



# St Helier Boat Owners Association

## Minutes of a Committee Meeting held virtually on Zoom on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 1730 hours

Present:	Will Simpson (WS) Nick Wood (NW) George Gaudin (GG) Peter Rose (PR)	David Wood (DW) Christine Gill (CG) Kevin Hennelly (KH) Mike Capraro (MC)	
1. Apologies	Phil Carter		
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved.		
3. Matters Arising.	<p><u>Dinghy pontoon.</u> The Chairman had nothing new to report about the dinghy pontoon although Simon Porritt had welcomed his observations about the 'skirt' not being deep enough.</p> <p><u>Elizabeth Marina Gates.</u> NW reported that his understanding is that work is due to start in late March/early April. From 7-9 April the Marina will be closed while the gates are lifted out, and from 10-16 April there would be limited opening whilst divers are working. PR proposed that members be updated, to which the Chairman agreed, and wondered if the fuelling berth will be accessible. NW replied that it should be and suggested speaking to Simon Porritt if anyone wants to move elsewhere during those dates.</p> <p><u>AGM.</u> PR reported that he had 'attended' the AGM of the RCIYC held via Zoom, with 160 members linked in, and which had proceeded very successfully; perhaps we should do the same. This item to be carried forward to the next meeting.</p> <p>NW thought we might need to change the Constitution to hold a meeting electronically, as was being proposed by St HYC in the current revision of their constitution.</p>		WS
4. Chairman's Report	The Chairman noted that he had nothing additional to report than had been covered in 'Matters Arising', or would be discussed in later agenda items.		
5. Treasurer's Report	<p><u>Bank Account.</u> DW reported that the transfer from Mark Peters to himself was progressing, there had been a slight glitch when HSBC gave out the wrong mandate forms, however this had now been resolved. Signatories to the account are himself, NW and CG. This was approved by the Meeting. As soon as the new mandates have been processed, and he is then able to set up on-line banking, he will be able to finalise the accounts for 2020. All other documentation has now been received from the previous Treasurer.</p> <p><u>GDPR.</u> Registration with the OIC has been completed and the Treasurer is now the nominated person with responsibility for Data Protection.</p>		
6. New Systems Update	DW reported that the new system for paying subscriptions was now live and working well, with payment via on-line banking or via PayPal. He has investigated the possibility of payment by direct debit and has a proposal for consideration from a supplier of a DDR facility which would cost £500 setup plus an annual processing fee. We currently have 299 members, with 19 pending		

	<p>payment of their sub. He had sent out 94 letters to members for whom we have either no email address or the address has lapsed, has received replies from a number of them, and is still chasing them up.</p> <p><u>Newsletters.</u> Those without emails have not been receiving Newsletters. CG suggested reinstating the use of the ‘box’ at St HYC, which is outside the office, and into which we used to put Application Forms and copies of the Newsletter.</p> <p><u>Website.</u> NW reported that he has been examining the current website with a view to updating some aspects of it and introducing a section on the benefits of joining the Association. It was agreed that this needs doing and it was suggested that a ‘techie’ discussion be held to go through some of the above issues.</p>	CG  NW
7. “Boat Jumble Sale”	MC reported that he had a comprehensive list of things to be considered in order to hold a Sale, including the issue of indemnity insurance. However he did not feel it appropriate at this stage to canvass the views of members, until we know what Government regulations will be in place with regard to holding public events. It was agreed that we should wait until we have greater clarity before asking members if they would be likely to support such an event. This item to be carried forward to the next meeting.	
8. Immigration – trips to France.	The Chairman said that there is nothing further to report at this stage on the passport situation when making trips to France.	
9. Any Other Business	<p><u>Marina Services.</u> GG commented that he was disappointed with services from the Marina Office at the present time. There has been no update on whether Passport l’Escale unused visits in 2020 can be used in 2021; there were no tide tables published this year, and the Office is closed. A member had raised with him the matter of a catamaran “Mary Brown” which is moored on C7, apparently with no means of propulsion, and questioned whether marina staff were aware that it was being lived on. WS said he would talk to SP.</p> <p>PR wondered when the new pontoons would be installed at No. 5 Berth. NW thought it was planned for the same time as the barge was here working on the Marina Gate, i.e. from late March. However, no detailed plans are forthcoming for the Albert Pier once the old offices have been removed.</p> <p><u>Fuel.</u> KH said from September the fuel would contain 10% ethanol, compared to 5% at present, and warned that this attracts moisture into the fuel and is less efficient.</p> <p><u>Membership Numbers.</u> MC speculated that we should try to increase the membership, considering there are 1500 boats registered as moored in St Helier Harbour. WS said that the new procedures and updated website should help; NW observed that the Facebook site receives up to 536 likes, some of which should be convertible into membership. It was suggested that this be discussed at the next meeting, and perhaps assigned to a Committee member to take forward.</p> <p><u>Mooring Buoys.</u> PR suggested that PoJ be approached with a view to laying some mooring buoys (Belcroute, Gorey, Bouley Bay.....) given that another year of local boating will mean a lot more people visiting the bays and outlying harbours. WS said he would raise the idea with the Harbour Master.</p>	WS         WS
10. Date of Next Meeting	The meeting closed at 1900 hours. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 1730 hours.	