

CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 12/04/2019

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

- Welcomed that funding is now reported by Hampshire Police to be in place for continuation of Project Kraken in 2019.
- We have advertised an Office post for a full-time accounts manager.
- Information has gone to the Membership Committee with a request to draft a Volunteers' Charter.
- Noted an updated Business Risks Register that is kept under review by the Board Sub Committee.
- Discussed requirement by Portsmouth Queen's Harbour Master for notification of gatherings of vessels that might impact on the safety of vessels navigating the area; this could affect some of our activities, especially as Southampton Harbour Master has a similar requirement. Further clarification would be helpful.
- Considered the proposed RYA Questionnaire of Clubs 2019 and agreed to take part.
- Welcomed the improved website response times following migration to a different platform.
- Noted that, while trading figures for Jan/Feb did not look good on paper, proper calendarisation would show realistic target figures for comparison; agreed to keep a close eye for the next couple of months until a new accounts manager is in place.
- The Club currently has 971 memberships with more expected through forthcoming open days; there was good attendance and participation at the New Members' event the previous Friday. Noted that a third of our members are aged 70 or more.
- Rowing is a fast-developing sport which is being adopted by a number of clubs and we agreed to hold introductory sessions with partners and consider further participation.
- Agreed revised Dinghy Park rules to complete the updated Members' Rules and Standard Indemnity document; these will be posted for 14 days, as required by the Club Rules, before coming into effect.
- Agreed to formally launch the new mobile app for Motor Section cruise bookings.
- Heard that the Club requires more volunteer adult coaches. We are about to appoint a paid Club Coach.
- The pre-planning application exercise for the new conservatory has been very successful and we are optimistic about gaining approval from Chichester DC.
- Received an informal progress report on the Waterfront Project and congratulated the "saga louts" on their work over the winter; welcomed the creation of a "conservation area" in the corner of the Dinghy Park to stop erosion and hopefully prevent further unauthorised access to our launching facilities.

The next General Committee meeting is on 24 May 2019 at 20:00.

David Pearce
Hon. Secretary