



BECCLES AMATEUR SAILING CLUB

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Minutes of the Committee of Beccles Amateur Sailing Club Limited, meeting held at the Conservative Club on Tuesday 19th September, 2023 @ 19.30

Present: Liam Gentry (Chair), Kirsty Cross (Sec), Karl Porter, Clare West, Martin Sisley, Jack Sisley, Roger Campling (Tres), Paul Johnson, Mark Langston, Terry Cook, Duncan Braidwood.

Apologies: George Folkard, Hugh Braidwood, Janet Forster-Warnes, Mary Sparrow

Welcome: Liam (as chairperson) welcomed all to the meeting and the previous meeting minutes were approved by the committee and signed off by Liam.

Beccles Museum: As per previous meeting, Beccles Museum have some of our sailing memorabilia .They have offered to store these items BUT this would be on a permanent basis i.e. would we not be able to retrieve them. The committee felt that this wasn't right as some of the items have huge sentimental value. We will ask Janet to get the items back as a 'temporary return' and will discuss the future of these at a later date. We could if needed find somewhere at the clubhouse to store them.	Action KC emailed JFW who has contacted the museum
Regatta Feedback: no formal feedback from the sailing sub-committee as they have not met yet. They will feedback at the next main committee meeting. Karl said there was lots of positive feedback not only during the regatta but also afterwards. As a committee, we need to look at all feedback good and bad so we can plan for future regattas. The karaoke was very poor and we will not be using him again. His equipment wasn't working properly, he did not have all the songs requested and he spent most of the night singing his own songs. Lunchtimes at the regatta need discussing and sorting. The lunches are too complicated and involve a lot of work for the ladies on the social sub-committee. We had a lot of waste, therefore, definite changes need to be made for future regattas. Overall, feedback about the food was good, but the main aim of lunchtimes is to get the sailors fed as often they are between races and just need to 'grab and go'. Paul talked about the maintenance leading up to the regatta. The committee thanked him for all his hard work before and during the regatta which made the club look professional and smart. It was thought that next year we should get extra marquees for inclement weather.	Social sub-com to meet and discuss food options
Team Racing: Hugh has had a communication from the UEA. This is for some of our juniors to have a full weekend of racing, tactics and team building. This is a huge opportunity for our up and coming sailors to learn different skills. It will cost £200 for 6 juniors for the entire weekend. As a club, this is something we have not ventured into before. The committee voted and it was unanimous, 9 votes for yes, 1 for no. Hugh will be reimbursed.	Treas (RC) to reimburse Hugh once invoiced
Camping Field Payment: Jerry spoke to Mark this week and said he still hasn't been paid. Roger will liaise with Mark and all being well, Jerry	ML/RC

will be paid on Saturday.	
Group sailing – non-members: An independent group contacted Karl through our web page and enquired about using our facilities without being full members. Karl has asked them to come down to the club and have a chat. They would have to be affiliated members in order to cover the rules in our constitution. We would be able to offer them a few sailing sessions (somewhat like sailing school). The committee thought this would be a good idea as it is (a) a money earner on the day and (b) could lead to more people becoming full members.	ALL ongoing
Matters Arising: First aid. The flyers have not been done as yet as Hugh is trying to arrange some more first aid training. Mary will update first aid at the next meeting.	HB/KC/MsP
Mooring Lease: Roger has not heard anything from the council. At the last meeting, Janet had had an email confirming we should pay a sum of £80. Roger has not paid this, as we have not had an official invoice from the council. Roger will chase the invoice.	RC to chase invoice
Visitors Book: We need an official visitors book for sailing days as visitors must sign in – fire regulations etc., It was decided that as the old book is beyond use, Kirsty will order a new book and this will be in the main clubhouse on sail days.	KC to purchase and claim ordered 22/09 from Amazon
Gate code: the gate code was changed, but then it was found that the padlock is faulty. Paul will purchase a new one as soon as possible.	PJ to purchase and claim
Decathlon: It was agreed that Kirsty should set up the Decathlon account in order for our members to get discount on sailing goods.	KC to liaise with Decathlon Kc emailed Decathlon 22/09 for more details. Offer still stand and they are happy to deal with members on an individual basis. We can also have a club account. Members can email chris.whelan@decathlon.com mobile: 07816352866 stating they are part of BASC
Secretary Report: Nothing really to report. Have had a couple of enquiries about sailing and joining but these have been after sailing school had finished. It was thought, that as the Wednesday night 'Try Sailing' night. Committee to discuss further	ALL next meeting
Sailing Secretary Report: Sailing has been good this year and we have had some good turnouts. The juniors have had some good meets and have done the Club proud. The youth regatta was an excellent result and very encouraging. Unlike other clubs, we take juniors who want to sail these events and not just 'the best'. We need to encourage more juniors to carry on with their sailing and boost their confidence. The improver sessions on Saturday mornings have been a great success. Thank you Hugh for the idea – lots of juniors and seniors have been turning up and trying boats that they have never sailed before,	
Welfare: In Mary's absence it was decided to carry forward to the next meeting.	MsP
Health and Safety responsibility committee: This committee has not officially been set up as yet. We had 3 incidents during the regatta. Each incident was dealt with efficiently, professionally and logged in the accident book. We have to be careful about health and safety and how we do it so we do not make the club liable. The generic risk assessment was sent out but again how far do we go. It may be that we have to add a disclaimer to our club rules. This would have to be done at the AGM in November. The areas that do need covering are the club as a whole, the safety boat and	ALL/KC will email RYA for advice KC emailed 22/09 for advice on health and safety https://authoring.rya.org.uk/club-centre-support/affiliates/legal-advice/health-safety ONGOING

<p>safety boat training. Please send website Mark found for further information. Karl has done the safety boat rota this year and has ensured that all helms are PB2 trained or are long term helms that were trained by the club. No unqualified person is allowed to helm. It was suggested that the RYA is contacted to see what cover we do need regarding the safety boat and other areas. This will be an ongoing topic and any valid contributions would be greatly received to ensure the safety of all in the club.</p>	
<p>Club Boat Maintenance: The oppies are looking in pretty good repair. Duncan changed all the rigging etc, and Vic helped to do the bow fenders. All the other club boats are ok.</p>	
<p>Club House Cleaning: During the regatta, the cleaners were supposed to turn up at 6 but were much later in cleaning the clubhouse. This meant there was a clash between the cleaners and sailors wanting to use the facilities. Cleaning mops are being left on the fire extinguishers, so Claire will ask them not to leave them there.</p>	<p>Ongoing/CF</p>
<p>Training/Improver sessions: Hugh will talk about this at the next meeting.</p>	<p>HB</p>
<p>General Maintenance: Paul is cracking on with the job list and has done an excellent job so far. The buzzer in the box needs charging (the solar panel needs leaving in the window in order to charge) .There is still a set of generator cupboard keys missing. It was decided that the generator cupboard should have a carbon monoxide monitor in there. Liam has agreed to fit one.</p>	<p>PJ/LG Ongoing</p>
<p>Open day: Open day next year needs to be on a day that does not clash with any high profile events, to maximise membership potential. Karl has completed the RYA census and we have 60 less members. This could be due to post Covid recovery. Terry suggested a scheme where we have a joint club membership – with other sailing clubs and maybe have a discount scheme. Terry will look into what clubs we should approach.</p>	<p>TC</p>
<p>Treasurers Report: Discussed content. Questions raised about the profit raised from the regatta not showing up in the asset total numbers yet? KP reviewed last 4 months and it shows some missing data – RC to review the data and work out what is missing – at present £9,200 gap in the data presented. KP shared data with RC for review.</p>	<p>RC/KP</p>
<p>Key Holder Rota: Karl has started a script that will be laminated for members to follow for unlocking and locking up.</p>	<p>KP</p>
<p>Social Media: All social media up to date. Martin keeps Insta up to date with photos of the day. Everything is updated at the same time. The public site on facebook now has 270 more followers. The main website needs tidying up – we will speak to Hugh about this.</p>	<p>Msi/HB</p>
<p>Electronic Payments: Karl and Mark will discuss how we can make payments to the club easier. This includes membership fees, regatta payments (including camping and mooring) and day events, so that everything is electronic and centralized.</p>	<p>KP/ML</p>
<p>Merchandise: Martin said we raised £110 from merchandise sales</p>	
<p>Newsletter: George has asked Jack to do an article on all the events he has attended. Sam will also do a report. The committee thought it would be a good idea for the juniors to do a report on the Wroxham Youth Regatta. Jack will chase up the juniors involved and get their reports. All contributions for the newsletter need to be sent to George by 8th October and it will be issued by the 15th. Notice of the club AGM will be issued along with last years AGM in this newsletter</p>	<p>GF/JS/KC KC emailed copy of minutes to GF 22/09/23</p>
<p>Co-ordinator in absence of Commodore:- The committee agreed that if George is not available then Kirsty would deal with anything arising.</p>	<p>KC ongoing</p>
<p>Solar Panels:- Liam has been in touch with various experts. Martin has</p>	<p>LG/MSi</p>

<p>applied for a grant of £2000 from his company to fund the solar panels. He is awaiting response. Liam said there are many systems on the market but if we get the funding £2000 would more than cover it. CCTV will also be fitted and run by the solar energy.</p>	
<p>AOB: Kirsty asked if she could claim for print cartridges. Committee agreed.</p> <p>Martin raised the subject of diversifying. He said that Coldham Hall sailing club are struggling to recruit new members. They have opened up their club to paddleboards and canoes and storage. Members are only allowed to launch on non-sailing days. Is this something we should look at considering the club is used mainly on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The committee decided to look at this in more detail at the next meeting.</p> <p>Duncan raised that the club needs a vision for the next 5 years – how the club should be run? And where do we want the club to go? This will need discussing at the AGM so all members can have a say in what they want to do.</p> <p>Terry brought up the state of the main river. The sailing area is getting worse i.e. the trees are hanging over the river, the reeds are encroaching in sailing areas, which means the sailing course is ever changing and often getting shorter. The Broads Authority is supposed to keep channels clear but this does not always happen. After discussion, it was decided that Terry will go out and sketch the race course area and the club can look at options to clear areas that are congested.</p>	<p>KC ordered and claimed for.</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL/AGM</p> <p>TC/ALL</p>

Date of next meeting Tuesday 17th October, 2023 @ 19.30

Meeting closed at 9.15pm