



COMBWICH MOTOR BOAT & SAILING CLUB

Minutes - Monthly Committee Meeting Tuesday 28th August 2018

Apologies: Chris Thompson, Steve Cox, Tim Jones, Mark Lowther

Present: Dave Allibone, Trevor Reason, Jeff Ryan, Bill Edwards, Bill Johnson.

New member applications: James Green – was unable to attend. TR to reorganise.

Ray Riddle has been given a set of rules to follow which he has agreed to. Copy attached. Ray was unable to attend last meeting as he works away during the week and I have been unable to get another committee member available to interview him.

Sarah O'Malley who attended at last meeting and has had application on the board for 14 days has been accepted.

Items for discussion:

1. Minutes of last meeting.

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

2. Hochtieff/EDF

Update:

Meeting held with Philip Manning & Alan Lynch Friday 17th August 2018. (DA,TR,ML & J. Miller)

- a) No change to plans to remove concrete topped dolphins and leave 2 orange dolphins plus addition of two new dolphins.
- b) Discussion around plans for the pontoon and our feedback being fed back to the planners.
- c) No change to agreed positioning of new winch stand to be incorporated into planning.
- d) No change to agreed position of new Pill Pontoon bank seat to be fed back into planning.
- e) No change to retaining wall and roadside banking.
- f) Informed that the state of the slipway has come into focus and it is now likely that the slipway will be re-laid to a safe specification.
- g) Mooring fees for displaced boats. **ALL fees have been paid for this year**
- h) Corporate Membership. Discussed the offer the club had made and PD said they would take up our offer when works commence on site.
- i) John Miller asked to present the case for travel expenses for those displaced boat owners due to extended time period away from the Pill. (Was initially thought to be for 18 months now looking more likely to be 3 years due to mooring chains coming out a year ago). PD stated that he would have to consider this and would come back to us.

No decision made yet and PM has taken details of likely costs to feedback in to the planning. Hopefully a decision for the next meeting.

3. Insurances

Club has put into place insurance for the leased Gig as per the leasing agreement. The cost was £87.82

Action - Treasurer to send cheque- Invoice provided.

4. Gig section update- (TR).

a) Membership requests continue to come in.

We currently have 35 signed up and fees paid members (5/6 more in the pipeline). Additionally there are several existing club members also taking part.

b) Cover for the fibreglass boat has been sourced from Waddons and will cost £250. Being fitted 3rd September (same as one on Spirit of Rame).

c) TR provided costings spreadsheet for the Gig project that shows that the section is still showing a profit and self-financing.

d) 'Spirit of Rame' Leasing agreement has been signed between the owners and the Club for a period of 12 months at a cost of £250 per quarter which is to cover maintenance costs of the boat.

Action - Treasurer to send cheque for first quarters payment- Invoice provided.

As earlier reported the boat has been insured by the club as per the leasing agreement. Our insurance covers usage of both Gigs on club business anywhere in the UK.

e) Peter and Sara Stobart have been offered membership at no cost in exchange for continued coaching/coxing services and have gratefully accepted the offer.

f) TR has completed the project report for the Somerset Community Foundation through whom the funding was obtained for the training Gig and was part of the funding agreement the club signed.

g) TR has now approached Aly Prowse the Parish Clerk about further funding to purchase a new wooden Gig and has obtained quotes from certified Gig builders in order to submit another funding application. Aly has indicated that the local committee is pleased at the feedback about the Gig activity and will look favourably on any application. Aly was invited to the club and saw for herself a very busy morning session with both boats on the river.

The Club has to decide how much Match funding it could contribute to the potential new build costs. I have initially indicated that the club could contribute £3000 towards a total funding application of £26,500. This includes 24k boat, another launch trolley, safety equipment and the £500 build inspection fees levied by the CPGA.

New build quotes range from 23k to 33k with several builders unable to supply before 2020.

The cheapest quote at 23k no vat can deliver next March/April. Two others at 24K and 24.2k could deliver around summer 2019.

Jeff Ryan proposed that the club commits to Match Funding of £3000 this was seconded by Bill Johnson. Voted unanimously to adopt the proposal.

Action – TR to communicate to OPPT for their consideration at their meeting on 3rd September.

h) The Emergency Services fun day on Sunday 19th August was cancelled due to strong onshore winds making beach launch and recovery impossible.

i) 'Spirit' is entered in the Bristol to Clevedon event on 13th October a distance of 17 miles and training for the crew will start September now that we have two boats.

j) TR requests permission to purchase another throw bag, dry grab bag, air horn, hand bilge pump and flares so that both boats are fully equipped. Cost will be circa £125.

Agreed that spend was necessary. JR stated he had a spare air horn he could donate.

Action – TR to purchase additional safety equipment.

k) Can we relax the rule of compulsory wearing of lifejackets whilst rowing? Still be worn to get on/off on slipway but be next to each rower on the boats if they want to take them off. Since each rower has an oar that is deemed a flotation device only the cox and any passenger on the pilot seat would still be required to wear one.

Discussed by committee and decided that adults could make their own decision to wear or not but in all cases lifejacket has to be at hand. Because of Safeguarding issues any vulnerable persons or juniors MUST wear lifejackets at all times.

Cox and passengers to wear at all times.

5. Slipway.

Steve COX stated he may be able to get a large machine from a friend who owes him a favour and will follow it up.

Steve Cox not present and no update.

6. Hand over of Treasurer.

Bill Edwards has now fully taken over the treasurers duties.

Petty cash situation: Bill Edwards reported that despite his best efforts to reconcile the petty cash there was a discrepancy of about £134 that he cannot account for. Committee agreed to draw a line under the situation and show the discrepancy in the accounts.

Bill has now set up suitable accounting procedures and will keep things straight going forward.

Bank account: Committee discussed the issues we have been having trying to get the bank signatories etc changed with Barclays and their intransigence in helping. The last mandate changes had all been sent back because they wanted Steve Cox to show proof of identity as they said his signature had changed. With Steve Cox being away we had not been able to get this done.

Suggested it would be easier and quicker to move to another bank and set things up afresh and in the manner we want them to move forward.

Action - Bill Edwards agreed to investigate. Also to set up online banking facility to again improve functionality.

7. Projects to complete or consider.

a) Racking of big garage. Mark Lowther and Nigel Frost completed the project at a cost of £80. Project completed £70 under budget.

b) Suggestion from TR that we could create a Gig store on the end of the clubhouse (Transformer end) by enclosing the concrete base with a wooden frame with a sloping felted roof and racking the wall for oar storage. TR asking for a budget of £250 to undertake the project.

Unanimously agreed that this would be a good storage area just for the gig equipment and budget agreed at £250.

Action – TR to source and build store.

c) Roof terrace. – DA to investigate costs of metal box section for supports.

DA reported that he had made enquires but was still awaiting response from Steel supplier.

Agreed that we would hold off of this project until next year.

d) Finish painting small garage.

Jeff Ryan to complete.

f) Leak in container roof.

Nigel Frost has repaired the hole.

8. Website and ongoing costs. – Bill Edwards.

Bill Edwards reported that he has now completed the move of the club website to our own space and control. The domain name is paid up until 2019. It cost £20 to transfer the domain name from Harlequin to ourselves.

Site is functioning nicely.

9. Possibility of purchasing boat from Mark Lowther as a safety boat.

As Mark Lowther not present to discuss we will carry over to next meeting.

AOB

1. TR requests budget to purchase plates (about 30) and cheap cutlery sets to facilitate social events.

TR reported that a small budget of about £60 would suffice.

Agreed to a budget of £60.

Action – TR to purchase.

Meeting closed at 21.00

Next meeting Tuesday 25th September 2018.