



# Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
at 7 pm via Zoom.

1. Present by Zoom: - Chris Brown, Sharon Geary-Harwood, Jim Hopwood, Dick Pizey, Martin Lucas, Merv Griffiths, Neil Howarth, Keith Guy Gibbens, George Fabling, Phil Crossland
2. Apologies for Absence: Dave Waters
3. Minutes of the last meeting – approved.
4. Health and Safety: No incidents or concerns reported.
5. Commodore – Chris Brown:
  - a. Townsend Engineering have requested a first stage payment on the boat lifter of £7500 plus VAT. **Approved**
  - b. There were some difficulties with relocating the posts for wider gates. Some additional expenditure may be required.
  - c. Thanks to all who came to the work party and those who volunteered but were asked to stay away. A great deal of rubbish was removed and the tender racks repositioned.
6. Hon Sec – Jim Hopwood
  - a. 2019 Annual report and accounts signed and filed – see attached.
  - b. Letter sent to John Sibley following boat retrieval incident.
  - c. 2020 Annual Report to members – not discussed.
7. Treasurer – Sharon Geary-Harwood
  - a. Recent payments list circulated
  - b. Profit and loss – see attached
8. Membership – Dick Pizey
  - a. Three new members this month – Steven and Lin Worf, Steve Rush and Tarka King
  - b. One new membership being processed – (KGG aware of mooring request)
  - c. One prospective member enquiry – Gareth Williams (Requires mooring 20' Motor boat) plus one hoping to keep a rib in the pound.
  - d. Membership figures – 202 (04/11/2020)

- e. Comprehensive review with KGG and SGH re mooring allocation and payments – Membership master updates
  - f. Copy of ML's spreadsheet – Membership master update
9. Website – Dick Pizey
- a. Still very active – regular repeat traffic as well as new visitors
10. Zoom/AGM – Dick Pizey
- a. Pro version purchased – successful demo and test of some features during the meeting
  - b. Date for AGM for Newsletter – not discussed
  - c. Format of reports – not discussed
  - d. Discussion of format and methodology for on line AGM – not discussed
11. Proposed fee increases – Dick and Sharon
- a. Proposed a range of fee increases of about 10%
  - b. Jim suggested this was the wrong time for an across the board increase while people are struggling with reduced incomes and we are forced to restrict members activities. **Agreed to develop a 3 year project look ahead to see whether an increase is really needed.**
  - c. Meanwhile the following were agreed:
    - i. **No 'Offshore membership'**
    - ii. **Canoes and inflatables in the boat house to pay the same fee.**
    - iii. **£25 visitors fee – launch, recovery, car and trailer parking for one week and one night on the pontoon.**
    - iv. Chris insisted that winter storage using the boat lifter must be cheaper than keeping a trailer in the pound and tractor launching.
12. Projects – Phil Crossland
- a. Nichols hope to start work on the mast crane quay soon.
  - b. Jetty light connected.
  - c. There was disappointment that the CCTV system kept tripping out and that it had not detected the recent thefts from boats. We need a monitor to view recordings. **Phil to discuss with Dave and Complete Security and make a recommendation.**
  - d. Dick is researching WIFI boosters that could allow connecting boat alarms.
13. Bosun – Mervyn Griffiths
- a. Had done some more clearing up after the work party.
14. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens
- a. I have 2 moorings available for, up to 23' boats.
  - b. There are 3 that need blocks moving and other bits and pieces done to them. If the weather and lockdown permit, I hope to progress these next week.
  - c. I still have my survey of the NB to do.
  - d. There are 4 new members waiting for spaces for 26' boats and upwards

- e. On the SB Maurice Moony and Dave Stewart still have not got a new vessel so if they have not got one by renewal, I suggest we take the moorings from them as I now have 21 on the waiting list.
- f. There is now, unfortunately, Mike Malone's pontoon that will, in due time, come up for relet.
- g. Could we extend the South Bank electrics? Chris has a quote.
- h. Two items for the newsletter:
  - i. **Thanks to the regular team of helpers working on mooring renewal.**
  - ii. **Members changing boats MUST inform the Mooring Master and/or Pound Master as appropriate.**

15. Maintenance – George Fabling

- a. Had measured up for repairs to the project store roof.
- b. Agreed maintenance work must wait till the end of lockdown unless urgent.

16. Compound – Martin Lucas

- a. Waiting for quotes for road and hardstanding improvements

17. Boat House – Neil Howarth

- a. Casters fitted to the canoe rack, so that it is now fully mobile.
- b. I would like permission to fit more robust numbers to the inflatable racks, cost about £100 - **agreed**
- c. And refix the vice – no, Merv explained that a new narrower bench is being fabricated to facilitate moving the block lifter.
- d. I intend to audit the inflatable racks and put everything on a spreadsheet. I will liaise with Dick over a suitable format.
- e. Could we order a new padlock for the boathouse, the other one needs replacing
- f. I intend to see whether the club dinghies are still useable.
- g. Chris proposed a boat house work party in the New Year.

18. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters

- a. Nothing to report pontoon wise, apart from members are now using it to moor over the winter as per advertised.

19. Any Other Business

- a. Points raised included in relevant section above.

Future meeting dates: 10<sup>th</sup> December, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> March agm?, 18<sup>th</sup> March 'new' committee.