



Wormit Boating Club

Minutes of Meeting of 6th Aug 2018

Present

(Jack Mitchell RYA), Hamish Myles, Elizabeth Downes, Danny Coe, Simon Little, Karen Karran, Harry Vincent, John Karran.

Apologies

Becky Myles, David Webley, Dave Shields, Bob Blythe, Ellis Armstrong, Fraser Mulford, Andy Gillies.

Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

1) The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed Danny Coe, seconded Hamish Myles.

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.
The renewal of the lease for the club grounds is 5 / 6 years away. Contact Ross Spires and Moir Gibson.
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 to action the above in due course.
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. Development plan pre-launch meeting to be held on 27th Aug. Meeting with Jack Mitchel to be arranged once we have the structure of the plan to present.
3. 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.
4. AGM to be arranged for 19th October.
Action JK to contact Gus Maghee for previous AGM Minutes and create agenda to include relevant changes.
5. Cadet Week has proven to be a success. Thanks to Hamish, Elisabeth Downes and John Robertson for running the event and RYA Coaches Randal and Andrew for their expertise plus Danny for managing the Safety Boats. Feedback from some who enrolled in the week mentioned that the course was aimed below their level of knowledge. With this in mind it was proposed that next years event would be tailored to 2 days for beginners and 2 days race training to better fit experience levels. The results of the event delivered 5 Stage 1, 1 Stage 2 and 3 Stage 3 RYA Certificates. Future training events could also be held at Dundee Docks to make the training week more efficient / centralised. (Of course, Wormit is nicer, ed)

6. It was discussed to start running WBC brand training to sustain what has been learned on the back of the Cadet Week. Hamish is considering taking the RYA instructors' course as the standard from which to work from.
7. The WBC Confined Regatta is being held on 25th 26th Aug.
Action Hamish to highlight on Face Book.
8. Holly Clark from Fife Council Tourism and Events emailed to gauge interest in a River Tay Regatta. A doodle poll can be accessed below; <https://doodle.com/poll/ixp78giv44rgdq6c>
9. Ewan Wilson and Fin Armstrong are the UK 29er Champions. It was discussed that they be nominated for the Fife Council Sports Award.
Action Becky Myles is requested to contact Jenny Wilson to arrange the nomination.

Treasurer's Report

1. 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.
2. The club is fairly buoyant with regard to current account holdings. However depreciation of club assets such as boats has impacted on profit which shows the club being down on 2017 by £1437. This can be brought back into profit by those 20 or so members who are still yet to pay their membership fees.

Membership

1. Money now coming in from members. However, there are still many people to pay from all areas of the club totalling between £2000 - £2500.
Action Karen to chase members who are defaulting their membership fees.
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.
3. Those members who are yet to pay and are using WBC facilities are reminded that they are not insured by WBC as a member and are in breach of the WBC Constitution. This non payment of fees and relentless chasing of people not paying fees on time consumes many hours of wasted time and effort thus placing an unnecessary stress and burden on the Membership Secretary.
Action WBC Committee review the payment of memberships.

Sailing

1. The Sand Bank Cricket Match was held on 15th July and was well represented.

Rowing

1. The slipway cleaning equipment is back up and running. Thanks to those who made the repairs.
2. It is planned to hold a V&A Flotilla event taking in a tour of the bridges and Broughty Ferry on 15th Sept. There will be 4 or 5 Skiffs taking part.
3. One rowing member has not been able to take part in any rowing this year due to personal circumstances. It was decided to refund the member their club fees as this member won't be taking part for the balance of the year.
Action Elisabeth Downs to provide details of the member to the Treasurer for reimbursement of fees.
4. Rowing members are taking part in in the Principals Challenge which is a 65 mile row, bike run event raising money for Dundee University Mental Health.
5. The Saturday morning rowing taster sessions are proving successful. The recent events have attracted 5/6 new rowers to the sport.

Dinghy Park

1. It was discussed that the dinghy park and surrounds are littered with junk such as old trailers and other scrap items.
Action A plan is to be put into place to tidy and remove anything that isn't a serviceable boat or trailer.
2. Two keel boats were identified as being abandoned.
Action Simon to liaise with Karen to identify the owner of the boat and start proceedings for their removal.

Social/Fundraising/Publicity

1. Sport Scotland is holding an Open Door Week from 23rd to 30 Sept. It was proposed to hold free rowing and sailing taster sessions.

Action Hamish and Elisabeth to liaise on the matter.

Estates

1. The club requires an electrical safety check to be conducted.
Action Harry is requested to make arrangements for a commercial provider to conduct the check.
2. The club house fascia is rotten in places and is in need of repair.
Action HV and JK to conduct repairs circa mid Aug. Harry to contact Calum for access to scaffold.

Secretary

1. 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. Looking to get all the Fevas out one day and make good any problems that exist. Nobody uses the system of writing on the sheet on the board so I am unaware if there are any problems. People occasionally let me know of an issue verbally but if they could write it down or email me with the specific boat number and problem then I could fix it. My powers of telepathy are not what they used to be. All 6 people who took the VHF course passed with flying colours. Lowest mark in written exam was 23/25.
Action WBC committee to review the issue and use of club boats.

Training

1. It is planned to hold an instructor's development course in Sept / Oct. This course is designed for people wishing to be instructors.
Action Hamish to liaise with Jack Mitchell RYA for details on how to set this up and put feelers out to others who may wish to try out for instructor status.

Safety Boats

1. Fault diagnosis and subsequent maintenance and has been carried out on Patrol's cooling system. It was identified that the water pump casing was worn over time thus not pumping sufficient water around the engine. All water pump components have been replaced and Patrol is serviceable.
2. Vigilant is now leak free. The repair took longer than first expected due to additional leaks being identified. The additional leaks appeared to be due to the company who replaced the buoyancy tubes not fitting the tubes with sufficient material joint overlap to prevent a breakdown of the tube joints when pressurised. Total cost £800. Thanks and well done Danny.

Keelboats

1. N.T.R

AOB

1. Eddie Thompson has been conducting covert black ops style dinghy park tidying. Items of junk have been disappearing to the tip. Thanks Eddie.
2. All books stored in the club have been taken to the charity shop. Thanks Elisabeth.
3. WBC web site links to duties list etc are now on the top right hand side of the WBC Web Site. Thanks Danny.
4. Balance of reports to be submitted for the WBC Mainsheet, you know who you are.

Date for Next Meeting

Monday 3rd 2018 at **7.00pm** YES 7 PM cos Hamish says so, lets give it a try!