



Flushing Sailing Club CIO Charity No. 1182993

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 19.00 at FSC

1. **Present:** Peter Harvey; David Mitchell; Rod Wooton; Teresa Spear; John Fox; Len Cheshire; Gaye Slater; Mike Robson; Chris Bell.

Apologies: Charlie Choak; Dave Owens; Dan Tregaskis; Derek Hill; Jonathan Brown; John Hicks.

2. **Minutes of last meeting - follow up/actions:**

Sailing: GS advised the new Policy Committee (PoFSA) will meet on 21st October.

FSW Crew Feedback: GS is in the process of compiling a survey.

Committee Boat: JF advised the FSC insurance covers volunteers, and the survey of the vessel is in hand - LC and RW will take this forward.

3. **Correspondence:** None.

4. **Sailing**

PH shared that the recent Wash Up meeting was well attended and successful with some constructive comments, including very positive feedback regarding Simon (Launch Driver) who will continue with his role next year. GS confirmed the compilation of the Racing Calendar for 2025 has commenced. PH also discussed Trackers for racing boats (the cost is £25 for the App), to assist the Race Office to see boat positions, this would need to be compulsory if adopted.

5. **Club Shoreside activities**

PH shared the success of the recent Student Evening, it was the most attended Student Evening held to date, with the University's Social Secretary (Isabella) drumming up much support along with GS and DO at Fresher's Week. The Club Launch was employed to ferry students to/from Falmouth which no doubt increased attendance levels immensely.

DM reported the Winter Talks and Supper Evenings are well attended with many bookings in the Club calendar. He is currently organising the Club Christmas Party and has called for music performer suggestions from the Committee and Sarah Nield. Stitched Up will be playing again soon and the University Social Secretary (Isabella) is keen to promote a Sponsors Evening mid-November, sponsors and advertisers will be invited for drinks and nibbles.

6. Finance

JF reported that turnover to date is £90k, bar takings are up £7k and membership up £540 on last year with a profit of £3k to the end of September.

Action: JF will look ahead to energy usage costs and advise at the next meeting.

7. Volunteers

The Thank You Evening for Club Volunteers will take place on 19th October.

8. Pontoon Project update

PH advised (on behalf of DO) that the application for planning will be submitted shortly, the MMO is going through the process and could be approved by Christmas.

Fundraising: Sport England would like to support the project (DO will keep them/us informed) and local people will be approached, there are also funds in the FSC bank account.

9. Membership

PH prepared a budget for the next financial year and concluded it is estimated that a 6% increase across the board would be needed to cover our likely costs. Not all agreed but the overall view of a small increase annually was preferable to an occasional large one.

Suggested rates for 2025 membership costs were discussed by GS as follows:

Racing Skipper currently £193 to increase to £210 at the end of January 2025.

Under 35 Racing Skipper currently £115 to increase to £130 at the end of January 2025.

Single currently £72 to increase to £80 at the end of January 2025.

Household currently £105 to increase to £115 at the end of January 2025.

Under 35 currently £35 with no increase planned.

Price per Racing Series currently £35 to increase to £40.

10. Website and IT

GS will continue to update the Club website and chased outstanding photos of the Committee members.

11. Newsletter

DM will draft an article, and GS will publicise the new membership fees due to increased Club running costs.

12. PoFSA

GS confirmed the Policy Committee (which comprises of the PoFSA Commodores from each club) will be meeting soon to discuss safety issues and risk assessments.

13. AOB

- JB has emailed the Committee regarding funding Bot funding; PH will follow this up.
- CB is currently incapacitated, and DM will be liaising with Jamie Medlin in the future.
- CB advised the soundproofing for the Clubhouse will cost approximately £2,500, this spend was approved by the Committee, CB will approach the Trustees for approval on the spend.

- DM has requested the need for a new Club sound system that will be suitable for the Winter Talks and other events.

Action: CB to approach the Trustees for spending approval, PH will follow up Bot funding and DM will investigate sound system costs and report back at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 19:00