

DARTMOUTH YACHT CLUB
General Committee Meeting
Monday 20 June 2022

Present: Mike Burden, Lorraine Fleming, Nicko Franks, Justine Jordan, Darren Kershaw Hopley, Karen McDermott, Allan Smith, Gareth Thorpe, Louise Thorpe, Tim Vaughan, Fiona Ward.

Tim thanked everyone for coming and welcomed Louise to the committee and to the meeting. Special thanks were recorded to Louise for taking on the role of RC Hospitality.

1. **Apologies:** Tony Brighton, Norman Brown, Pete Callis, Andy Hay, Mike Mills.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2022:**
Mike proposed that these be agreed as a true record, Allan seconded and the vote was unanimous.
3. **Matters arising, not covered by the agenda:**
There were no matters arising.
4. **Finance:**
Tim observed that the position looks steady and that there are no surprises in the figures. Investment in the Club is ongoing. Prices have been increased but there are early indications that future price rises may also be necessary. Kate Brown was able to arrange, via the RYA, for Tony to have a meeting with a specialist tax consultant with many years experience of advising CASCs on tax matters, to discuss the Newco. The situation is not uncommon and there is a clear way for it to be dealt with. There is some work to be done in the setting up and this needs to be done over the next few weeks. The VAT situation is looking in good order.
5. **Hospitality:**
There is no formal input into the members' evenings at present. The informal format is working well. It was suggested that these evenings be advertised to members when they join. The first Wednesday of the month was agreed for the members' evenings and it would be appreciated if committee members could be involved in these. There will be no members' evening in August and future dates will be 6 July, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November, 7 December.
6. **Social:**
The Jubilee event was very professional and impressive. It was agreed that a yearly summer buffet should be considered. There will be a limited menu for two weeks while Richard is on holiday.
7. **Membership:**
It is difficult to work out where we actually are. The current estimate is that there will be small increase on last year, in the region of 5%. It was suggested that the loss of members may have been due to the lack of a Sunday carvery over the winter. A survey of reasons for leaving was suggested. It was noted that dissatisfaction with the toilets has been reported. There are reasons why this issue has not been addressed yet, including the fire safety works taking precedence.
8. **Waterborne Activity:**

The Passage Race prizegiving will take place on the Thursday of Regatta. Junior prizegiving will be at the RDYC. We are committed to doing the food for the committee boats. Race officers' food is yet to be discussed. Entry numbers are currently quite low.

The new boat will be arriving in August. Details of a naming competition will be announced in due course.

The first radio course in two years is due to take place on 25 June.

Gareth was congratulated on becoming a qualified RYA First Aid Instructor.

Karen commented on the great amount of maintenance work being done on the paddlesports section; much of this is done without charge.

The sit on tops will need to be replaced soon, so a discussion will need to happen in the future. The older models can be sold on and the income from this can go towards updating the fleet. It was noted that this is an area where reinvestment is necessary. A rolling plan for such a thing is needed in the annual budget. Karen and Tony will have a discussion about this.

The paddlesports section is at capacity but it is hoped that this will not present a problem in the matter of induction sessions etc.

Thanks were recorded to Gareth and Karen for their work.

9. Maintenance:

The new noticeboards are due to arrive,

Ideas for use for the old door into the bar would be welcomed.

The entrance hall to the Club needs to be better organised and more welcoming. Tim and Andy will discuss this. Ideas would be welcomed.

10. Regatta preparations:

The waterborne side is under control. More volunteers will be advertised for in due course.

In house events are also under control. Any questions from previous scavenger and treasure hunts could go onto Box. Tim will contact the sponsor.

Thanks were recorded to Gareth, Lorraine and Allan for their work.

11. AOB:

- Louise requested photographs for the members' lounge. These can be printed in Boots and the quality of photos from mobile phones is acceptable.
- The Club is going to be very involved with the Food Festival and the August/September crab festival. There will also be a three club evening in November.
- Gareth will send Mike the details of the new Captain at BRNC so that an Honorary membership can be issued.

12. Date of next meeting: Monday 18 July 6.30 pm