



CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

Committee Meeting Minutes held at Hungerford
Saturday 14th January 2023 commencing at 11.00.

Attendees Bob Garrett, Pam Marrs, Chris Powell, Mike Smith, Martin Sewell,
Andrew Reed, Craig Williamson, Alex Thompson.

1. Apologies - Guy McBride, Susan Rutter
2. Approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on 27th September 2022.
3. Review of the above minutes, and actions arising - none.
4. Review of minutes of AGM held 19th November 2022, and actions arising.

Due to a loss on the AGM lunch, suggest £10 per head this year. Mike liked prize whiskey glasses. Do we make Charity contributions? CCRC does not have any surplus cash but does support the Solent Protection Society and as it is more efficient for members to give direct, question not to be pursued.

5. Martin, due to other pressures, would like to stand down as secretary but is happy to remain on committee to assist as required, he handed over bag of ties and burgees to Chris as treasurer.

Alex volunteered to take on the role, but as CCRC constitution states this needs to be approved at the AGM, it was agreed that he will work alongside Martin until then.

6. Membership renewal progress - Peter Binning joined last week with a Contessa 32 'English Rose'
post meeting note; Martin has since spoken with him. His boat is kept at Northney and is a friend of Michael Briggs, a member of Bosham SC and is also RC Dinghies at Dell Quay SC. Hopefully will meet him and his partner, Anita, at the proposed winter social

Mike Smith commented that the latest 2 new members seem to have older designs such as Contessa and Folkboats. Keith Felpham has a new boat may be worth a call?

To date 20 membership renewals and 7 boat registrations. Similar renewal numbers to this time last year Ann Jennings has been sent a reminder but if no response her membership will be deemed as lapsed.

7. Program.

Fitting Out Supper- HISC not available so Bosham SC has been booked and due to there not being a suitable pre dinner meeting room it was proposed to hold a winter social at Itchenor SC, if possible on Sunday March 5th, Alex and Martin to organise use of meeting room and lunch for approx 30 people. Bob to invite previous members and people who have shown an interest in joining. He, as a representative of the Cruising Association, will give a 15 minute presentation on the Entry/Exit to Europe requirements for Yachts
actions MS/AT & Bob

Mike to organise CCRC 75th open event on June 3rd.

Publicity for other clubs will be needed plus prizes for the event. Handicap system to be used for this event and entry fee to be decided?
action Mike

A question was raised on how we generally allocate trophies - the web site shows it tends to be the same each year, you can click on trophies on web site and see who donated it, previous winners and for which race it is used.

Andrew and Alex said that Portsmouth SC have 6/7 fully crewed race boats looking to race **action AR/AT**

A discussion about how does Guest entry work and whether to charge? Agreed leave as is present arrangement, but when approaching other clubs after an initial taster session they should be encouraged to join CCRC, as this is a comparatively small fee.

CCRC's brief is to promote cruiser racing for all in Chichester Harbour and many members will also be a member of another club.
action AT / AR to follow up.

8. Pam discussed Alpha v Beta fleet and NHC v VPRS.
Now that all boats start together on the same course, do we need 2 fleets? Negatives being your NHC rating can change even if you don't go out? Positives can be encouraging for new boats, less onerous than VPRS as the owner does not have to supply any measurement data. The new RYA system maybe a subject for a presentation at the winter social as Pam has signed up for the RTA webinar on the topic. Decided to keep both fleets but is good to review occasionally.
9. Bob revision of Crew list
At present we have 3 types of member list –
i) with boat, ii) without boat and iii) non members with no payment but listed as crew only.
A discussion re options for opting out of crew list and charging for crew only, decided not to charge crew only but to add intro tick box for CCRC members to opt out of crew list. **action Bob**
10. Hand over / split of Sailing Secretary role by Autumn 23.
Mike has volunteered to plan and head up this role for 2024 stating more PROs are required as Chris and Mike did most last season. 2 PRO's do not come out much and an apprenticeship system is required to bring on new people. **action Mike**
Pam said that booking Clubs is not so easy to arrange post Covid, can book venue but not allowed to book meal till nearer time. The same person needs to sort berth and dinner for that weekend but this can be different from who is the PRO / RO. The overall booking for the complete programme does need to be overseen by the same person.
Craig is happy to be a PRO and Bob, AR, AT and CR volunteered to arrange an event. Mike will work with a sub committee, yet to be decided, this season and take some events off Pam. **action PM**
11. CCRC informal Cruise - starting May15th for 4 days to Cherbourg led by AR and CW
12. Honorary Memberships -
Mike proposed this category be given to Pam, for her long and dedicated service to CCRC in many roles and was seconded by Martin. Pam thanked the committee saying she was proud to accept the honour
13. CCRC New Member Recruitment Discuss -
AR has found word of mouth best, but still has leaflets from last year. AR to print more A4 posters and MS to put on notice board at Itchenor Conservancy Office plus sites by AR and others. **action AR**
New member form to include question " how did you hear about us?" **action Bob**
Flying the CCRC battle flag has always a talking point to engage with people but has lapsed recently.
To publicise open event a special poster needed, plus article in All at Sea **action Mike**
On line sites need to be targeted. £40 budget agreed for Google/Facebook. **action Bob**
14. Treasurer Budget 2023 -
changed policy to account for prizes cost to be included in year of race, fitting out social drinks budget reallocated to Bob's online needs and any proposed OM costs whilst that is hoped will break even.
15. Winter Social - covered above
16. 2023 AGM/prizegiving/lunch format to remain as 2022 at Eames Farm.
17. AOB -
AR may take on some Vice Commodore roles ie guest entries: discuss further at next meeting
If invited, to support Christmas drinks at Bosham SC again
18. Date of next meeting. 11am April 1st at Hungerdown

13.15 Caroline served Lunch