

WOOTTON CREEK FAIRWAY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 9th April 2024 - at 19:00 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club..

Present: Roger Sutton (Chairman) | Ian Hammonds (Vice Chair) | Carol de Peyer (Secretary) | Jason Lawrence | Dave Moore | Sarah Talbot | Jill Traill | Mike Tredwell (Treasurer) | Jenny Veale.
Alice Macnab: Minutes

Item		Action.
1	Apologies for Absence Mark Way. Also, Sarah Talbot apologised for missing the first part of the meeting.	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes were discussed, Dave Moore proposed acceptance, Ian Hammonds seconded. All agreed.	
3	Matters arising from the previous meeting	
3.1	March item 5.2 Dave Moore observed he ned to source a marker pen for the Dinghy Park labels, which doesn't fade in sunlight.	
4	Secretary Report (Carol de Peyer)	
4.1	Carol de Peyer reported she is receiving many licence renewals and payment, Jill Traill will help sort through these in conjunction with Mike Tredwell (who monitors the payments received by bank transfer).	CdP, JT, MT
4.2	Jenny Veale advised she did not receive her Houseboat licence papers or request for payment. It was agreed Carol de Peyer, Jill Traill and Mike Tredwell would be able to identify those members who had NOT renewed to contact them by email (where possible) and to check whether they had received the documents, or re-issue them as required.	CdP, JT, MT
4.3	General discussion followed regarding the data problem encountered and need for a simplified automated system to manage the list of members, contact information, payment requests and moorings (or dinghy park places) held. It was confirmed that reducing the generation of paper documents would be preferable and cut ever-increasing postage costs.	
4.4	Jason Lawrence recommended a system called SCM (Sailing Club Manager) developed by a Cowes based software developer, widely used by sailing clubs and also known to Roger Sutton, who also agreed to ask Rachel Wylde if she knew what other systems were used by organisations similar to WCFA (managing tidal waters, marinas and so on).	RS
4.5	It was also noted that WBS are still engaged to use their Excel expertise to help resolve the spreadsheet data and mail-merge problems encountered. It was also confirmed that the database includes approximately 127 moorings (various classes), 70 dinghy park places, and 12 houseboat licences.	

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5 5.1 5.2	Financial Report and Budget (Mike Tredwell) Expenditure to end March 2024 Receipts to end March 2024 Bank Balance at end March 2024 Mike Tredwell reported he is no longer dealing with Fischer German but has had a very quick response from Southern Water regarding the lease, they have sent an invoice so this can now be paid.	£ 5,171.00 £ 8,102.00 £ 43,473.82	
6	Web Site (Mark Way) not present Nothing to report.		
7 7.1	Moorings Dave Moore advised the ongoing test of mooring B66 to accommodate a trimaran is positive so far. Additionally, offering B058B for a trimaran will require an additional mud anchor – this is in hand. These are both inshore of A-line moorings. It is also possible mooring B120 could be made available in the future for a further trimaran (see January item 7.2 and February 7.1).		
8 8.1 8.2 (A)	Dinghy Park (David Moore) The slipway and jetty was scrubbed at the end of March. The extremely high tide overnight (5.5m) has left a trail of damage. Dave Moore reports he spent several hour rescuing 16 dinghies from the dinghy park that were adrift. Other reports of dinghies washed up in various locations were not dinghy park boats. Dave Moore has received a request for Kayak space and is also aware one space may be given up. Dinghy Park Lease Nothing further to report. Roger Sutton will continue to chase the IOW council. See also item 5.2 which may have some bearing.		RS
9 9.1 9.2 9.3	Houseboats (Jenny Veale) Jenny Veale advised there is nothing new to report Dave Moore provided the background to Mr Wareing’s planning application (see March item 9.2) and explained the implications of this decision for WCFA. Dave Moore and Roger Sutton had a positive meeting with Rachel Wylde and her superior representing The Crown, they discussed this ongoing issue. Dave Moore is preparing a full report for them which will be circulated. Dave Moore advised the owner of houseboat ‘Pendlewitch’ approached him recently for advice and was given various other sources to consult.		

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10 10.1 10.2 10.3	Potential Pollution in the Creek Jason Lawrence asked about the implications of carrying out testing in the creek. General discussion followed reiterating the background to this initiative and information provided at the recent AGM (see also January item 10.1). Jenny Veale kindly volunteered to help progress the planned testing by WCFA with the help of other creek residents. Roger Sutton will share all the information and contacts accumulated to date. Mike Tredwell observed that both Fishbourne and Wootton Bridge Parish Councils may contribute towards the costs of testing water quality.	RS
11	Police Report (No designated contact present). Nothing to report.	
12 12.1	WCFA lease from the Crown Roger Sutton advised the Terms and Conditions and Chart have now been agreed, just awaiting confirmation with regards to communication with WCFA Trustees.	
13 13.1 13.2 13.3	Any Other Business AGM generally agreed to have been successful. Roger Sutton advised he has been approached by The Royal Victoria Yacht Club, seeking payment for the future use of the premises for WCFA meeting, all present agreed in principal that a fee should be paid and that it be similar to charges made by other local premises (i.e. Parish/Village/Community Halls), also that the fee be negotiated per meeting, as the time taken varies from month to month. Roger Sutton subsequently informed the committee a fee of £15 per meeting has been agreed. Dave Moore advised he has spoken to Josh at the Boatyard, who confirms the houseboat currently being broken up is nearly cleared, freeing up space on the quayside to deal with the other boat (currently on WCFA mud). See also Feb item 13.1 and minutes from AGM). Josh claims this mud is included in the deeds of the Boatyard, Dave Moore has asked to see evidence of this (as this conflicts with the WCFA charts). Nothing has been provided so far.	
14	Date of Next Meeting(s): Tuesday 7 th May 2024 Meeting closed at: 21:03	