

CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 19/09/2020

The General Committee, chaired by Commodore Tony Mobbs, met via Zoom on Saturday 19 September and dealt with the following business:

- A loyalty scheme for members who continued to support the Club during the Covid-19 crisis was discussed and will be announced shortly.
- New ways of working since the Club re-opened have had some teething problems (mainly due to the exceptionally good weather) but these have mostly been dealt with.
- The Government-backed £50k Bounce Back Loan had been received and gives us a much healthier cash position. We have applied for a further £1k council grant to cover some of our extra expenses caused by the need to comply with Government guidelines.
- The Commodore expressed his gratitude to the members of the Major Incident Committee and staff for their invaluable contribution to keeping the Club running during the crisis. The General Committee also expressed its thanks to the Commodore for his leadership and involvement. The MIC continues to meet (virtually) once a fortnight.
- A disciplinary matter concerning two members was reported as having been dealt with; one member has now been barred from the Club and has resigned..
- It was agreed to investigate hiring a gig for a limited period to assess interest in rowing among members; if sufficient interest is manifested and it is practical to do so, a gig may be purchased in future.
- Plans for the 2020 Club and Section AGMs were discussed. These will need to be virtual events with voting conducted remotely in advance. The awards were agreed.
- Winter opening hours (January to March) were discussed and will depend very much on usage of the Club by members between now and Christmas. It is intended to continue the takeaway service as well.
- We now have well in excess of 1,000 primary memberships. The possibility of holding some sort of reception for the new members was discussed and will be explored further, as will the arrangements for Section Socials. We will be able to hold Quiz Nights, Winter Lectures and Winter Rambles subject to strict social distancing conditions.
- Changes to the Members' Rules were discussed and permission to take dogs into the Quarter Deck for a limited period over the winter, subject to entry/exit via the Sloop, was agreed.
- Planning is now in full swing for the 2021 programme although much of this will be provisional depending on how the crisis develops.
- Sailing and powerboat training has recommenced and is much appreciated. A relationship with Chichester University may be developed.
- There has been a shift in favour of more experienced staff to support table service. Members have generally responded favourably to the arrangements and the Bar and Restaurant have been well supported, especially during the Eat Out To Help Out scheme.
- It will be necessary to restrict the general bandwidth available via wi-fi in order to ensure better access for staff and meetings.
- The installation of the new west pontoon will occur in October. The piles for the east pontoon will also be put in place at that time.
- We are still unable to hold external events on the scale of previous years which has seriously affected our income, given that we made £100k profit on these last year. A number of previously booked events have been re-planned for 2021.
- The Commodore thanked the retiring members of the General Committee (Alastair Jenkin, Johnny Johnston, Helen Jupp and Philip Brown) for their contribution to the General Committee and reminded remaining members that subscriptions would need to be discussed at the next meeting.

The next General Committee meeting will be on Saturday 14 November 2020 at 10:00.

David Pearce
Hon. Secretary