

CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

Minutes of a meeting of the committee held at 6, new Lane Sutton Green on Saturday 6th January 1996.

Present :- Peter Wallace
Mike Smith
Rob Mcleod
Jacky Black
Mike Tong
Hugh Caldwell
Alex Storrar

ACTION

1. Apologies were received from Christina Brown, Geof Maskall, Trevor Rose..
2. The minutes of the committee meeting held on Saturday 4th November 1995 were approved and then signed .

3. **Matters Arising**

Photographs of the clubs trophies were handed to MT by PW to be inserted in the trophy file. It was noted that the Cowan Trophy had not been photographed and JB said she would contact Bill Cartlidge to ask him to taker a photograph for insurance purposes.

JB

It was suggested that the valuation of the trophies was probably fairly accurate but that if the opportunity arose they should be re-valued. It was suggested that MT speak to Andrew Wilson.

MT

It was agreed that at the end of the season trophy holders would be asked to return their trophies by the AGM or before so a valuation could be done.

4. **Officers Reports**

Commodore's Report

PW said all matters he wished to discuss would raised later in the agenda.

Hon Secretary's Report

JB reported that Christmas cards had been received from the following clubs:-

Itchenor

Thorney Island

HISC

RAF

Emsworth Slipper

Royal Corinthian

Cowes Corinthian

Bosham

Honorary membership had been extended to the flag officers by Itchenor and Mengeham Rythe.

A letter of thanks had been received from Pam Metcalf both for her gift and the Dinner Dance.

Ronnie Crosthwaite has decided to resign his membership.

The venue for the Fitting out supper was discussed and it was agreed that this would now be held at Itchenor and not at the R.N.R.A.YC

Treasurer's Report

RM presented some information about the finances of the Club and that there was a very healthy balance of £6500 to date. The Dinner Dance had shown a small loss but only after the allowance of paying for two guests and in any case this had been made up well by the profit from the raffle organised by MS. PW thanked MS for his efforts on this score and also JB for a very successful event.

A suitable venue for the next Dinner dance was then discussed and members were asked to try to find somewhere nearer London perhaps that was not strictly commercial i.e a Club of some type. the Molesey rowing club was mentioned by PW and MT agreed he could try and visit this to see if it was suitable.

MT

MS said that the price of a live band added considerably to the cost and he felt that if the numbers were down it may be prudent to think about having a disco instead. No decision was taken on this matter.

RM asked for clarification as to when the subscription reminders needed to be sent out and who would do this. MS said these needed to be sent out before the end of January. It was also agreed that the following items be sent out at the same time:-

yacht registration forms, handicap forms, indemnity reminders, draft programme, fitting out supper details.

It was also agreed that JB be responsible for this mailing.

JB

Sailing Secretary's Report

MT reported that there were enough glass prizes to cover this season's awards but that next year we would have to make a major purchase.

There were not enough trophies.

JB said she felt that the present trophies should be divided up equally between all three fleets.

MS said that the Beta fleet was designed so that lots of boats could win because of the shifting handicap and therefore it was not so important to have trophies, some members disagreed and a heated discussion followed. MT pointed out the success of the tankards this year, he also suggested that the Beta Bay trophy be re-allocated back to the Beta fleet next season and that a new trophy be acquired for the Omega fleet.

Finally it was agreed that the club needed to acquire some new trophies and it was proposed that PW mention this in his early season letter to members.

The possibility of a Geof Calvert Memorial trophy was discussed and RM suggested that each member of the committee contribute £10.00 towards this. Everyone present agreed this was a splendid idea.

AS suggested that Andrew Wilson be approached about a suitable design

MT

MT also mentioned that the definition of all courses would need altering to enable the sub course to be added at either the beginning or the end of race. This would involve taking Chi buoy out of the course as the starting mark. There followed some discussion about the problems of missing marks and it was agreed that the standing sailing instructions needed to be amended in order to allow for this situation.

PW suggested that if all the courses were to be re-typed it would be a good opportunity for the sailing sub-committee to re-examine the courses for any errors.

MT

AS asked that the OODs be reminded about how important it was for them to be on station to finish boats when marks were missing. PW and MS said that there had generally been no problems about OOD's on station last season. It was commented that CCRC had managed rather better than Cowes week or the Hamble Winter Season particularly. MT agreed to ask the ASSs to remind OODs about this aspect of their duties.

MT

5. 1996 Programme.

The draft programme was now almost confirmed with the addition of Warsash as a venue for the last of the seasons' weekend. JB was still waiting for written confirmation about this. AS suggested that some of the social events after races could have a theme, to ring the changes a bit, and this idea was thought to be viable. It was decided to try it out for the Newtown BBQ on the 15th of June and for the rafting party on the 13th of July. PW said he would provide a Rum Punch if it was decided to make one of them a Caribbean theme.

MT,JB

MS asked if the club had been in touch with some of the other Harbour clubs about possible joint events. It was agreed that a letter advertising our programme could be sent and mention made of the present joint events we hold, and an invitation for something similar to be planned for next season. He also suggested that we offer the possibility of them joining in any of our events this season.

It was agreed that a letter from the Commodore would be the best way of approaching this. Emsworth Slipper club were to be approached and possibly Thorney Island.

PW

6 Commodore's Cup

MT reported that the sub committee had met and plans were progressing well. Several action points had been identified. These included circulation of advertising of the event through the Hamble Winter series at a cost of £150. Some discussion followed about this expense but it was agreed that it was justified in the fact that the event helped to publicise the club and if it brought only 3 new members it would pay for itself. It was noted that colour posters had been produced for the boat show and all harbour clubs, courtesy of Brain Dandridge. Fleets from last year had all been invited already plus all competitors from last time and some additional fleets.

Sponsorship has been secured from the same people as last year. AS asked if Teachers were needed again and MT said yes please ! It was noted that the posters and fliers would need to be updated with Teachers logo.

MT mentioned that the Contessa fleet had a race weekend booked with Itchenor and that it was possible that they may take part in the event.

The social side was under control and HISC were going to provide facilities for both Saturday and Sunday night as well as the prize giving on the Monday.

it was agreed to ask M.Treadwell if he would consider being the OOD if he was unable to help then PW would do the job.

The matter of an entry fee was discussed and it was agreed that the same charge as last year would apply.

AS asked if some kind of extra attraction be added to make members more inclined to take part the possibility of a free drinks party or cocktail event was discussed and it was agreed that the sub-committee should explore this with the sponsors etc.

7. **Communications**

After lengthy discussion about the matter it was agreed that the following principles should apply:-

Results should be sent out to participating boats as soon after the event as possible.

MT to inform Pam Marrs about this.

MT

There should be a mailing to all club members 4 times per year in which the following would be included:-

Results of all fleets races.

Race instructions for the next group of races

News of CCRC if available

Any other important items such as Crew list additions.

The present programme was examined and it was agreed that these 4 mail shots should be timed as near to the following dates as possible:-

24th March

2nd May

16th June

21st July

11/12?

9. **A.O.B**

The News letter was discussed as Brain Dandridge was still finding he was being asked to do too much and he simply does not have the time for it. Marion Saltmer was the focal point for collecting race reports but she was not able to help with the chasing up of reports or with the advertising side.

MS suggested that someone with more time and the right personality was required and thought that Geoff Maskall might be just the person for the job. The post of Publicity Officer was then discussed and it was agreed that this should be resurrected and that Geoff be asked to take the job as a committee member as was the situation several years ago when Paul Dale held the post.

MS

MS mentioned that the points scoring details in the handbook would need to be amended for this season

JB,MT

HC told the committee that Geoff Calvert was to be honoured for his contribution to sailing in and around Chichester Harbour and the Solent as a racing buoy was to be named after him

The date of the next meeting was set for Friday 22nd March 1996 starting at 7.00pm 6 New Lane Sutton Green.

The meeting ended by the Commodore thanking everyone for attending and inviting them to partake of the refreshments provided!

Jacky Black

Hon Sec. 13.01.96