



Chichester Yacht Club

CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 15/12/2018

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

- Agreed to make two maximum mortgage prepayments at a discount in December and January and then to pay off the remaining amount in the early part of the New Year.
- Noted the content of three RYA webinars concerning the future of sailing clubs and agreed to pass the issue to the Membership Committee for further consideration.
- Agreed to write to Gillian Keegan MP to voice our concern about the apparent demise of Project Kraken, the anti-marine crime initiative.
- Agreed an amended list of Honorary Members of the Club for 2019.
- Agreed that, with membership subscriptions static, likely higher inflation and probable additions to staff, we should plan for a lower surplus in 2019; the full draft budget for 2019 will be presented at the January meeting.
- Agreed to pursue proposals for an additional, more sophisticated conservatory extension. Expenditure was approved subject to planning consent and background assurances from the supplier, and given that the waterfront project was unlikely to require significant funding during the next 12 months.
- Discussed strategy for managing a membership waiting list should it be considered necessary to introduce one.
- Agreed that we should apply to become a RYA Joining Point.
- Noted that a "silver sailors" lunch event for senior members, organised by the Motor Section, had been successful and it is intended to continue with these.
- Approved a raft of revised Club Policies and two new policies on equality and procurement.
- Heard that the bridgeheads project had now expanded to cover the whole waterfront and that this needed to be scoped out; no expenditure will be agreed until there is a clear project plan with milestones and, in any event, no major expenditure is expected to be required in 2019.
- Noted that we have 1020 memberships prior to the January renewals round.
- Discussed whether a limit should be imposed on the number of guests signed in by a member on a single occasion; no conclusion was reached and it was agreed to look at some historical data and remit the matter to the Board Sub Committee for consideration.

The next General Committee meeting is on 19 January 2019 at 10:00.

David Pearce
Hon. Secretary