



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a

Committee

Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club
on the 1st October 2020 at 17.30.

Present:	<p>W Simpson (WS) N Wood (NW) M Peters (MP) C Gill (CG) M Clarke (MC) K Hennelly (KH) P Rose (PR) V Walker (VW)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">In Attendance: Mike Capraro (MC) Andrew Scott-Miller (ASM)</p>	Action
1. Apologies	Phil Carter. George Gaudin	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the last meeting were approved & signed.	
3. Matter Arising	<p>WS welcomed CG on her return to the committee and thanked her for assuming the role of Hon. Secretary. He also introduced MC and ASM who were attending the meeting with a possible view to joining or assisting the committee in the future.</p> <p>WS said that he had asked Peter Donne Davis what he would like as a gift in recognition of his long service. His choice was a picture of St Helier Harbour, which WS had researched and found a suitable photograph of the harbour in the 1930s, which he was going to have framed. He also reported that PDD was pleased to have been offered Life Membership of the Association.</p>	
4. Chairman's Report	<p>Harbour Proposals by PoJ.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that he and NW had recently met with the Harbour Master to discuss the proposals (recently publicised in the media) for reworking the harbours, and improvements to the facilities. He felt that, with the proposed upgrade at the Airport possibly suspended for the time being, there was an impetus to carry out work at the ports instead. Discussion revolved around some of the ideas being put forward, none of which are certain at this stage. NW noted that by moving some of the larger boats out of the marinas, onto pontoons on the Albert Pier, space could be freed up for smaller boats in the marinas.</p> <p>KH commented that the Town Marina is badly in need of dredging.</p> <p>Old Harbour – Maintenance & provision of ladders.</p> <p>WS had also had a meeting with Simon Porritt (SP) regarding the</p>	

	<p>ladders in French Harbour and on South Pier which need replacement. He passed around a map drawn by KH showing the position of the ladders in question. It transpired that the engineering department had acted in isolation when moving various ladders, and that one result was no ladder near the South Pier water tap. Either the tap needed to move or the ladder to be reinstated. It was pointed out that the ladders are needed, even if it is the view at PoJ that a ladder could be a ‘Health & Safety’ risk. WS would canvass the views of members by email</p> <p>MC reported that the concrete blocks adjacent to the South Pier drying berth have now been removed.</p> <p>Berth allocations and other systems.</p> <p>The question of berth allocations was again brought up, and the fact that the Marinas’ booking system did not always seem to operate satisfactorily. It was pointed out that there is a berth in La Collette that has been unused for 3 years but is being paid for nevertheless by the ‘owner’, whilst there are many people on the waiting list. MC noted that the Terms & Conditions are clear, that the window for retaining an empty berth is 12 months.</p> <p>WS said he has previously suggested to SP and his predecessor that there should be a written policy for berth allocations, but without success</p> <p>Traffic Lights in Elizabeth Marina.</p> <p>SP was looking into the suggestion that lights be shown at various points to avoid boats hanging around the entrance.</p> <p>Marina Office.</p> <p>WS said that SP does not know when the office will open again as this is a matter for Board decision at PoJ.</p>	WS
5. Treasurer’s Report	<p>MP reported that there was no change since the last meeting in the membership: total membership of 364, of whom 238 are fully paid up, 40 have paid at an outdated rate, 76 were unpaid and 10 members had paid despite their previous resignation from the Association.</p> <p>MP noted that CIAS appeared not to have received their cheque, sent in January, and it would be necessary to issue another one.</p> <p>MP wondered if it was still appropriate and necessary to charge members a subscription, as there are not any significant expenses other than the usual AGM buffet, and donations to the rescue services, which could perhaps be funded by voluntary donations instead. However, there are some administrative expenses (membership of the RYA, GDPR, and the website hosting costs). If all correspondence was carried out by email there would be no post or printing costs and things would be greatly simplified and save a lot of time chasing up subscriptions.</p> <p>VW proposed that a separate meeting is needed to discuss the ramifications. CG said she would circulate the Constitution to Committee members.</p>	MP CG

	<p>The IT systems and regulatory issues (e.g. GDPR) also need addressing. Phil Carter was proposed, in his absence, to be the most qualified person to do this on an interim basis.</p> <p>AMS said that he had previously worked on membership systems in other organisations and would investigate possibilities and report back to the committee.</p>	PC / AMS
6. AGM Planning	<p>WS said that he would email the membership to canvass views on the AGM format and to gauge how many members might attend in person if a meeting were convened in the usual way. The possibility of organising a webinar instead was mentioned again.</p> <p>It was agreed that having a buffet was not feasible due to current restrictions, although possibly a glass of wine or beer could be offered after the meeting.</p> <p>Meanwhile, CG would check with Chris Parlett that the date of 24th November was confirmed in the SHYC's diary.</p>	WS CG
7. Any Other Business	<p>VW wondered if the “rusting tug” was going to stay against the wall in English Harbour for much longer – it has been there for years. It was pointed out that the Terms & Conditions for a mooring state that a vessel should be seaworthy, which the tug clearly was not. MC said that she was in a place regarded as a “working berth” so maybe it did not apply.</p> <p>CG informed the meeting that she had received an email, via the website, from a non-member, Ian Spriggs, who is concerned about the state of chains, ropes, seaweed, in Old Harbour, where he has recently taken up a mooring in row F. He wondered if SHBOA is likely to do anything about it and might join up if we did! She had replied to him.</p> <p>CG asked if she could have an email address using the shboa. domain.</p> <p>WS said he would set one up.</p>	WS
8. Next Meeting & Termination	<p>The meeting closed at 1900 hrs. The date of the next meeting was proposed as Thursday 12th November 2020 at 1730 hours, specifically to discuss membership and subscriptions.</p>	CG