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MINUTES OF THE CATTEWATER CRUISING CLUB
COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4th MAY 2016
AT THE BRIDGE, YACHT HAVEN, PLYMOUTH.

Present:

Nigel Vaughan-Smith	- Commodore
Val Ayres	- Vice Commodore
Alan Eves	- Rear Commodore Sail
Colin Ayres	- Honorary Secretary
Roger Coleman	- Honorary Treasurer
Pip Shell	- Membership Secretary
Lynne Shell	- Social Secretary
Alan Casey	- Club Webmaster
Bev Whitmill	- Committee Member
Kev Whitmill	- Committee Member
Celia Coleman	- Committee Member
Margaret Eves	- Committee Member

1. Apologies for Absence:

None. All Committee Members were present.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 20th January 2016.

The Minutes of the Officers and Committee Members Meeting held on 20th January 2016 were passed as a true record. However, a typing error was pointed out in line 10 of Item 5: "QHA website" should read "QHM website".

Proposed by Celia Coleman and seconded by Alan Casey.

At this point the Commodore welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Committee, especially those who were serving for the first time. He expressed the hope that, with himself as the Commodore, things should continue to function as well as they had over the last three years under the leadership of Celia, the past Commodore.

3 Matters arising from the Previous Minutes.

3.1 The Vice Commodore to request the PPSA Secretary to e mail correspondence and details of PPSA meetings to the CCC Honorary Secretary (Item 5 of the previous meeting refers).

This action had been completed.

Item closed.

3.2 The Honorary Treasurer to produce a budget for the 2017 - 2018 season based on an annual subscription of £15 (Item 7 of the previous minutes refers).

This action had been completed.

Item closed.

3.3 Rear Commodore Sail to draft a motion to be put before the AGM that the Club should take out insurance. (Item 7 of the previous minutes refers).

This action had been completed.

Item closed.

3.4 The Honorary Secretary to send out nomination forms to members. (Item 8 of the previous minutes refers).

This action had been completed.

Item closed.

3.5 The Club Webmaster to set up a "Buy and Sell" section on the CCC website. (Item 8 of the 2016 AGM minutes refers).

Alan reported that he was ready to publish "Buy and Sell" items under the Notices section of the website and once any relevant information arrived from Members he would put it on line.

Item ongoing.

3.6 The Honorary Treasurer to arrange insurance for the Club. (Item 14 of the previous minutes refers).

This action had been completed and details were included in the Treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes.

Item closed

4 Club Burgees.

Nigel reported that the price of burgees had been held at £10 each for the last few years and this meant that they were now being sold at a loss. The recent added expense of providing insurance for the Club meant that there was now a need to cover the burgee costs, and he proposed putting the price up to £15.

The Committee was unanimously in agreement.

Nigel reported that one of the Officer flags had been incorrectly printed and could not be issued so would have to be written off.

Pip reported that he held 2 Officer flags and 8 Club burgees.

Roger reported that he held 3 Club burgees.

Decision: The charge for Club burgees to be increased to £15.

Action: The Membership Forms and Club Website need amending to reflect the new charge for Club burgees

5 The Photographic Competition.

Nigel pointed out that he was happy to run the Photographic Competition for the coming year and it was agreed that the rules and format should remain unchanged. The subject of better lighting for the display of photographic entries at Kitley House was discussed and Lynne volunteered to look into the matter.

Decision: The Photographic Competition to continue for the 2016 – 2017 season

Action: Nigel to inform Members about the details of the Photographic Competition.

Action: Lynne to investigate means of providing better lighting for the display of photographic entries.

6 PPSA Cruising Update.

Nigel spoke about the discussion regarding Cruising which had taken place at the recent PPSA meeting which Paddy O'Connor attended on our Club's behalf. A copy of the minutes of that meeting had been forwarded to the CCC membership.

One item to come out of the PPSA meeting was that they were looking for a club or person to co-ordinate Cruising within the Port of Plymouth. No members of the CCC Committee were interested in taking on that role.

The PPSA had also raised the matter of setting up a Cruising Rally which the CCC Committee did not see as being of interest to our Club because our Cruising Programme was full.

Colin pointed out that the PPSA had a copy of the Club cruising programme. A general discussion regarding the PPSA took place and it was agreed that there would be no advantage in the CCC having closer ties with them over Cruising matters. The Committee was in agreement over its response to the points raised regarding Cruising at the PPSA meeting and it was agreed to sum up our position in a letter to them.

Decision: The Club should not accept a lead role on cruising matters within the PPSA.

Action: The Honorary Secretary to write to the PPSA informing them of the Club's response to the points raised at the PPSA meeting held on 4th April 2016

7. Rear Commodore Sail's Report.

Alan reported that 5 boats had signed up for Cruise 1 but it had been cancelled due to weather conditions; there had however been a very entertaining report, submitted by Pip Shell, of his adventures while sailing in the Sound on the day of the cancelled cruise.

4 boats had signed up for Cruise 2; it also had been cancelled due to the weather but the crews of the signed up boats had met up for a meal at the Mount Batten Pub. Sailing instructions for Cruises 3 and 4 had been issued.

8 Honorary Treasurer's Report.

Roger reported that prior to the meeting he had e mailed to the Committee Members: copies of his Treasurer's Report and Income and Expenditure Account, which detailed the Budget set for 2016 –2017 and the costs and income to date.

He pointed out that, due to the unforeseen cost of Insurance, the Income and Expenditure Account for this current year would go into deficit and that approximately £400 would be needed from Reserves to cover the loss. This loss would not extend into the 2017 – 2018 financial year because it would be covered by the raising of the Annual Subscription to £15, as agreed at the 2016 AGM.

Roger referred to the growing membership which would also have a beneficial affect on the budget.

9 Membership Secretary's Report .

Pip reported that there were 70 paid up members so far this season and that he had circulated their details by e mail.

10 Social Secretary's Report.

Lynne reported that she had made provisional bookings for both the Laying Up Supper at The Bridge and the Prize Giving Party at Kitley House.

The date for the Laying Up Supper was agreed as 12th November 2016.

The date for the Prize Giving Dinner was agreed as 28th January 2017.

She also reported that Kitley House Hotel had informed her that the prices for overnight accommodation would be unchanged from last year.

Action: Lynne to confirm the bookings for The Laying Up Supper and the Prize Giving Party.

11. Webmaster's Report

Alan reported that the website had been stable since the new year. When questioned about the possibility of setting up the site so that it would record the number of "hits", he stated that due to our hosting arrangements the Club received very good value and although the "hits" feature could be added it might push up the cost.

12 Update Diary of Future Events.

Thursday October 6 th 2016	Committee Members Meeting.
Saturday November 12 th 2016	Laying Up Supper.
Thursday January 12 th 2017	Committee Members Meeting.
Saturday January 28 th 2017	Prize Giving Party.
Saturday March 25 th 2017	AGM

Rear Commodore Sail suggested, and the Committee were in agreement, that there should be two extra events in the Club Diary for the coming year: a floating Picnic at Cawsands and a Beach BBQ at Jennycliff.

23rd July 2016

Floating Family Picnic at Cawsands.

6th August 2016

Beach BBQ at Jennycliff.

Action: Alan to send out to Members the details of the Floating Family Picnic and the Beach BBQ

13 **Any other business**

It was agreed that although Nigel was no longer Rear Commodore Sail he would continue to be responsible for: Trophies and engraving, circulation to Members of Notices to Mariners, Photographic Competition and the Where Are We competition.

It was also agreed that Margaret and Celia would organize the Monthly Socials.

The issue of getting more Members to take part in the Club Cruises was raised by Val, who, along with Bev, stated that they would try approaching Club Members on Yacht Haven Marina as a means of increasing the number of participants.

Roger raised the matter of impromptu BBQs and the ease with which Members can be informed by e mail.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8: 50 pm.

Colin Ayres,
Honorary Secretary,
Cattewater Cruising Club.

Attachments:
Treasurer's Report 4th May 2016
Income and Expenditure Account up to 30.04.16

