



CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

Minutes of the committee meeting held online

27th January 2021

Present:

Bob Garrett (Commodore, in the chair), Pam Marrs (Sailing Secretary), Guy McBride (Handicapping and Results Officer) Sarah Savage (Treasurer)

The meeting commenced at 1900hrs

1. Apologies for Absence

Martin Sewell, Mike Smith

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2020: Approve, Review and Agree outstanding actions

The minutes were approved.

The action to source an additional prize for Markova was contradicted by the decision to award no prizes for last year so this will not be done.

It was agreed to action that in future members book direct with marinas for berths and pay individually as they are now asking for deposits. The race instructions will be adapted by Pam.

It was agreed that the action to offer crewing places on our boats be postponed under the circumstances at the moment.

3. Minutes of AGM held 14th November 2020: Review and Agree Outstanding Actions

It was agreed to formalize that for 2021 and possibly permanently that all bay races will have a "proper" ie committee boat start and that all passage races will be rolling starts.

Beta boats will not be expected to act as ROs, unless they wish to, in the hope that this may attract new members who are hesitant to act as ROs.

It was suggested that maybe PROs could be more proactive in checking that the RO of the next race is confident with the start procedure.

Forum and WhatsApp will be dealt with later in the agenda.

4. Treasurers Report

Current bank balance is £7104 and current expenditure this year so far is £125.

No memberships renewals have been received as we are rolling on a year because of Covid.

One new boat membership has been received and 1 tie purchased.

Other payments to be made this year are: Chichester Harbour Federation, RYA Affiliation Fee, Solent Handbook advertising, Annual Insurance, Hosting and Domain Renewal, Halsail and the Federation via HISC for buoy maintenance.

It was agreed that we have enough to cover these costs for this year. It was also agreed not to advertise in the Solent Handbook this year.

5. Membership Renewal Process and Progress

We have not had any renewals this year as planned but we have not had any resignations either.

We have had one new member who co-owns his boat with two others which caused an administration problem as it was noted that the registration process is not set up for a boat with 3 or more owners. Bob to look if it can be adapted.

6. Handicapping and Results

Guy is preparing a document showing the results of the Bramidge Races since 2016 to calculate a progressive NHC handicap for every boat to present to CYC. He hopes to have this done by end of February. This exercise has also raised an issue with Halsail which he is communication with them about.

It was noted that only two boats have renewed their VPRS so far this year. A reminder may have to be sent out.

7. Overall Programme

a) There are no changes to the programme from the copy given at the AGM which only shows passage races. No bay races have been organized as yet but can be organized at short notice depending on Covid circumstances.

b) It was suggested that we could do a webinar/online meeting for the Fitting Out Supper with a presentation on a reminder of start procedures for Race Officers by Guy and maybe a 'rules' quiz. Bob to ask around to see if anyone interested in doing the Virtual Regatta racing again.

All other events, the Cruise, AGM and Prize giving on hold depending on Covid circumstances and the Winter Social is cancelled.

8. CCRC Documents for 2021 (Rules, SI's, etc)

A rule change was proposed about Protests where it was considered that up to Tuesday was too long a time frame for protests to be lodged. It was agreed that it could be changed to 24hrs from the start of the final race of a weekend.

Pam to check in the rules whether it has to be a protest or could arbitration also be considered.

Bob to reformat the Sailing Instructions to be on one page.

Pam pointed out that a new RYA rule book had been published.

9. CCRC Membership Promotion and Recruitment

After a discussion it was felt that with the current Covid situation, the uncertainty of dry sailing from Sparkes, lack of new members and the dropping off of older members, no volunteers for the next Commodore position and a diminishing committee, we need a big push for new members soon or the future of the club is uncertain.

However it was felt that no decisions could be made on an available date for a promotional weekend in the present situation and that Bob would think about what to do about this including implementing the tags promotion depending on Covid circumstances. It was also noted that the idea of a special weekend for new members at the end of August clashes with HISC centenary weekend.

Guy indicated that he might be able to persuade more HISC members to join now that we have decided to take away the pressure to be an RO.

10. CCRC WhatsApp

Although Bob has found that the Forum can be linked to Facebook it was decided to go down the WhatsApp route which had worked very well for the HISC Sundowners group. Bob to set up a group for Committee members to check and test before introducing to the rest of the club.

Race cancellations will still have to be done by automated txt as well as WhatsApp to ensure all members are reached.

11.AOB

Pam asked if Bob had had any Commodore Reception (virtual) invites this year. As he had not she will make sure his name gets back on the lists.

We agreed to send a copy of our Risk Assessment for racing that we send to Harbour Authorities to Bosham SC for information.

It was decided that Richard need no longer be Federation Rep and therefore on the CCRC committee.

The Federation representative invitation is for two members so the Commodore and one other and Pam is on it anyway.

The meeting ended at 2010hrs