

Minutes of the ECSC General Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 7th February 2024

Attendees:

Graham Tracy (GT)
Paul Hippolite (PH)
John Barnes (JB)
Mike Harvey (MH)
Ray Hallett (RH)
John Urry (JU)
Tim Pressey (TP)

Richard Davis (RD)
Peter Ball (PB)
Graham Stone (GS)
Tony Cole (TC)
Peter Badham (PBm)

Apologies:

Dave Casson (DC)
Jon Knott (JK)

It should be noted that all actions assigned from previous meetings have been completed unless minuted again here. Where actions are carried over as incomplete, for whatever reason, the *Completed by* date/timescale should be marked with an asterix (*) to highlight the fact that the action remains incomplete from an earlier date. Please refer to minutes of earlier meetings if needed.

1) Apologies for absence: See above

2) Approval of the minutes of previous meeting

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
MH	PBm	All in favour	n/a	n/a

3) Matters arising from the previous Meeting:

a) GS: Review of new rules and bylaws (dinghies on pontoons, proportional payment of levy)

i) New rule 21.9: A member completing fewer than the required voluntary duty hours shall pay a levy for the hours they failed to complete. For example, if they complete 75% of their required duty hours, they will pay 25% of the full levy for the hours they failed to complete.

ii) Bylaw change in General section: 5) Tenders & dinghies are prohibited from mooring on the outside of the Hammerhead... It was felt that this should include a clause stating that dinghies should not be left unattended on any part of the hammerhead.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
PB	RH	New rule voted in favour unanimously and shall to	GS	Bylaws – by the meeting

taken to the AGM for approval; change in bylaw needs to be reworded. GS to reword bylaw and seek committee approval prior to immediate publication on website/email update to members.

Rule change circulated to members at least 1 week before AGM. Bylaw wording agreed before next meeting.

- b) PB: Bed levelling (need to find a person who can do it and a price or a way to do it ourselves). Still waiting for the harbourmaster to arrange a meeting but not responding to emails. GT has some bed-levelling contacts and will contact accordingly.

4) Correspondence

- a) By email/phone:

- i) Holt marine offers.

<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Vote/Action</u>	<u>Assigned to:</u>	<u>Complete by:</u>
n/a	n/a	Follow up to see what might be of interest to us	GS	Next meeting

- b) Post, etc.:

- i) None

5) Reports:

- a) Vice Commodore (House) Report (RD)

- i) The ongoing usage of the Central Store still needs consideration. RD to arrange a meeting. Suggest Thursday 15th at 19:00. South Store staircase being worked on and progress being made but more to be done. Wear blocks on pontoons almost completely replaced, more to be done. Painting of clubroom complete and all agreed results look great.

- b) Hon. Treasurers, Finance Report (DC)

- i) DC presented the monthly finance report by email prior to the meeting. He was unable to attend the meeting in person. This was briefly reviewed but no questions arising except a query about the payment of the Biffa bin.

- c) Rear Commodore Sailing Report (JB)

- i) Subcommittee meeting next week to include NoR, etc. Albert Cottage provisionally booked for Prize Giving for 2nd November.

- d) Rear Commodore Stores Report (JU)

- i) Mark Waddington hasn't renewed his membership. However, he wants to continue membership but be allowed a further 3 months to pay. The committee discussed this but did not accept his request and hence his membership has now lapsed (although he can apply to rejoin).

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PB	GS	Write/talk to him to explain our decision. This will include a request for him to remove his property from the club asap.	JU	Next meeting

- e) Rear Commodore Motor Boating & Fishing Report (MH)
 - i) No Cod caught during Cod competition. Rallies all booked (provisionally for 6 boats each). All future competitions and recent results now on the website.
- f) Rear Commodore Social Report (PBm)
 - i) Great coffee mornings recently. The most recent brought in £92.50 in 2 hours! Need better coffee machine as demand exceeds our ability to serve. The layout of the kitchen is not ideal for this. This needs to be considered. Getting a number on non-members involved and hence want to put an A-board outside the alley to show people where we are. The Central Store could be better used for social events – this too is being considered. The committee encouraged PB to come up with some plans to address this success! The Shanty events could also be expanded to involve other clubs/participants.
- g) Health & Safety Report (JK):
 - i) Risk assessment for work being done on South Store. No issues.

6) Resignations and New Members

- a) New members: Keith Potter – unanimously agreed.

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GS	PB	Write to Keith	GS	Next meeting

- b) Resignations: Robert Young, Denis Steel died.
- c) Members completing the first year probation: None.
- d) Interview rota for this month: GS, PBm, TP

7) Agenda Items

- a) PB: Denis Steel – TC to attend his funeral
- b) PB: Victoria Tavern – pub closing. Haden confirmed lease expires in May and renewed lease price too expensive. It's possible that they plan to redevelop the site into flats. It is possible that they believe they own the South Store as they suggested they may wish to turn it into parking spaces. We are progressing with the legal side of owning the building outright. PB and TC to follow this up with a solicitor.
- c) GS: Report from RYA Connected meeting. TBC next meeting.
- d) GS: Update on SCM – GS explained how much of the data from Webcollect and JU's spreadsheet had now been put into SCM but lots more to do. He offered to show SCM after the meeting.

8) AOB

- a) PB raised a number of points for general discussion and whilst fruitful no actioned arose. However, we are concerned about the lack of urgency with which our accountants turn around our year-end accounts. If they are too slow again this year, we may consider changing accountants. Rebecca was in discussions with the accountants about this.
- b) PBm asked the meeting about holding a boat-jumble (this would have to be planned to avoid the Northwood Park event). This idea gained some support from the meeting and should be considered further by the Social Subcommittee. More news to follow.
- c) PBm discuss a request for a fundraiser for a member who wishes to travel to Costa Rica. More news to follow too.
- d) It was also discussed about fitting a ladder to the hammerhead to aid getting out of the water in emergencies. We are looking into using one of two ladders we currently have to assess suitability. This will need to be discussed with RD (who had to leave the meeting prior to the end of the meeting for personal reasons).

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n/a	n/a	Ask RD to look into the feasibility of using one of our existing ladder for installation on the hammerhead	GS	Next meeting

- e) PB also encouraged the whole committee to actively try to recruit new members for next committee, especially the RC Stores and the Stores Team.

9) Next meeting: 6/3/24