post and how much should the member be charged especially if it involves hiring out a mini digger. It was left to ask PP for his opinion.

Peter Evans

The suspension/eviction of membership for Peter Evans was discussed fully especially as we have two new Committee members who were unaware of this situation.

As PE has been accusing a certain committee member with various accusations over a number of years, said committee member had prepared and showed a slide show with some of PE's accusations and proof that PE was incorrect. It was suggested that perhaps we could invite him to rejoin on the condition that he stops accusing all of the Committee of being corrupt, about rings of paedophiles in the Club, money going missing and Committee are masons. There has been no evidence of his accusations even though he was advised to go to the Police with his claims. He would have to sign an agreement that he would adhere to the Club rules. If he broke this agreement, then his membership would be terminated.

Various thoughts were brought up regarding this, including it looks like a gagging order with SM asking how we would police this.

After due consideration and listening to various opinions, it was unanimously agreed that the way forward would be to send him a letter by recorded delivery explaining that his behaviour has gone against our rules therefore we have no option but to abide by Rule 12 and terminate his membership. If he appealed this would then go to a SGM whereby both sides could present the evidence and the membership would then decide whether to expel him or not. JHn proposed, SM seconded.

PNr and JNr abstained from voting.

4. Management Action Plan

OUTSTANDING: Investigate energy efficient/different type of heaters for The Club.

Mike Fry has said he will leave it till next year.

5. Reports:

5.1 Treasurer

Nothing to report as figures were shown at the AGM

5.2 Membership Secretary

RC has completed 22 renewal forms already so taking the total up to 38. Phil Swain has asked for country membership and qualifies. Three other members have changed to retired sailors.

Peter Davies and Tony Veal have resigned.

RC asked Flag Officers to ask potential new members to put their spouse's name and bring to interview if they wish to have a joint membership.

5.3 Bank Master

The lift out programme has been completed with 82 or 83 boats stored and the causeway is full.

There is some maintenance, mostly greasing to be carried out on the carrier.

With a view to tidying up:

Any unclaimed wood will be collected in January and either stored for future use in chocking up boats or disposed of for fire wood in accordance with the message to club members last month.

The blue barrels behind the BM container could be offered to members as water butts. They have previously contained molasses apparently. PH to double check with pp they are needed for creek post rafts.

The pile of wood and ladders on the right-hand side could be removed if the committee would agree to the trailer underneath also being removed. Warning, there may be some heavy lifting required. I did email members re to mark their blocks etc and clear them up.

Stuart Dunnett has taken away a lot of pallets

5.4 Social Secretary

Thanks to Emma Wilson for continuing to run Hobby Nights and Richard Harris for running sewing sessions.

The laying up supper fish and chip on November 23rd was well attended.

52 people had food. Some people came just for the entertainment.

Nick Wheeler was very well received, and a most enjoyable evening was had by everyone present. As always thanks to John Ling for manning the bar.

The raffle prizes cost £55.23 and £128 worth of raffle tickets were sold.

The AGM was held on 1st December. £328.22 was spent on food sourced from Sainsburys.

There is entertainment on 14th of December provided by the Hypochondriacs. Chilli con carne will be available at the interval at a price of £5.

The Children's Party is taking place on Sunday 15th December. Thanks to Rachel Belton for organising this.

There is a Hobby Night on 19th December

EW had a discussion with JGH regarding the current licencing rules/licence. He informed her that JL is happy to be a DPS and will undertake the necessary online course to enable us to hold a full premises licence. This will enable us to have better events and not be so restricted. JGH mentioned that the licence should be on display behind the bar. There ensued a discussion regarding members bringing in their own alcohol to the Club when the bar was closed and supplying this to other guests. This will be covered once we have completed the full premises licence.

5 House Secretary

No issues on the bar side. However, the dustmen are having trouble getting in and out of the side gate as it doesn't work every time. JHn asked JL to buy the lock and he will fit it.

5.6 Mooring Master

No report

5.7 Sailing Secretary

Rachel Belton has spent significant time in recent weeks editing over 2500 photos from sailing activities held at the club. These have been whittled down to 500 covering 36 events over the course of the season and can be found in the Gallery section of the club website. The afternoon tea which acknowledged the time and effort contributed by members who had volunteered with activities afloat this season was very well received by those who attended. On the day of the AGM all prizes were distributed either during or immediately after the prizegiving. Looking ahead we have the Frostbite Race on Sunday 29th December, this will be followed by a hot meal in the clubhouse which Rachel Belton has kindly agreed to organise with the help of a team of volunteers.

5.8 Maintenance

The electrical situation is taking priority at the moment. Once it is underway, then we can tackle the lockers.

5.9 Correspondence

A member sent in a request for permission from the MC to bring a double hander dinghy to the Club. This was unanimously agreed.

6. Membership

New members and applicants

Andre (Andy) Cattermole's application was approved.

7. AOB

There is an unpaid invoice outstanding from a member for hauling out charges. Committee agreed he should be charged and pay it.

Time finished: 22:00

Date of next meeting: Monday 13th January 2025

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