

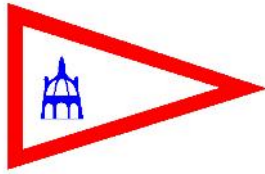
CHICHESTER CRUISER RACING CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Thursday 15th August 2024

via video conference

commencing at 1230.



Present: Alex Thompson (Hon. Secretary), Michael Smith (Hon. Sailing Secretary), Chris Powell (Hon. Treasurer), Pam Marrs, Bob Garrett (Chairing), Brad Croshaw

1. Apologies

Guy McBride, Craig Williamson

2. Membership numbers & Treasurers Budget 2024

See appendix for information shared.

There was a brief discussion re the membership churn and particularly sources of new members which was put down mainly to personal contact particularly of crew.

There will be some maintenance of the Hayling Bay racing marks with costs next year to be assigned from budget put aside.

Costs of prizes will depend on how they are assigned and so their numbers. MS and PM to liaise on the allocation and provision.

Agreed to propose increase in personal membership from £20 p.a. to £25 p.a. but no increase in Yacht Registration (£50) for approval by the AGM.

3. Two WhatsApp Groups, one for fun and one for facts

Agreed to form an additional WhatsApp group so that important information is not lost amongst the “gossip”. So now “Chat” & “Noticeboard” WhatsApp groups to be formed or renamed by AT. Only Noticeboard would be linked to from the web site but the chat one would be promoted from time to time.

Suggestion for the CCRC web site to include ability to promote commercial offers to members. The purpose could be to get extra income though the amount we might get is unknown. BG to consider issues and share document with the committee.

4. Mark Codes / Announcing The Course

Using codes for the course race marks (along with mark names) has been well received and saves time for the PRO/RO. Discussion as to whether to only use the codes and only issue via WhatsApp rather than VHF. Agreed to only use the codes but to continue with VHF as well.

5. AGM Date & Time / AGM Venue must have a Bar

Discussed holding AGM later to allow more time for following year’s programme to be completed. Might be higher venue costs if closer to Christmas. It was suggested that the prize-giving should be open to all and “a great spectacular” with another big event to promote the club to a wider Solent sailing community. Suggestions were also for more fun prizes for things such as biggest crew, youngest member, longest CCRC member etc. so there is more fun inserted. Desire for bar for more social interaction but issues re driving or public transport etc. Suggestion still is to hold AGM

(including the members' forum which includes discussion about next year) and prize-giving on same day but maybe with an expansion of social discussions then if it works expand further the following year. Desire is to attract more towards membership but is an AGM of interest.

Using a club would give benefit of a bar and potentially catering; it would also be a better environment and promote us with the club. There are issues re budget and what attendees might pay. Another option is to use the Winter Social platform and expand it with more content to draw in members, families, crews and non-members.

Agreed to hold Saturday 30th Nov for the AGM and prize-giving but facilities and venue to be confirmed. Potential include: Eames Farm (but catering?), Emsworth, Emsworth Slipper, CYC, HISC, Itchenor or Mengeham Rythe. Preference is for the event to be around a lunch.

Agree that AT to investigate further what clubs can offer, and its cost, at the various venues for lunch or dinner. Options to be discussed via email by mid September.

6. Two-Handed Fleet Alongside VPRS/NHS fleets

Deferred to discussion at AGM

7. Crew List – Adverts on Crew Seeker/Facebook

Deferred

8. Winter Sailing Race Dates 2024

Deferred

9. Winter Social/Training Programme with HISC, ESC, DQSC, ISC

Deferred

10. 2025 Commodore's Quiz/Jazz

Deferred

11. 2025 Fastest Club Cup

Deferred

12. Potential Officers for 2025

MS agrees to continue as Sailing Secretary but aim to introduce other members as Assistants for continuity and flexibility.

BG and PM agreed to continue as committee members to advise and for BG to maintain the web site.

CP agrees to continue as Treasurer.

AT happy to continue as Secretary.

MS to check with GM whether he is happy to continue.

John Guilfoyle is keen to assist in Results; MS to discuss with GM.

Regarding Commodore or Vice Commodore a notice needs to be sent looking for a suitable person.

13. Programme for 2025 and Potential Destinations

Deferred

14. AOB / Date of next meeting

Draft set set for 10th September at midday via video conference.