



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on the 20th April 2017 at 1730.

Present:	W Simpson (WS) P Carter (PC) M Clarke (MC) P Donne Davis (PDD) C Gill (CG) K Hennelly (KH) P Rose (PR) V Walker (VW)	Action
1. Apologies	N Wood (NW).	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matters Arising	<p>Rubbish – CG noted that the bin at the end of Sth Pier was full, with rubbish dumped around it. MC added that before the La Colette bins had been emptied yesterday, there had been a lot of overflow on the ground & he felt they were not cleared frequently enough.</p> <p>Exposed bolts on blocks – WS said he was not aware if repairs had been made, but KH said the underlying timber was rotten making it a bigger repair job.</p> <p>Dinghy Cull – WS thanked those who had assisted the Ports staff & 16 defaulting dinghies had been removed.</p> <p>New Tour Boat – It was noted that the boat had arrived. Formerly based in Poole, she had been renamed Jersey Duchess.</p> <p>Treasurer Succession – WS thanked CG for resolving the problems with the website email client & emailing members, seeking a volunteer.</p>	WS
4. Chairman's Report	Harbour planning meeting – WS said he had attended a meeting hosted by Phil Buckley, who introduced a UK consultant with the role of fact finding ideas for future improvements. It seemed that the objectives were to separate leisure from industrial use & to reinforce the Safety Exclusion Zone, which could impact La Colette marina. The consultants are due to submit a draft report by the end of Q2.	
5. Treasurer's Report	<p>CG reported that the Treasurer recruitment email had been sent to the 122 email addresses on the database. She asked PDD to replace her email address on the website.</p> <p>She had deleted those members who had not paid subscriptions, reducing the membership number to 449.</p> <p>She proposed that the £5 sub now be removed from application forms, with new members paying £10 from 1st December & this was agreed.</p>	PDD

6. Jersey Lifeboat Issue	The Committee was concerned at the situation, which left the Island with limitations to SAR cover as the season was starting & expressed the hope that good sense would prevail. With various rumours circulating, it was deemed sensible to await the outcome of the coxswain's appeal before considering whether any input on behalf of the Association might usefully help to resolve the situation.	
7. Newsletter	<p>WS expressed the hope that this year's newsletter would be the last one, as the email system enabled sending news & information to members in more timely fashion.</p> <p>He expected it to be shorter than usual & proposed envelope stuffing to be done immediately before the May meeting. KH suggested an article about the various new businesses around the harbours. VW kindly agreed to print the newsletter.</p>	WS/CG
8. Any Other Business	<p>NNQ fencing – MC noting that the new security fencing left a walkway to the end of NNQ, he suggested pushing for reinstatement of a holding pontoon for drying berth holders waiting for the tide. KH said this would be very worthwhile as space was limited on the pontoon in La Colette. He added that a boat moored to NNQ had rust damage from grinding on the new fencing & suggested that other owners should check their vessels & report any damage to the office for repairs.</p> <p>Power cables – VW reported that boats in the old harbours with liveboards were still dangerously running cables across the mud. PDD said Mike Tait was concerned about this & had disconnected one during the dinghy cull. KH said the outlets were fitted with trips, but he doubted whether they would operate fast enough to avoid an accident. PC suggested putting forward the idea of fitting 1 hour timers to the power posts.</p> <p>Elizabeth Parking – PR reported that a parking ticket had been issued with the wording 'You may wish to pay a fine of £50', suggesting that Ports may not have full powers. WS said he would discuss this with Mike Tait.</p> <p>New Boat – PR reported that a Pershing 62 was now on K pontoon.</p> <p>4/5 Berth – PR said a boat had been reported for overlapping the fenced area by some 3 foot.</p> <p>La Colette car park – PC reported that the barrier still had not been fitted.</p> <p>Boat Show – PDD reminded everyone of the upcoming Barclays Boat Show. WS said despite having notified Ports of his succession as Chairman, he had not received an invitation to the sponsors lunch & PDD agreed to remind them.</p> <p>L'Abri Farm Boat Park – PDD reported that he had received a letter from the States Greffe, advising that an appeal had been made. An inspector is to be appointed & we have the option of submitting further representations. It was agreed that there was nothing to add to our previous submission.</p>	<p>WS</p> <p>WS</p> <p>WS</p> <p>WS</p> <p>PDD</p>
9. Next Meeting & Termination	The date of the next meeting was agreed as 25 th May, preceded by newsletter mailing. The meeting was closed at 1845.	