

CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 29/09/2018

The General Committee, chaired by Commodore Tony Mobbs, dealt with the following business:

- Noted that instructions had been issued to the Kitchen not to refuse food orders at busy times but to advise the likely waiting time; also there are revised arrangements for larger rally parties to avoid busy times.
- Noted that a new member had voluntarily resigned to avoid expulsion proceedings for unacceptable behaviour and asked the Board Sub Committee (BSC) to review the current admissions procedure.
- Received a report of an incident of severe allergic reaction to food served during an external event which resulted in a hospital visit; revised arrangements have been put in place in the Kitchen to avoid any repetition and the authorities are satisfied with our procedures; after consultation with our insurers, a letter of apology has been sent to the person concerned and no adverse comment has been received or seen on social media.
- Agreed that the Club may pursue further collaboration with Dell Quay Sailing Club in the organisation of dinghy racing events.
- Agreed the draft accounts for 2017, which will now be filed at Companies House.
- Considered and agreed the actions which should be taken to deal with various points raised by the auditors.
- Asked the BSC to consider, given the size of some tasks which have traditionally been dealt with by volunteer members, whether the Club should employ further staff to assist.
- Agreed that opening hours for the Restaurant and Bar in January and February should be revised next year, closing at 19:30 on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (last orders 18:30).
- Agreed that members who suspected that any visitors or guests were not in compliance with the Members' Rules (e.g. not yachtsmen visiting by sea or guests not signed in) should be encouraged to report the contravention to the Bar Manager so that action can be taken.
- Noted that there is a full complement of nominations for the 2019 General Committee, discussed potential conflicts of interest and agreed trophy recipients for the AGM.
- Received an update on the pontoon replacement project and noted that approval needs to be sought from the Marine Management Organisation as well as the Harbour Conservancy.
- Noted that we now have 1,016 memberships, thereby surpassing our target for 2018 and that we are now also ahead of target for external events revenue.
- Noted that new boilers have now been installed which should provide a continuous supply of hot water to the showers.
- Noted that single-use plastics have now been eliminated from the Bar and largely from the rest of the Club; there are two areas where we either have no control (restaurant suppliers) or where significant progress is being made (bottled water in the Sloop Tea Bar).
- Heard that the returns of the survey on Club socials were now being analysed.
- The Commodore thanked Philip Brown for his attention to house matters during the year and also the two retiring Rear Commodores (Mark Green and David Roberts) for their work in leading their sections over the past two years.

The next General Committee meeting is on 3 November 2018 at 10:00.

David Pearce
Hon. Secretary