



## COMBYCH MOTOR BOAT & SAILING CLUB

### Minutes - Monthly Committee Meeting Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Apologies: Tim Jones, Chris Thompson (both abroad), Jeff Ryan & Marie Beckley.

Present: Dave Allibone, Bill Edwards, Trevor Reason, Mark Lowther & Bill Johnson.

#### Items for discussion:

##### 1. Minutes of last meeting.

Minutes of last meeting read and signed as correct by Commodore .

##### 2. Disciplinary matter.

Disciplinary matter that for reasons of anonymity and to avoid any prejudice will not be made public until finalised.

##### 3. Hochtieff/EDF

Letter received from EDF regarding vacant possession of the land through the site where the new road will go. Copy on Notice Board and copy handed to Ross Parham so that he could see that the club is acting on the wishes of our landlords.

Meeting held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February with Philip Manning EDF and Alan Lynch's deputy (Alan on holiday).

Philip Manning gave us a preliminary schedule of works and dates. Works to commence in April with compounds etc going in and all preparatory work on the site. Main effects to the club will be from around August when the road will come through the club site.

Discussed invoicing for boats away from the Pill and John Miller again raised the issue of out of pocket expenses for travel to his boats at Watchet. Agreed that the club will add to the invoice a suitable amount to compensate but that we need to find a way to properly account for those expenses.

This is a very difficult issue as there are several persons who could be due some recompense for out of pocket expenses and the way to Police/verify/calculate those costs is extremely difficult. We have no way of knowing how often boats are visited etc

The Committee decided that whatever sum we can obtain from EDF should be divided equally between those due expenses (10 persons) and a one off payment made to each person equally.

Also that from this point forward if any members wish to claim any more expenses they would need to do it direct to EDF at the finish of the project and that the Committee would not be getting involved further.

#### 4.Gig section update- (TR).

The section continues to grow at a pace. 8 new members this month alone, bringing the number of rowers to 46. The last few weekend sessions has seen in excess of 20 rowers each day and on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> the Club hosted Clifton Ladies who took out Spirit with Jerry Boaden.

At the last meeting it was discussed that ideally the club should get another grp training Gig so that post Spirit going off to the Scillies mid- April and not back until the end of May we would still have 2 boats available. BE has investigated the possibility of the Club getting a loan but it seems quite costly. This would also allow us to keep the new wooden Gig for racing and not regular usage thereby protecting the asset.

TR has canvassed the Giggers to see if they would participate in buying shares as an interest free loan. The response has been brilliant with pledges covering the majority of the cost. TR has also been able to negotiate a deal with the builder to provide the boat for £8500. With seats, cover, safety equipment the whole project comes to roughly £11k. (everything excluding oars and road trailer).

Pledges from within the Gig group so far extend to £6.5k

TR is also working with a potential sponsor for this second training Gig and should have an answer this week hopefully. If this happens then the club will need to decide how best to enter into this agreement.

Since the new wooden Gig 'Warlock' is scheduled for delivery by end of April it would be fantastic if we could get both new boats to the club together and have another major advertising push.

First event of the year is this coming Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March when the club has both Men's and Ladies teams entered into the 3 Rivers Race at Saltash.

TR currently working with Jerry Boaden regarding Spirit which has now been renamed 'Bulldog Spirit'. It is looking likely that he will shortly buy out the other members of the owners syndicate and has asked if he could join the club and keep the boat here. My suggestion is that this would be a good option and in return for storage the club gets to use the boat as and when needed.

Discussed position regarding 'Spirit' and decided that if Jerry Boaden joined the Club we would store the boat for free in exchange for use beyond the current rental agreement (August). This is a win/win that allows us the use of the boat saving our new boat for racing/training etc. The cost of £60 storage fee against this use was deemed sensible.

Committee happy to wait to see the outcome of the potential sponsor before making any further commitment re another training Gig but in principle the project is wanted.

## 5. Date for AGM

March 29<sup>th</sup> is the date and the village hall has been booked. (Need to pay back Bill Johnson)

Need to work on agenda and Officers reports (Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary)

Action - TR needs to send out AGM invites before 28<sup>th</sup> February. This year it will be done by email except for the few that don't have email.

Last year we provided a buffet. Decided to do same again and due to increased membership a sum of £75 was allocated. Bev Reason will provide the buffet.

## 6. Mooring fees for boats away from the Pill.

TR just waiting on last few bits before submitting to Hochtief.

Member Steve Bishop has asked to take his boat to Paignton. Was going to Watchet last year but stayed in the yard. However, as he is currently unemployed has asked could the club help him with the fees. This would entail the club paying his fees and waiting for the money to come back as part of the overall settlement of the account for all boats from EDF.

Discussed and decided that as a one off request the club would help Steve on this occasion and pay the fees when due and get compensated when the club gets the money back from EDF since the gap was likely to be no more than 1 month.

## 7 Work Party.

Suggested date Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Tides too small for gigging.

Tasks such as: Treating picnic tables, Deep clean of clubhouse, building scaffold Gig frames and various other tidying up of the yard area need to be done.

TR to communicate to all members.

## 7 Moratorium of any new boats coming into the yard.

Due to the impending works and the unknown space situation should we take the view that no more members boats to come into the yard until the new yard has been put in and boats re positioned. One new membership application has been received who wanted to bring a boat in.

TR has spoken to applicant and explained that he is welcome to apply but that it is unlikely this year that he could bring a boat in.

Discussed and Committee agreed unanimously that we cannot take any more boats into the Club before the new land area is established and what we currently have has been relocated.

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No further business.

Meeting closed at 20:55