

CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 24/09/2022

The General Committee, chaired by Commodore Simon Benson, met on Saturday 24 September and dealt with the following business:

- Agreed to further preparation work in expectation of Premier Marinas' introduction of parking charges at Chichester Marina.
- Heard that issues had been raised in relation to the Equality Act 2010 concerning members with impairments or health conditions and that these are being addressed.
- Two unconnected members are being dealt with under Club procedures after allegedly failing to comply with the Members' Rules in terms of their behaviour.
- Elected General Manager Manu Jenkin to the General Committee and as a Director of Chichester Yacht Club Ltd under Club Rule 3.3.
- Drafted a revised long-term vision statement for the Club which is:
"To be a resilient and sustainable club which is inclusive and friendly, and to facilitate water-based activities whilst respecting the environment."
Work will now be undertaken on drafting our strategic goals for the next three years.
- Passed a proposal to install solar panels on the roof of the clubhouse as a first step towards reducing our energy costs. The cost of this development is likely to need loan funding and a proposal is being drafted to submit to the members, probably at the next AGM.
- Authorised the purchase of six Optimist dinghies as replacements for most of our existing fleet which is ageing and tired.
- Current memberships are 1185 but the "churn rate" is 9-14% which needs to be looked at.
- Elected David and Juliet Brecknell (Dinghy Section) as Honorary Members in recognition of their services to the Club over many years and in anticipation of them being elected as Honorary Life Members at the next AGM.
- Discussed whether to introduce a cap on external events and decided to include this within the new Strategic Plan. Current event planning aims to avoid clashes with Club events.
- Reviewed the Business and Safety Risks document and agreed to add energy costs.
- Heard that the first GC-led Health and Safety walk-round had been carried out and a few issues identified for improvement. This will now be a quarterly exercise.
- Discussed and agreed a proposal to allow members to bring their dogs to section events in the Quarterdeck and Upper Deck under strict conditions, including R-C authorisation. This relaxation will be kept under review.
- Agreed to move to winter opening hours from 1 October. This means the Club will be closed on Mondays except for the Office.

The next General Committee meeting will be on Saturday 3 December 2022 at 10:00.

David Pearce
Hon. Secretary