



# **PLOCKTON SMALL BOAT SAILING CLUB**

*(Committee of 8)*

**1<sup>st</sup> Committee Meeting**

**1900hrs – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023**

**Venue – Zoom & Boatshed**

**Minutes**

1. Apologies from – Alexander Mackenzie.
2. Adoption of Minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022.  
Proposed by Ian Hay & Seconded by Graham Sharp.

### **3. Treasurers Report**

Julia Mackenzie stated that the funds are going down with minimal coming in. Insurance is currently over £200 a month and then the electricity every quarter of over £300, all through the winter has taken its toll on the Club funds and we currently sit just over the £1000 mark. This means that without any significant income we would run out of money by the summer months.

Ian Hay asked about the details of the electricity bill and if they could be shared with the committee and also is it estimates or actual readings. Julia stated she would look into it and ensure they are using readings rather than estimates and would share a copy of the most recent bill with the committee.

The committee then discussed how it would be possible to reduce the electricity bill or close it altogether and run when required a generator or pay as you go meter.

Neilly (Ach) MacRae has still to pay for his use of the Club house for music events in the past and should be sent a bill to cover all. Alexander Mackenzie would be contacted to find out how many times it was used and if Neilly (Ach) MacRae can settle the bill as soon as possible.

Also the insurance being so high, the Committee agreed to look at this once more, with itemised list of what the insurance is covering and how we can reduce the bill further, with a view to perhaps thin down the boats covered or sell boats no longer in use. The list will be provided for the next meeting and agenda items raised to cover this.

The Committee then agreed that a Coffee Morning would be a good way to start the season off and bring in some much needed funds with further planning of a sail away in the Summer months again with contributions to the Club for these days taken. Ideas would be requested for the following meeting at the end of March and a decision made to move forward with a fund raising event.

Ian Hay mentioned that it would be worth going round various local companies to see about sponsorship of equipment, for example new race marks and moorings or rigging, this would save us money in the future. Neil MacRae will go through the buoys and work out what is required for the coming season, including the potential for a new mark to be

added in the middle of the Loch. David Hay would speak to the Plockton Inn owners to see if they would be interested in sponsoring some new race marks.

Julia Mackenzie was also tasked with looking into what would be required for a Committee member to hold a personal licence for the sale of alcohol at any future events and also the entertainment licence with costs involved.

#### 4. Sub Committees appointed as follows:

**Racing & Sailing** – **Michael Hay** (convener), David Hay, Graham Sharp & Neil MacRae

(Plus any member co-opted)

**Handicap** – **Graham Sharp** (convener), & Timekeeper.

(Plus any member co-opted)

**Training & Club Night** – **Alexander Mackenzie** (convener), Ian Hay, David Hay, Michael Hay.

(Plus any member co-opted)

**Property** – **Ian Hay** (convener), Neil MacRae & Alexander Mackenzie.

(Plus any member co-opted)

**Safety Boat** – **Neil MacRae** (convener), Ian Hay

(Plus any member co-opted)

**Junior Endeavour** (Commodore & Timekeeper & Training Principle) – **David Hay** (convener), TBC and Alexander Mackenzie.

**Social Committee** – **Malcolm Mackenzie** (convener), Julia Mackenzie & Neil MacRae.

(Plus any member co-opted)

#### 5. Discussion on this seasons racing calendar, including fund raiser.

The sailing schedule was discussed at length from previous years and decision made for the racing and sailing to bring something to the table for the meeting in March to ensure we have the schedule ready for publishing by April 1<sup>st</sup> and also the PDF version of the members handbook would continue to ensure costs are kept to minimal.

#### 6. AOCB

David Hay requested that the relevant documents be sent to him regarding the operating policies for the Club so that he can read through and request adjustments as necessary. Also David Hay requested we find a time keeper coordinator to set the rotas and ensure those on it are aware of their duties.

Training for the season was discussed and whether we start the Tuesday night Club nights again to help bring in funds at an increased cost for each individual attending. Also the RYA stages required needs to be looked into for the next meeting and find what we must do to maintain this. Alexander Mackenzie would be contacted to see what would be required and come together as a Committee to ensure it does not fall to one person to provide this training. Malcolm Mackenzie would like to know if we could just get the Club nights going again with on the water nights and various informal training given throughout the year, then come the end of the season the kids who wish to sit their RYA levels could be given dates to carry this out. This would be looked into for the next meeting and how it would benefit the Club.

Ian Hay went onto mention about having a keypad fitted from previous years discussion to stop unwanted use of the Club house, the committee agreed it will be decided once the electricity is sorted and can revisit later. The committee agreed that we would need to find

the standard rate that would be charged if we went to a pay as you go meter and how this would be installed again.

David Hay stated about the yacht race and how he would advertise the yacht race further afield and create a flier for this event. The Plockton Hotel have agreed to provide a curry and the Club would host a curry night in the Club house following the yacht race with an entry fee.

**7. Set proposed date for next meeting.**

The next meeting would be set for the end of March when everyone was available.

**8. Close meeting**

The meeting was closed and everyone thanked for attending.