

CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 18/02/2023

The General Committee, chaired by Commodore Simon Benson, met on Saturday 18 February and dealt with the following business:

- Premier Marinas have still not received planning consent for their proposed ANPR (number plate recognition) equipment at the entrance barrier. We are still negotiating with them over parking charges and it may be possible for CYC to do a deal once proposals are settled.
- The Chart Room is being returned to members' use and a separate Hospitality office has been created for Pourang and Tom, freeing up space in the main office as well.
- A member disciplinary hearing was held on written representations. The member's behaviour towards staff was deemed to have transgressed Club rules and the person concerned has been permanently expelled from membership.
- Agreed the Club budget for 2023-24, including subscriptions and Dinghy Park fees which will rise by an average of 7.5% to cover our increased overheads and purchase costs. This will allow us to maintain capital spending on improvement projects.
- The Hon Treasurer wished to make it very clear to members that the Club is not in any financial trouble and that the recent appeal for funds is purely to help finance the proposed installation of solar panels, thereby freeing up funds for other capital projects in 2023-24.
- Approximately £10k has been promised by members to date as loans towards funding the solar panels project. We are still chasing a grant and, subject to CDC approval, hope to get the panels in place in the next couple of months.
- Confirmed that the sound attenuation in the Upper Deck and Canal Room has been very effective and it is now hoped to install similar measures in the main Restaurant during the coming Club year.
- A specification has been drafted for automation of the entrance doors to the clubhouse as part of our inclusivity improvements which will also include regrading the wheelchair slope into the garden.
- Agreed the purchase of a hydraulic winch as part of the Waterfront project. This will ease considerably the haul out of safety boats and other larger craft. Additional safety measures were agreed for its use.
- Agreed the purchase of a new aluminium hulled RIB and motor, plus a further motor which may be second-hand if a suitable one can be found. A further RIB and motor will be considered at a later date.
- Agreed the list of people to be elected as Honorary Members for 2023-24. The list no longer includes any political or religious figures.
- Received a Data Protection and IT Security Report carried out by a GC member and agreed to pursue the recommended actions.
- Agreed to commission a safety report on the children's play equipment in the garden and to lower the main mast (flagpole) for a safety inspection and maintenance.
- There will be two, shorter GC meetings over the summer to be held midweek via Zoom so as not to impact on the main sailing season when members are often unable to attend a physical meeting at the weekend.

The next General Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 23 May at 18:30.

David Pearce
Hon. Secretary