



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on the 26th September 2019 at 1730.

Present:	<p>W Simpson (WS) P Carter (PC) P Donne Davis (PDD) G Gaudin (GG) K Hennelly (KH) M Peters (MP) N Wood (NW)</p>	Action
1. Apologies	P Rose (PR) and V Walker (VW). Absent: M Clarke (MC)	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matters Arising	<p>Dogs on pontoons – PC said that despite the new signs, several had been seen in La Colette marina.</p> <p>Dinghy cull – WS said he will offer our assistance to Simon Porritt (SP).</p> <p>Elizabeth Storm Gate – KH asked asked about progress. WS said it had been reported at the MDG meeting that the gate was not fit for purpose. A new gate was to be made in Sweden & would be fitted in calm weather next summer.</p>	WS
4. Chairman's Report	<p>WS reported on matters discussed at a recent MDG meeting:</p> <p>Albert pier pontoon – has been approved & will be fitted by Christmas. Fingers will be installed to accommodate boats from St Helier marina when works start, probably next autumn. Thereafter it will be available for charter boats. Vedettes are planned to use Elizabeth harbour to avoid the duplication of customs teams.</p> <p>Boat park – A consultants report has been received including a shed for hoist maintenance, but budget constraints apply.</p> <p>Seaplanes – Harbours have had no updates.</p> <p>Marine Leisure Manager – SP's permanent position is confirmed.</p> <p>Marina berths – Reported that there are currently no vacancies.</p> <p>Harbour fees – Increases of RPI +1% for the next 5 years have been agreed with CICRA, subject to conditions, yet to be finalised, that will be based upon complex considerations regarding Ports investment, forecast growth and profitability. It is expected that fees will be increased from 1st January 2020.</p> <p>Gin production in Sail Loft – Concerns about parking reported, as this will be marketed as a tourist attraction.</p>	

5. Treasurer's Report	<p>MP circulated draft accounts for the year. PDD asked about the subscription numbers & MP said they fell into 8 categories, including 39 still at old rate & 35 non payments. He said for those that had increased S/Os from £8 (old joint) to £10 without explanation, he had changed to single membership. WS undertook to send emails to those not applying the current rates.</p> <p>GG suggested seeking to hold the AGM in the Westwood Room so membership could be checked & said he would check the capacity of the room with the office.</p> <p>WS expressed appreciation for MP's efforts to manage subscriptions in what had been a difficult year.</p>	<p>WS</p> <p>GG</p>
6. AGM Planning & Policy for unchanged S/Os	<p>November 26th was proposed as 1st choice with the 19th as backup & PDD said he would apply to the Yacht Club. He added that he would negotiate the supply of a buffet with the caterers at a slightly higher price than the last two years.</p> <p>It was agreed that invitations be sent to SP & Bill Sadler.</p> <p>All those present agreed to stand for re-election, but NW suggested that meeting be held quarterly as there was little to consider at present. MP proposed bi-monthly pre season meetings, January, March & May, with additions should matters of urgency arise & this was agreed.</p> <p>PDD said he had a possible candidate to succeed as Independent Examiner & it was agreed that he seek the nomination. He added that throughout his term, Tim Scott Warren had prepared the final accounts from raw data submitted by the Treasurers. He felt this would be unduly onerous for any successor & volunteered to create a template of the accounts for the Treasurer to use.</p>	<p>PDD</p> <p>PDD</p> <p>PDD</p> <p>PDD</p>
7. Any Other Business	<p>Lightning Strike – GG reported that a yacht in St Helier marina had been struck by lightning on the 12th August, knocking out part of the pontoon's electrics & he complimented the marina staff for their swift action.</p> <p>HSBC Sanctions Questionnaire – PDD said he had received a questionnaire from the bank requiring information about any connections between signatories & countries subject to international sanctions & also any politicians, including local politicians. He clarified these matters with the other signatories to enable him to complete the questionnaire.</p> <p>PDD tabled details of the RYA AGM to be held in London on November 22nd, no-one was available to attend.</p>	<p>PDD</p>
8. Next Meeting & Termination	<p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as 26th November at 1830, before the AGM. The meeting was closed at 1845.</p>	