



# **PLOCKTON SMALL BOAT SAILING CLUB**

*(Committee of 8)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting**

**1930hrs – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

**Venue – Boatshed**

## **Minutes**

1. Apologies from – Julia Mackenzie, Malcolm Mackenzie & Michael Hay.
2. Adoption of Minutes from 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.  
**Proposed by** Graham Sharp & **Seconded by** David Hay.
3. Treasurers Report  
Julia Mackenzie although not present, reported that the electricity bill has been reduced and there is a slight chance of a rebate.  
Funds were currently sitting at £590 and hopefully the joining members will boost this significantly in the coming months.
4. Discussion on this seasons racing calendar and membership book  
The sailing schedule was discussed with a few changes made, the Jubilee was moved into September so as not to clash with a local wedding. Neil MacRae was tasked with making the required changes to the membership book ready for distribution.  
David Hay stated that he would like to have a briefing with all involved prior to the regatta fortnight and also run a pursuit race with all boats, potentially the RNLI race to try something different. This was agreed and will be shared nearer the time.  
Club nights are being progressed with the hope of starting it again very soon, this will bring in more members, however, it will be left out of the membership book until we can ensure we have volunteers to run the nights.
5. AOCB
  - a) Discussion on insurance and the cost it is to the Club is significant, therefore decision was made to remove all the sailing dinghies from our insurance, this will hopefully significantly reduce the monthly cost. Julia Mackenzie to action.  
Rescue Boats will remain on the insurance and the new Kittiwake boat gifted to the Club will remain on the insurance.  
Kittiwake will be launched as soon as possible to ensure it is in use and to see if it will be beneficial to the Club for training nights.
  - b) Fundraiser will be completed as required, once the membership book is active and all members requested to join, then we will look at the funds and discuss if a fundraiser is still required or can be pushed back until the regatta fortnight.

- c) Neillie (Ach) MacRae use of the boatshed was discussed, Alexander Mackenzie reported that Peter Mackenzie was looking into the entertainment licence to be added for the Community Council to include the boatshed. This would then allow Neillie to carry out music nights in the boatshed and provide extra funds for the Club. A few items need looked at, regarding PAT tests, firefighting equipment and a floor plan made up. This licence would then cover us for three years with annual checks made and a log kept of these checks. Peter was thanked for this and will look at any other costs involved to update the boatshed equipment.
- d) Alexander Mackenzie also updated the committee on licencing procedures for selling alcohol and would speak with David Skilling who is carrying out an application for the Community Council and see what we require to sell alcohol for the Regatta dance and any other events as required. Options will be looked at if we need it for one day or can you have it for 2 weeks at a time and if David Skilling would be willing to also be the nominated person for the Sailing Club under the same licence.
- e) Timekeeper rota will be made up ready for volunteers to add in names and also the rescue boat rota, so we can see all the volunteers on one page and share it online.
- f) David Hay stated that after the yacht race, a curry night will be held in the boatshed for all, this may be an opportunity to run a bar and make some extra funds for the Club.
- g) Alexander Mackenzie stated that the gun licence for the cannon expires this year and do we want to renew it. David Hay stated that he would not be using it this year at the line but perhaps for the Ragamuffin Race from Buckies pier. Decision was made to renew the licence in Alexander's name and have it ready for use as required. Once renewed it will be last for 5 years.
- h) Graham Sharp asked about changing the Johnny Ruari ages, even for the crew age to be raised. It was agreed to leave the age limits for this year and monitor attendance for potential changes next year.
- i) David Hay asked for a log in for the website and Facebook to allow him to make changes and post details for the season. Ian Hay said that to ensure we also post on the notice board to cover all members that are not online.

## **6. Set proposed date for next meeting.**

The next meeting would be set for the end of Pre Regatta Fortnight as required.

## **7. Close meeting**

The meeting was closed and everyone thanked for attending.