



COMBYCH MOTOR BOAT & SAILING CLUB

Minutes - Monthly Committee Meeting Tuesday 25th September 2018

Apologies: Chris Thompson, Tim Jones, Jeff Ryan, Mark Lowther

Welcome to Marie Beckley who is joining the committee representing the Gig section as Ladies Captain.

Present: Dave Allibone, Trevor Reason, Bill Edwards, Marie Beckley, Bill Johnson, Steve Cox, Steve Bird.

New member applications: James Green , Graham Porter, Michael Cross & William Grandfield

All attended for interview and all accepted as members subject to fees being paid.

Items for discussion:

1. Minutes of last meeting.

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

2. Hochtief/EDF

Update:

Meeting held with Philip Manning & Alan Lynch Friday 21st September 2018. (DA,TR,ML,BE & 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) Slipway will be re-laid to a safe specification.
- g) Corporate Membership. Still planned to take up offer.
- h) Travel costs – Still no decision.
- i) Informed that the timespan has changed again and that initial works will be beginning in Nov/Dec to put in the compound etc. Road to come through beginning March time but various drilling needs to be done and the ecologists require access to area around the Catamaran to clear out the slow worms.

There will be a dredger onsite in November to clear the dock and surrounding area. Possible we could get the slipway cleared but would need to negotiate with the contractors direct.

3. Gig section update- (TR).

a) Membership requests continue to come in.

We currently have 38 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 cost £250.

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

d) Application submitted to CPGA for membership supported by Clevedon & Ilfracombe.

e) 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.

f) 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.

Funding application EOI submitted to the OPPT panel and at a meeting held 3rd September the panel voted unanimously to support the project totalling £26,500 (£23,500 funding and £3000 match funding from the club). Aly Prowse has since come back and requested we apply to some other sources for some funding to reduce the amount from the Hinkley C Community Fund. Aly felt that the boat purchase should be 1 project and the additional equipment another.

Application for funding in the amount of £6000 submitted to Magnox Socio-economic Fund.

g) '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.

Training has been undertaken with the potential crew members working extremely hard to achieve a level of fitness to be able to complete the race.

Additionally the club has been entered into the Swanage Supervets event being held on Saturday 20th October 2018. We will be putting in both Men's and Ladies teams.

h) 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.

Action – TR has purchased the additional safety equipment at a cost of £112.96. Jeff Ryan has donated an air horn.

i) As per the CPGA rules the club has introduced a medical questionnaire for all persons taking part in rowing.

j) Bill Johnson has requested to be able to cox the gigs. TR had to make an on the spot decision that for safety reasons he could not countenance it on the day.

1) Bill is 86 years old and has recently undergone surgery to fit a heart pacemaker and his safety has to be considered.

2) Considered the safety of the persons on the Gig were he to cox and

3) He has not undergone any of the training.

TR having made the initial decision which was not well accepted is asking that the committee makes a ruling.

Discussed and all present were in agreement that safety has to come first and that the club has to take the safety of all its members as the paramount rule and that the correct decision had been made.

6. Hand over of Treasurer.

Bill Edwards has now fully taken over the treasurers duties.

New Bank account opened with Lloyds and ongoing the Barclays account will be closed.

7. Projects to complete or consider.

a) Gig store on end of building -

Action – TR and Nigel Frost will build in block and blocks sand and cement purchased at a cost of £178. Still requires some timber etc to complete. Blockwork underway by Nigel Frost.

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

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

c) Finish painting small garage.

Jeff Ryan to complete.

8. Purchase of plates and cutlery.

TR has purchased 35 plates 35 Knives, forks & spoons at a cost of £65.00 (£5 over agreed budget)

AOB

1) TR sent out the Mid-season update to all members on email to let everyone know the state of the club and to keep them informed on behalf of the committee.

2) The picnic tables could do with treating before the winter sets in.

Meeting closed at 21:00

Next meeting Tuesday 30th October 2018.