



Wormit Boating Club

Minutes of Meeting of 2nd Jul 2018

Present

(Lisa Linton, Jack Mitchell RYA), Hamish Myles, David Webley, Dave Shields, Bob Blythe, Ellis Armstrong, Fraser Mulford, Andy Gillies, Elizabeth Downes, Danny Coe, John Karran.

Apologies

Becky Myles, Simon Little, Karen Karran, Harry Vincent.

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

1) The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Andy Gillies, seconded Ellis Armstrong.

Commodore's Report

1. HM has contacted Moir Gibson for the final details of the new Fife Council Harbour Dues and is awaiting a response. He has received a draft of the new dues detailing forthcoming costs for WBC. WBC currently receives 5.5% of the overall Fife Harbours budget for maintenance of our pier and associated grounds. A final costing report will be received in due course.
Action Hamish to continue contacting Moir for a response.
2. The committee met Lisa Linton and Jack Mitchell from RYA Scotland about WBCs development in 2018-19. The meeting offered a baseline snapshot as to where the club is regarding its forward development. An RYA Club Development pack-up plan is now available for WBC to use to move forward in order to regenerate club activities. WBC will also adopt a club development plan derived from Shoreham Sailing Club. This will provide a phased project plan for the regeneration of the club and its facilities in line with a club members SWOT survey provided by Simon little. Additionally, Harry Vincent has made level 1 refurbishment and level 2 redevelopment and alteration drawings offering the membership a choice of realistic options for the upgrade of club facilities to meet their needs.
Action Hamish, Simon, Andy Gillies and John Karran are to finalise the club development plan, consolidating the drawings, SWOT analysis and RYA plan into the WBC club development plan so that it can be presented to the membership for consideration / approval.
3. The renewal of the lease for the club grounds is 5 / 6 years away.
Action Hamish is to make contact with Mr Ross Spires and Moir Gibson to start renegotiation of the club lease.
4. There was a preliminary discussion about the pros and cons of WBC becoming a charitable trust, particularly with reference to comments by Moir Gibson of Fife Council about the club and who should have responsibility of maintaining the harbour.
Action Hamish is waiting to hear about the date of the next meeting with Fife council and harbour users.
5. It was discussed that the Half Yearly AGM be wound down due to it not adding value to the function of the club. The club constitution will require an amendment to delete the Half Yearly AGM from the yearly agenda.
Action Hamish to amend the constitution and propose the change at the AGM.

6. Cadet Week has proven to be a success in recent years and will be run again this year over the week 25th – 29th July. Coaching from Ancrum is being sourced to provide a 2 day RYA Level 2 Dinghy Certificate. Individual entry costs are estimated at £90 for the RYA course and if a coach isn't available then WBC will offer a similar non-certificate training event for £60. The fees will cover safety boat fuel and other event expenditures.
Action Hamish is to ascertain whether a coach is available (Andrew Best). If not put plan B into action.

Treasurer's Report

1. It has been decided to use the same insurance provider for the next 3 years as they offer a 10% discount on renewal with them. The insurance covers all cub assets at a renewal cost of £2600.
2. The illustrious position of Treasurer and Auditor are open to volunteers. Training and support will be given until you're up to speed. The club will not function without a treasurer so if anyone has a passion for adding up please feel free to volunteer.

Membership

1. Money now coming in from members. However, there are still many people to pay from all areas of the club.
2. Members are reminded that they must complete the application form in full including signing the bottom of the form thus allowing WBC to reply to them or not in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Sailing

1. The WBC Cadet Week is being planned for 25th – 29th July. See above.
2. The Open Regatta proved to be a success for those who took part. Excellent weather (better than Corfu) enabled 14 boats to take part in 6 races with 3 visitors from distant parts of the UK. 3rd place John Robertson (Solo), 2nd place Dave Shepherd (Laser) and of course 1st place went to the Commodore and his magnificent crew sailing the National 18. BBQ, refreshments and prizes followed.
3. RTYC open regatta was attended by Dave Webley and Fraser Mulford who put up a good fight on behalf of WBC.
4. The Sand Bank Cricket Match is being held on 15th July kicking off circa 09:30.
Action Dave Webley is to contact the membership to gauge the turn out and resources required.

Rowing

1. The development of the Skiff safety procedures for rowers is continuing to progress. This is an ongoing document that draws its content from the experiences of WBC and other clubs. The addition of "Cox Status" is now included in the safety procedures. This will enable those taking part in events to carry out an on-site dynamic risk assessment based on Cox / Crew experience against Weather / Sea conditions thus setting risk safety limits for different crew abilities.
2. Several events have taken place over the past month as follows;
 - Mugdrum Island Race with 7 skiffs, WBC taking 2nd and 3rd against tough all male Newburgh crew.
 - Newhaven event which was a row, sail, run crewed by 1 runner, 4 crew and a cox. The 1st runner was Fraser Mulford of WBC. Heavy seas were challenging for all crews and the racing reverted back to the harbour for safety.
 - The next event is to be St Andrews bay race.
3. The WBC Skiff "Flying Boat" incurred minor damage during a recent event. With such high cornering speeds now being achieved due to the Lavender Seat and consumption of Sherbert Fountains, the tiller snapped during a heavy weather beach landing. However, WBC crews overcame their Apollo 13 moment by dury rigging a steel pole to the rudder and attached steering ropes to the end of the

pole creating a back-up steering mechanism. Mission accomplished and a tiller repair to be carried out in due course.

4. It was reported that the pressure washer starter mechanism has failed. A discussion between Danny Coe and Andy Gillies took part to find a solution.

Action Andy to work with Danny to find a repair solution.

Dinghy Park

1. Weeds are now flourishing in the dinghy park. The dinghy park convener is planning a deforestation operation in key growth areas.

Action Simon Little to arrange a deforestation party. (no Agent Orange please)

Social/Fundraising/Publicity

1. All old stock has been disposed of, thanks to Danny for getting rid of all the beer.

Estates

1. The club requires an electrical safety check to be conducted.

Action Harry is requested to contact John Roberson to see if Ian Roberson will offer his services and carry out the check.

2. The club house facia is rotten in places and is in need of repair.

Action HV and JK to conduct repairs circa end July.

Secretary

1. Confined Regatta alcohol licence to be applied for.

Action JK to apply for the licence.

2. It was discussed that the CCTV should be activated to act as a deterrent and capture any malicious acts against the club or members property.

Action John Karran is to contact the Information Commissioner to apply for permission to activate the system.

Bosun

1. Most club boats are now being used. Mainly the Feva, Topper, Vision and Stratos.
2. Thanks are again offered to Dave Shepherd for the gift of his old Laser to the club. The Bosun has put a WBC sticker on it so it's definitely ours now.

Training

1. It was discussed that establishing WBC as an authorised facility to conduct RYA training would be useful for running outsourced RYA courses.

Action Hamish to liaise with Lisa Linton RYA for details on how to set this up.

Safety

1. Vigilant has been transported to a repair facility to get the bow fixed. The repair is taking longer than expected due to new leaks being exposed during pressure tests. **Action** Danny to monitor the situation and recover the boat as soon as available.

Keelboats

1. The yachts on their moorings are holding well. However, it has been observed that Edmund Faulks yacht mooring has suffered from chaffing. Additional rope strops have been attached as a back up to the original mooring which is worn through to the last cord. The yacht presents a potential hazard to itself and other water users.

Action John Karran is to contact Edmund to make him aware of the situation.

2. Those who have launched their yachts are enjoying the excellent weather. The post Open Regatta up river cruise conducted by Keel Boat Convers Dave and Bob showed that bilge keel yachts are ideally suited to estuary sailing on the East Coast. The bilge keel proved to be ideal for taking the ground at Naughton Bank which provided a secure overnight resting place to enjoy the panoramic views of the Tay Estuary and Danny Coe waving back to them. Future cruising plans include taking additional anti foul so that midnight maintenance can be added to the list entertainment activities. All in all a thoroughly enjoyable trip.

AOB

1. There will be a VHF training course on 22nd July
2. All kids taking part in cadet training should see Elizabeth Downes for child protection policy awareness.
3. Ewan Wilson is enjoying his school holidays by taking 9th in the Euro Cup in Keil. Next stop Poland then Texas.
4. It was discussed that putting the Fixtures list on the WBC Web Site front page may be useful.
Action Danny Coe to look into this.
5. Thanks were given to Lisa Linton and Jack Mitchell RYA for their support in steering the club forward.

Date for Next Meeting

Monday 6th Aug 2018 at 7.30pm