



**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Tuesday 5th December 2023 by video conference**

Present:

R Ball (RB); D Bard (DB); J Clarke (JCI); P Clayton (PC); R Collis (RSC); G Cross (GCr); J Cross (JCr); M Dowley (MD); L Garton (LG); R Good (RG); G Jackson (GJ); N James (NJ); E Kirby (LK); M Maloney (MM); J Nickalls (JN); S E Shenton (SES); B Spencer (BS); K Stubbs (KS); M Whitley (MW)

1. Apologies:

Jen Castle (JeCa); A Dowley (AD); M Turner (MT)

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 5th December 2023 Management Committee meeting were accepted as a true record. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by PC, seconded by MD and carried unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

Ongoing Actions:

- M3 Oct 2023 Discuss the best way of reporting clubhouse problems/fault with Martin Maloney. RSC
- M2 Nov 2023 Respond to LG re booking system hosting. RSC
- M1 Dec 2023 Find a member to coordinate the short, half day RIB courses. JeCa
- M2 Dec 2023 Look at SCM booking module. LG/SES
- M1 Jan 2024 Write an article for the newsletter about the new sewage treatment plant. MD
- M2 Jan 2024 Write an article about road safety in Stansgate Road for the newsletter. LK

Actions Closed Since the Management Committee Meeting of 5th December:

- M1 Nov 2023 Discuss 2024 SB20 events with Peter Ward. NJ
- M3 Dec 2023 Discuss providing hand washing facilities in the barbeque area with JCr. MD
- M4 Dec 2023 Send copy of draft sub-committee list to management committee. RB

4. Sailing

Sailing sub – cruiser fleet representation: Trevor Holder has been appointed Cruiser Fleet Captain, Mick Jones and Lana Clarke are Cruiser Racing Representatives. The cruiser fleet should now have more representation on the sailing sub. A cruiser WhatsApp group is under consideration.

2024 Sailing Calendar: The 2024 sailing calendar is now complete.

Post meeting note: There is a copy under Sailing on the MSC website and it will appear on Pages 4 to 10 of the 2024 yearbook.)

Sailing Instructions: The SIs are being updated to show the revised starting sequences.

Working party tasks: GCr has a Google spreadsheet on which tasks can be listed and volunteers requested.

Sailing Sub: NJ reported that there is wide representation, except for windsurfers, on the sailing sub.

Diving Club RIB: KS said that the Diving Club RIB will not be available for ECPR but will be available for Cadet Week.

5. RYA Training Centre

The next First Aid course is on Saturday 17th February. There are still some places available.

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6. Finance

Finance report: The summary budget report up to 8th January was sent to management committee members on 7th January.

Budget issues:

- New sewage treatment plant: The cost has come out at just under £100k.
- Mooring chain purchase: This has come out above budget but will be recouped when the chain is sold to cruiser members.
- Crown Estates moorings: The cost has been increased by a third to £4k following a CE review.
- MDC moorings: Most of MSC mooring fees are collected by MDC. Can an increase be expected?
- Contingency: For many years £25k has been carried forward to meet unavoidable expenditure before subs and fees are received in January. This is being increased to £35k.

Cruiser launching & recovery booking systems: This was discussed at the last board meeting and discussions are continuing.

LG will set up a trial. NJ suggested that RG and Trevor Holder should be included in any trials.

MW said that there should be an alternative for cruiser owners who were not comfortable with electronic systems. PC replied that telephone booking would still be available.

There is a booking module on SCM which might also be useful for booking other things such as social events.

7. Membership

Membership renewals; To date 191 renewals have been renewed (150 who pay + 41 who do not pay). This is similar to the situation this time last year.

Some members are changing from Family to Single membership. Possibly a sign of members looking to save money.

Resignations: 15 members have resigned. MT and SES reply to them all.

Reminders: After 31st January, reminder invoices will be sent out.

8. Health & Safety

Nothing to report at this meeting.

9. Safeguarding

A meeting of the Safeguarding and Welfare Sub-Committee is to be held on Wednesday 31st January. There will be a report at the next management committee meeting.

10. Clubhouse & Site

Reporting faults or problems in the clubhouse: An app is required for recording reports.

Clubhouse & Precincts Sub-Committee: This sub-committee will meet at Stansgate on Tuesday 16th January. A hybrid meeting using Zoom will be set up for those unable to travel to the club.

Issues to be discussed include:

- Replacement of hard blocks

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- Hard sweeping. (MW asked that sweepings from the hard are not placed on the beach at the east end of the hard as it makes the area slippery and many cruiser owners use that area to launch their tenders.)
- Deep clean of galley

Redecoration: GCr reported some damp on the stairwell which will need to be addressed.

The payphone, which is no longer used, can be recovered and the wall made good before painting the bar lobby.

Hard blocks: RSC is sourcing hard blocks.

Galley: New galley franchisees are Tracey and Nick Temme

It may be necessary for some money to be spent in the galley to ensure all equipment is up to standard. JCr and MD are to meet onsite to discuss.

Club dinghy park boundary: Now that the sewage works are complete it is necessary to redefine the edge of the dinghy park. Railway sleepers or a telegraph pole were suggested. The barrier needs to be high enough for the front of dinghies to be placed on it to allow boats to drain.

Barbeque hand wash facilities: The lack of hand washing facilities in the barbeque area was highlighted by the MDC EHO. JCr and MD have discussed and identified some inexpensive options.

11. Moorings & Equipment

Mooring plan: PC is working on the 2024 mooring plan. It should be possible to accommodate all cruiser owners requiring a mooring.

Large travel hoist: The large travel hoist has been stripped down and new bearings and wheels sourced.

Lifting equipment inspections: ESIS inspection of lifting equipment was carried out on Wednesday 13th December.

Electric winches: The west winch is out of service due to rain water ingress.

A new electric winch is nearing completion. The current west winch will be moved to the east end of the hard where a new base has been laid. The new winch will be installed at the west end of the hard.

12. Website & Publicity

MSC website: LG has installed the latest version of WordPress. The sailing calendar and events are now available on the website.

Newsletter: David Ball will continue to produce the newsletter this year.

Publicity: JCI will produce publicity for the coming season. Any requests for posters should be sent to JCI.

Solar panels: The output from the solar panels could be made visible on the website.

CCTV: The cameras aimed at the hard could be made available in the public domain.

Article on new sewage treatment plant: Members have done well to raise the money enabling the new plant to be in service before the season. MD will write an article for the newsletter.

M1 Jan 2024 Write an article for the newsletter about the new sewage treatment plant.

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13. Social

Dinner Dance – Saturday 3rd February: Wendy Allen has arranged the Dinner Dance at the Lion Inn, Boreham. 101 tickets have been sold. A DJ has been booked. A raffle will be held in aid of the RNLI.

RSC has agreed to deliver a speech and draw the raffle.

Social, Camping and Communications Sub-Committee: A meeting of this sub-committee will be held on Wednesday 17th January.

14. AOB

Road safety: There have been complaints from local people about vehicles turning in to Stansgate Road at speed and accelerating up the road.

M2 Jan 2024 Write an article about road safety in Stansgate Road for the newsletter. **LK**

RNLI sponsored row – Saturday 13th January: *Elettra* will take part in this popular event. There will be fancy dress and prizes.

ECPR: The 2024 ECPR committee will meet towards the end of January.

Awards: Jayne and Mandy have collected their glass bowls from the plant room and expressed their thanks.

Boat disposal: One wooden cruiser has been broken up. There is a purchaser for the Robber.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 21:25 hours.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 19:30. Venue: Online using Zoom.