



## CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 26/06/2020

The General Committee, chaired by Commodore Tony Mobbs, met via Zoom on Friday 26 June and dealt with the following business:

- The Commodore confirmed that a Major Incident Committee had been managing the Club through the Covid-19 crisis. All meetings are being held via Zoom video conferencing.
- The General Manager and her team have done an outstanding job maintaining the Club and reducing costs to a minimum.
- The Sections and Office have done marvellous work in upgrading the level of communications to keep members engaged with the Club.
- The Special Resolution voted on virtually by around 300 members was passed in its entirety with approximately 98% in favour.
- The Club has reached level 3 of its Pathway to re-opening, with activity now taking place on the water. It is hoped to reach level 4 by 4 July when the Clubhouse will re-open subject to strict accordance with government guidelines.
- Financially, the Club is managing to cover its costs from cash and remains a going concern. However, the Committee voted to apply for a £50k government Bounce Back Loan to give a degree of added flexibility in meeting our commitments over the next 12 months.
- Training has re-started but restrictions on the number of people who can meet together mean we can train fewer people at one time.
- The Membership Services Committee has agreed a draft Volunteers Charter which will be submitted to GC for approval.
- We have 973 primary memberships, about 4% down on the start of the year, which is remarkable given the ongoing crisis. The average age of new members is down to 43.
- Potential bonuses for loyal members were discussed but no decision can be taken at this stage until the financial situation has stabilised.
- The cruising and racing programmes should also re-start from 4 July, subject to all the guidance and members managing their own participation.
- A number of members of staff have returned to full time working at the Clubhouse and more will return over the next few weeks, according to demand. This will require induction on new hygiene rules and ways of working.
- The Clubhouse is being prepared for re-opening and strict rules will be issued to members, including the wearing of masks where appropriate.
- The takeaway food operation has been performing well, approximately covering costs. Breakfast baps are particularly popular and about one third of sales are to passers-by.
- The supply of the new western pontoon has been delayed by the crisis but it should arrive at the end of September when a significant payment will need to be made.
- Board Sub Committee meeting have been suspended while business is being managed by the Major Incident Committee. Revised terms of reference for BSC were agreed for when it reconvenes.
- A discussion was held on succession planning for the AGM. Potential new GC members are invited to talk to the Commodore.

The next General Committee meeting will be on Saturday 19 September 2020 at 10:00.

David Pearce  
Hon. Secretary