

CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 05/11/2016

The General Committee, chaired by Commodore Robin Hamilton, dealt with the following business:

- Agreed that subscriptions for 2017 would remain the same as for 2016 but the “younger member” discount would now be available for those aged up to 40 rather than 35.
- Agreed to create a Board Sub Committee (BSC) that would take on the more day-to-day decisions, thereby allowing the General Committee to concentrate on strategic matters and significant expenditure. Governance responsibility will remain with the General Committee. The composition of the BSC was agreed as the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and Rear Commodore (House).
- Noted that our financial position continues to improve and that it is likely that we shall be able to increase capital expenditure in 2017; there are a number of significant areas that will need to be addressed shortly, e.g. kitchen floor, dinghy park and beach front. Agreed to create a maintenance plan covering the next 5 years so that expenditure can be properly scheduled.
- Called for a comprehensive proposal for re-design and refurbishment of the Bar/Restaurant area.
- Agreed £3000 expenditure on replacement dinghy racks and to investigate a Sport England grant for an additional safety boat.
- Noted that the Premier Marina winter trial offer had so far produced 88 trial members and discussed ways to ensure that as many as possible take up full membership next year.
- Recognised the success of Open Days in attracting new members and the importance of ensuring these are supported by staff and members.
- Noted the 33% increase in external events revenue and the significant contribution these now make to Club finances; discussed ways to attract new midweek bookings that would not interfere with members’ enjoyment of Club facilities.
- Noted that the Club had received a letter of thanks from the Commodore’s nominated charity, Chestnut Tree House, for the £1300 raised through Club activities.
- Agreed to devote a full day to the next meeting so that a clear strategy and business plan can be put in place for the next few years, including the budget for 2017.

The next General Committee meeting is on 10 December at 10:00.

David Pearce
Hon. Secretary