

CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 28/09/2019

The General Committee, chaired by Commodore Tony Mobbs, met on Saturday 28 September and dealt with the following business:

- Investigation into the provision of a webcam looking out over the harbour is promising and it was agreed to pursue this proposal further.
- A further proposal to change the Club Rules was agreed, in order to extend the deadline for nominations to the GC in future years.
- After consideration of the financial effects on the Club, it was decided not to extend Family Membership to include grandparents.
- The Commodore had attended each of the Section AGMs to give a presentation on the proposed changes to the Club Rules in respect of future governance of the Club and was pleased to report that these had not caused any undue concern.
- The RYS Club Satisfaction Survey result had just been received and we scored slightly above average overall with most key issues being positive; however there are a number of areas to be looked at in more detail and we will plan to address these.
- The Commodore and General Manager had met the manager of the Premier marina who confirmed that the north car park will remain open during the winter/spring lock closure.
- Premier's intention to surface the shingle car park adjacent to the Club car park is a concern due to the flooding risk and a plan to introduce pay-and-display charging; the GC will create a strategy to campaign on behalf of the Club and its members' interests.
- It was agreed to form a disciplinary panel to hear the case concerning a member who was alleged to have behaved on two occasions in a manner that contravened the House Rules. (Addendum: the member has since been heard and his membership was terminated.)
- Heard that profit for the year is forecast to be c.£25k, a little down on last year due to increased costs, and the budget for 2020 is being drafted for consideration in November.
- Agreed to investigate moving to card-only payments in the Clubhouse in order to save on the considerable expense involved with cash handling and security.
- Considered the increasing number of new members who do not own boats; agreed that policy will remain the same but that boat owning members should not be prejudiced.
- The R-C Training reported the best attendance since her records began 4 years ago.
- It was agreed to employ Drew Gibson, Senior Instructor, on a full-time basis to include maintenance of Club dinghies and planning the 2020 training programme.
- After detailed consideration, GC voted to fund the first phase of the Waterfront Project pontoon replacement programme, at a cost of £85k +VAT in 2020; this will include all piling and a new west pontoon. The second phase, the east pontoon, will be considered for 2021.
- The R-C Dinghies presented the Club Boats Asset Plan, which will help to inform the Club budget over the next 5 years in relation to boat maintenance and replacement costs.
- The Cdre reported that he had received some responses to his call for volunteers with specific skills but that none wished to join the GC.
- Three existing GC members who have served 5 years each on the Committee were approved as eligible to stand for re-election at the Club AGM on 27 October.
- The Commodore thanked the retiring GC members for their invaluable contribution to the Club's governance, saying we have come a long way but there are still challenges ahead.

The next General Committee meeting is on Saturday 2 November 2019 at 10:00.

David Pearce
Hon. Secretary