



**MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 by video conference**

**Present:**

R Ball (RB); D Bard (DB); G Clark (GCI); J Clarke (JCI); P Clayton (PC); R Collis (RSC); A Dowley (AD); L Garton (LG); R Good (RG); N James (NJ); M Maloney (MM); J Nickalls (JN); S E Shenton (SES); B Spencer (BS); K Stubbs (KS); M Whitley (MW)

**1. Apologies:**

R Anderson (RA); Jen Castle (JeCa); John Castle (JoCa); G Cross (GCr); J Cross (JCr); M Dowley (MD); S Elwell (SE); G Jackson (GJ); E Kirby (LK); M Turner (MT)

**2. Previous Minutes**

The minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Management Committee meeting were accepted as a true record. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by JCI, seconded by RG and carried unanimously.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Ongoing Actions:**

<i>M3 Oct 2023 Discuss the best way of reporting clubhouse problems/fault with Martin Maloney.</i>	<i>RSC</i>
<i>M2 Nov 2023 Respond to LG re booking system hosting.</i>	<i>RSC</i>
<i>M1 Dec 2023 Find a member to coordinate the short, half day RIB courses.</i>	<i>JeCa</i>
<i>M2 Dec 2023 Look at SCM booking module.</i>	<i>LG/SES</i>

**Actions Closed Since the Management Committee Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January:**

<i>M1 Jan 2024 Write an article for the newsletter about the new sewage treatment plant.</i>	<i>MD</i>
<i>M2 Jan 2024 Write an article about road safety in Stansgate Road for the newsletter.</i>	<i>LK</i>

**4. Sailing**

**Sailing documentation:** The Dinghy, Catamaran & Windsurfer Code of Practice (MSCP02) and the Sailing Instructions for Club Racing (MSCP04) are being reviewed and updated.

The Sailing Information document (MSCP06) has been updated for 2024 and reissued.

**SB20s:** There is an international keelboat event in Portugal in April. The expense of taking part needs to be considered.

**SB20 sailing programme:** There are no SB20 events in the 2024 yearbook but if events are arranged, they could be included as an amendment to the 2024 sailing calendar on the MSC website.

**Race Officers:** Beth Spencer has completed the RO rota. RO training, to include the new start sequence, will be run by NJ and DB.

**Spring working parties:** Tasks will include apparently abandoned boats in the dinghy park.

**5. Rowing**

The next gig rowing event is at Maldon on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February with the first race planned to start at 11:45.

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## 6. Finance

**Finance report:** The summary budget report up to 6<sup>th</sup> February was sent to management committee members on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**Members loan notes:** The new sewage treatment plant cost just under £100k. This leaves £20k from the members loan note scheme which, with members' permission, could be used for another capital project. The alternative is to use the £20k to pay off some of the loan notes early. To be discussed.

## 7. Membership

**Membership renewals:** To date approximately 350 members have renewed (300 who pay + 41 who do not pay).

**Resignations:** 23 members have resigned.

**Reminders:** Reminder invoices will be sent out. Weekly reminders will be sent. 80 more responses are awaited.

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

**New members:** The following new membership applications have been accepted this month:

- Henry Stracey
- Christopher Fisher
- Paul Dearing

## 8. Health & Safety

Nothing to report at this meeting.

## 9. Clubhouse & Site

**Spring Working Parties – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March:** MM has produced a list of tasks for the spring working parties. Tasks include;

- Jet washing in ladies changing room
- Rubbing down and treating the veranda furniture
- Lifebuoy on the hard has been knocked down. To be replaced.

MM has bought materials.

Maureen Ball will provide refreshments.

**Water leak in clubhouse:** The leak has been repaired quickly and the water is back on. Thanks to Antony Bailey for fixing the plumbing.

**New sewerage treatment plant:** The ground surrounding the new treatment plant has been sloped and the grass seeded.

## 10. Moorings & Equipment

**Tony B:** BS proposed a vote of thanks to Peter Bell and Mick Richardson for their work on the *Tony B* engine and wiring.

**Cruiser documents:** Essential Information for Cruiser Owners (MSCP03) has been updated for 2024. Copies are available on the MSC website.

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**Mooring plan:** PC is working on finalising the 2024 mooring plan. LG will put the finished plan in the Members area on the MSC website.

**Electric winches:** The new electric winch will be ready in February. The current west winch will be moved to the east end of the hard. The new winch will be installed at the west end of the hard.

**Equipment:** RG reported that the dumpers and Teleporter have been serviced. The scrubbing trailer and small travel hoist are ready.

Work on the large travel hoist is progressing, parts have been procured.

**Lifting equipment inspections:** ESIS inspection of lifting equipment was carried out on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Reports have been received and recorded with some questions raised.

ESIS have been taken over by a company in Manchester and their office in Colchester closed. The future of routine inspections (required at 6 monthly and 12 monthly intervals depending on the equipment inspected) is under consideration.

## **11. Camping**

**Camping Fortnight 2024 application form:** LG is updating the form on the MSC website.

**Camping Fortnight fees:** The board will discuss Camping Fortnight fees and respond to GCI.

## **12. Community Liaison**

**Road safety:** Safety in Stansgate Road and the club road continues to cause concern. As with many country lanes, the speed limit in Stansgate Road is the national maximum for single carriageway roads of 60mph. MW offered to see what is needed to get the speed limit officially reduced.

**Water main replacement:** The water main in Stansgate Road is to be replaced between 5<sup>th</sup> February and the 24<sup>th</sup> April. Water main work will continue on the club road after 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Savills are the point of contact.

## **13. AOB**

**RYA Training Centre:** The next First Aid course is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

**Dinner Dance – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:** The Dinner Dance at the Lion Inn, Boreham was a success. Thanks to Wendy Allen for organising it. Wendy has agreed to arrange the 2025 Dinner Dance.

**Grass edging:** Now that the sewerage treatment works are complete railway sleepers will be used to make the boundary of the dinghy park. BS will measure what is required. RSC has a source of sleepers.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 20:40 hours.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 19:30. Venue: Online using Zoom.