

St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on the 17th March 2016 at 1730.

Present:	M Stevens (MS) P Carter (PC) M Clarke (MC) P Donne Davis (PDD) C Gill (CG) K Hennelly (KH) W Simpson (WS) V Walker (VW)	Action
1. Apologies	N Wood (NW) & P Rose (PR)	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matters Arising	MS said that due to a bereavement he had not been able to refer matters from the last meeting to Mike Tait yet. Regarding the rubbish blown from the re-cycling bins, KH suggested we offer volunteers to help clear up the harbours. Elektra – PDD had written to the Harbourmaster, who had invited MS to meet with him. MS said they had an open & detailed discussion covering the background & related issues & he had concluded that there was nothing further the Association could do in this matter. He had advised Mr Rainbow accordingly.	MS
4. Chairman's Report	MS said Mike Tait had enquired of us & the yacht club as to who had training to use the crane on Sth Pier. Although he had been trained, he reiterated that the cost of strops, insurance etc meant it was not viable for the Association to be involved & no requests had been received from members. He also noted that the handle was left in place, so anyone could use it. PC said the Bonne Nuit Boat Owners managed their crane, but the situation was different for the out-lying harbours.	
5. Treasurer's Report	CG reported that the membership was 464, after deleting 2 cash payers, who had not renewed after two reminders. Some s/os had not been received for last year's new members & she suspected this was due to bank errors. WS said flyers had gone out with Sth Pier Marine's February a/cs, but CG said she had received no applications as yet. She advised that the bank balances were c/a £1,700 & d/a £6,380.	
6. Newsletter Timetable	WS suggested preparing the mailshot before the May meeting & the date was agreed as 19th May. CG offered an article from her husband & this was welcomed. WS asked for this & the Chairman's & Treasurer's reports to be sent to him by the April meeting. WS said there had been some missed communication with Tillyards concerning the printing last year. VW offered to take on the printing & MS thanked him for the offer. PDD felt that, since Len Stevens had retired, it unreasonable to ask Tillyards to continue & he suggested that WS convey our sincere thanks for their past services.	MS/CG WS
7. Any Other Business	MC reported fly-tipping by the fishermen's waste bin outside Rosden & also that there was no heating in the La Colette facilities. KH said that the last he heard there were issues with the contractors & the formal hand over had been delayed. MS said he would refer these matters to Mike Tait. PDD referred to a consultation on replacing the lights of the Demi & Gorey with LED lights, which he had circulated. The view was that the proposed reduced range from 12 miles to 8 miles should not be a problem, however KH suggested asking if the LED replacements would an improvement in poor visibility, stating that the existing Demi	MS

	light could penetrate fog. PDD agreed to submit an appropriate response to the consultation.	PDD
	VW said his boat had been lifted for some damage repairs in September. The work had been delayed due to problems with the insurance company & the contractor & He had been shocked by the sharp increase in the fee after the 3 rd month. He felt this was a poor service to local owners particularly during the winter, when the boat park was under used.	
	MS said the higher charge had been introduced to encourage owners doing winter work to complete it & vacate spaces for further lift-outs in the Spring. Nevertheless he felt the matter should be pursued & suggested a meeting with Myra & Mike Tait to see if some flexibility could be introduced.	MS
8. Next Meeting & Termination	The date of the next meeting was agreed as 21 st April & the following one as 19 th May, preceded by the mailshot at 1600. The meeting was closed at 1855.	