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Minutes of a meeting of the committee held on board the Lightship Mini Mouse at Haslar Marina on Saturday 28th September, 1996.

**Present :-** Peter Wallace  
Mike Smith  
Mike Tong  
Rob Mcleod  
Jacky Black  
Hugh Caldwell  
Geoff Maskall  
Christina Brown

### **ACTION**

1. Apologies were received from Alex Storrar and Trevor Rose, and JB explained that she had forgotten to invite Nick Colbourne.  
PW welcomed the committee and commented favourably on the pleasant venue.
2. The minutes of the committee meeting held on Saturday 22nd March 1996 were approved and then signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

PW asked if the photograph of the Cowan Cup had been taken, JB reported she had asked Bill Cartlidge to get one taken and had received a message that this had been done.  
PW asked about the Golf trophy and JB reported that it had been presented to Brown Bomber in 1995 and had been donated by Penrose. PW asked that JB check that Paul Chivers still had the trophy.

**JB**

Results issue was to be discussed later on the agenda. CB mentioned that some of the toggles on the flags in the OOD kit needed replacing. MT said that generally the OOD duties had gone smoothly this season.

4. **Officers Reports**

#### **Commodore's Report**

PW said he had no formal report as he would be writing his final epistle for the AGM. However he expressed his relief that this was the last committee meeting he would chair ! He felt that the season's racing had generally gone well albeit a little disjointed in the middle of the year. He hoped that this could be addressed in future programmes.

### **Sailing Secretary's Report**

Generally the turn out for the early events had been good but the Commodore's Cup had failed in one of its main objectives i.e. to attract boats from other parts of the Solent. Despite this there were benefits as it had brought the club to the attention of other groups through the excellent advertising. The turn out for the weekend was down on last year and in fact was less than for a normal club May weekend. This information had been born in mind when planning the programme for next season. In addition the turn out for events in July had been very poor mainly due to the Cork Week exodus, but of course other factors were also to blame. MT mentioned that a preliminary meeting had been held to discuss ideas for next season and that the aim would be to try and make the programme attractive to a wider selection of members.

OOD duty had been difficult to allocate as there were barely enough boat owners who were not committee members to do this duty. MS commented that all members should be encouraged to take their turn at doing this duty, irrespective of whether they raced regularly. There were two outstanding protests to be heard and MS explained that there had been difficulties in getting the parties together. PW commented that a date should be set and if the people concerned could not turn up then the protest should be thrown out! MS said the matter would be resolved before the AGM.

**Results** MT reported that despite the fact that MS and his son had spent a great deal of time updating and correcting the results programme so that it would produce the cumulative points correctly, P. Marrs had not installed the new data before the start of the season and once she had started putting in data it was too late to change to the new system. MT explained that the results would be corrected for the overall points positions before the AGM. It was mentioned that the Results programme had been bought under a licence and this was due for renewal. Some general discussion followed but finally it was agreed that the club would continue with this system but that the amendments should be put onto the computer well before the beginning of the season and a trial run should be put through. MT commented that generally the results had been produced very efficiently by P. Marrs but that because the programme was only on one computer it meant that it was difficult to cover if the results officer was unavailable for several weeks, as P. Marrs had been during July. The feasibility of purchasing another copy was discussed but rejected and it was agreed that if the need arose results could be done by hand in an emergency. It was agreed that if P. Marrs was willing to continue as results officer she should be asked to do so. otherwise MS suggested asking Pat Morrell.

**Trophies** MT mentioned that the Beta Fleet Itchenor Casket was missing and JB was asked to circulate members to try and trace it. If this fails she is to contact Itchenor SC to ask them to try and locate it among their members.

JB

### **Treasurer's Report**

RM said the Club's bank balance was still very healthy standing at £8000 approx. He mentioned that the club's overheads were down considerably on last year and that more precise figures would be available for the AGM. Income from Subscriptions was down as there were only 74 members as compared to 80 last year.

He mentioned that a new supply of prizes would need to be purchased for next season.

MT mentioned that there were sufficient glasses for this season but that there was still a short fall of Cups and Trophies.

MT said he would look at the list of trophies and work out exactly what the short fall was.

PW and HC both intimated that they would be prepared to put forward trophies.

MS, PW and RM agreed to meet in sub committee to discuss the purchase of a new club trophy from club funds and the committee agreed to authorise expenditure up to £200 for this.

RM commented that he had a good supply of Ties but that he needed to purchase more Burgees. It was mentioned that MS would need a Swallow Tail Burgee as well.

RM

### **Hon Secretary's Report**

Arrangements for the Dinner Dance were well in hand and a price of £25 was agreed. It was agreed that JB's secretary who deals with all the copying should be invited to attend at the club's expense.

It was felt that the social programme for '96 had generally been very popular except the final venue of Warsash where the food had been very disappointing. JB agreed to mention in her letter to the club that a future event would be better with a fixed menu.

The date of the AGM was confirmed for 16th of November and there would be a committee meeting afterwards at the CYC.

JB mentioned that the notice re the date had already been circulated to members.

### **5. A.G.M. Details**

There were several changes needing to be made to the committee due to the retirement of the Commodore and Hon sailing Secretary. The following proposals were drafted:-

Commodore Mike Smith Proposed Jacky Black, seconded Peter Wallace

Vice Commodore Mike Tong proposed Hugh Caldwell , seconded Mike Smith

Hon.Sailing Secretary Brian Dandridge proposed Mike Smith seconded Mike Tong

It was agreed that Derek Sheffer be approached to be the Hon.Auditor but JB mentioned that he may not be available as he had purchased a boat and was planning to sail abroad extensively. It was agreed that if this was the case Geoffrey Coop be approached to see if he would take the role on.

**RM**

### **6. 1997 Programme**

MT circulated a draft of the programme for next year and JB added a copy of the social ideas to date. The ideas for splitting the season into two halves was put forward. MT explained that this was to capitalise on the generally good turn outs that were apparent at the early and later ends of the season. It was felt that a Spring points event and an Autumn points event with a variety of more fun passage events in the middle of the season might be more attractive to a larger number of members it may also help to attract more new members to the club.

The ideas were met favourably by the committee and some discussion followed concerning some of the social venues. It was agreed that there would not be a Commodore's Cup event in '97 and that a return to the old format of Cowes, mid Solent and return for the early bank holiday was a good idea. The committee also supported the idea of having the Fitting Out Supper after the first race and JB is to check with HISC re using them as a venue.

**JB**

PW requested that the start times were examined very carefully and that not all the races needed to start at 11.00! MT said that he would be particularly careful over this. It was also suggested that the start line should be moved more often when light winds meant having to fight a foul tide, especially on passage returns from the western Solent

### **7. Any Other Business**

The date of the next meeting was set for after the AGM at 14.00 in the committee room at CYC.

JB was asked to write and thank Haslar Marina and in particular the staff of the Mary Mouse for making the committee so welcome.

HC was thanked for providing liquid refreshment!

The meeting closed at 17.20

Jacky Black

Hon Sec. 3.10.96