



St Helier Boat Owners Association

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held virtually on Zoom
on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 1730 hours

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| Present: | W Simpson (WS) N Wood (NW) G Gaudin (GG) P Rose (PR) M Capraro (MCa) In attendance: - | David Wood (DW) C Gill (CG) K Hennelly (KH) P Carter (PC) M Peters (MP) | |
| 1. Apologies | M Clarke, (MCl) V Walker (VW) | | |
| 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting | The Chairman noted that the Minutes of the meeting on 24 th November 2020 had been amended slightly after the first draft had been approved to accurately reflect the fact that MP had resigned as Treasurer/Membership Secretary, his role being taken over by David Wood, co-opted until such time as an AGM ratifies the changes. The Minutes were approved. | | |
| 3. Matters Arising. | <p><u>Dinghy cull</u>: The Chairman had spoken to Simon Porritt about a dinghy cull but did not think any action was likely in the near future. The pontoon at La Folie (English Harbour side) had been removed and was being made deeper so that dinghies do not get jammed underneath at low tide.</p> <p>It was noted also that there was no action on Berthing Policy, the Harbour Master Plan or the alterations to the Albert Quay pontoons to accommodate more vessels.</p> <p><u>Accounts 2020</u>. WS reported that he had amended our balance sheet to reflect the fact that a previous donation to CIAS had not been banked by the year end.</p> | | |
| 4. Chairman's Report | <p><u>Harbour maintenance</u>: WS noted that several aspects of harbour maintenance had not advanced in the current covid environment, viz: St Helier Marina refurbishment and the Elizabeth Marina traffic lights. NW observed that the traffic lights should be a local engineering job without a need to go outside the Island. DW noted that, at night, a number of the pontoon lights at Elizabeth Marina were not working. The Marina Office remains closed.</p> <p><u>AGM</u>. The Chairman wondered, assuming ongoing restrictions on meetings, if we should consider holding a virtual AGM, as today's meeting seemed to have been a success. GG commented that the Westerly Association is planning to hold their AGM on-line, they have 3,000 members. DW observed that it would be unlikely all members would have access, as we are still lacking email addresses and phone numbers for some of them. However, members might be canvassed for their reaction. It was noted that, the AGM having been deferred "until a future date can be arranged", there is no apparent urgency to undertake to arrange a meeting under current circumstances.</p> | | |
| 5. Treasurer's Report | DW said that he had taken over responsibility for the Treasurer/Membership Secretary role, but that MP is still helping him with the hand-over and they expect to complete in the next few weeks. He had reconfigured the membership | | DW/MP |

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| | <p>data and it was now uploaded to the platform “membermojo” that we will be using. He gave a brief demonstration of the software and explained that it will be easy to access from the current website, allowing members to join, update their details, pay their sub, etc. and it would then also reconcile subscriptions with the bank account. In due course he expected to add PayPal as a payment option and possibly a direct debit facility. As Membership Secretary he had also set up an email address: membership@sthboa.co.uk</p> <p>The question arose as to who would now manage the website, which used to be looked after by Peter Donne Davis. NW volunteered to do so, and WS said he would get the necessary login details from PDD.</p> | WS/NW |
| 6. Responsibility for GDPR | <p>CG informed the meeting that GDPR was also formally managed by PDD, and that registration for the current year is due by the end of January. There are two letters that need to be sent out to new members – one for all members, and another for Committee members. She said she would continue with the Committee responsibility and suggested that DW take over the rest of GDPR management as he ultimately is the person holding the membership data. This was agreed, CG to send the relevant information to DW, given to her when PDD handed over the Hon. Secretaryship.</p> | CG/DW |
| 7. “Boatyard Sale” | <p>MCa informed the meeting that he and WS had been talking to Simon Porritt about the project. He mentioned that WS had spoken to the Harbourmaster, who would issue the permit if the event is held on PoJ land, and who had given his tacit support. There were a number of things to be considered, apart from waiting until it becomes permissible again to hold a public gathering. He asked if anyone on the Committee had any practical experience of arranging such an event and of liability insurance. NW suggested he and Matt Clarke poll members on Facebook to determine their interest in purchasing a “slot”; the money raised would go to our charities. PR suggested that an agreed percentage of participants’ takings also be donated to charities.</p> <p>It was agreed that early spring would be an ideal time but to delay detailed planning, and any polling, until we have a better idea of what restrictions might be in place.</p> <p>In the meantime MCa would continue to make enquiries.</p> | NW/MCI MCa |
| 8. Any Other Business | <p><u>VAT status of boats</u> after Brexit. WS noted that the position of Jersey based boats on which VAT had been paid in UK and in Europe was still unclear post Brexit, and needed to be kept under review</p> <p>NW noted that it is far from clear what procedures would apply in practice to local boats visiting France in the future, as it seemed likely that things would be more complex than had been the case pre-Brexit. Once there was clarity on this, he suggested that the Association should publish an article to advise members.</p> <p>Parking at Elizabeth Marina: Harbours now have the authority to monitor who is using the parking places and to issue penalties as necessary.</p> <p>Passport l’Escale. PR noted that we had not been able to use French facilities during 2020 but that the subscription (£20) for those on the scheme had still been taken for 2021 but no concession had been made to recognise un-used visits in 2020. He was questioning why any unused balance could not be put forward to this season.</p> | |
| 9.Date of Next Meeting | <p>The meeting closed at 1840 hours. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th March 2021 at 1730 hours, probably by Zoom.</p> | |

