



Flushing Sailing Club CIO Charity No. 1182993

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 19.00 at FSC

- 1. Present:** Peter Harvey; Dave Owens; Gaye Slater; David Mitchell; Derek Hill; John Fox; John Hicks; Rod Wooton; Dan Tregaskis; Teresa Spear; Izi Friend; Chris Bell; Mike Robson; Sam Harding

Apologies: Charlie Choak; Jonathan Brown; Len Cheshire

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

- DO has collated prices for Committee Boat works and confirmed they will be in the region of £250.
- DO confirmed that he will speak to FHM on Friday regarding VHF aerial usage.

3. Correspondence: None.

4. Discussion and decision on Pontoon Project

DO updated the Committee, there will be additional requirements for planning and the MMO have reclassified the project, as a result fees will increase to £9k (from £2k). Both consultants have advised there are reasonable grounds for final approval. As £46k has been spent so far, DO recommends spending an extra £9k to complete the planning process. The Committee agreed unanimously to continue with the Pontoon Project and spend extra monies as required to achieve planning consent (proposed by PH and seconded by DH).

5. Discussion and decision on Stairlift

DM reported that fitting a stairlift would cost £3,100 from Acorn Stairlifts, DO suggested contacting Alan Stannah for a price before deciding. A lengthy discussion ensued with the following points being made:

- DO advised there would be fire safety implications disallowing use during a fire and that evacuation would be extremely difficult.
- DH will discuss this with CC to see if he would like a stairlift fitted and report back, as he has not yet been approached.
- MR assured the Committee that the stairlift would not just be for CC's use, but for others too.
- PH proposed revisiting this matter later in the year as fitting can be completed in just one week.

6. Sailing

- **Boat Tracking:** JH updated that he would continue to search for a suitable solution for Boat Tracking and short-term trials. The Race Officers will need to be capable of running software and accessing data, this could improve safety and race management. SH commented that rechargeable devices would not be popular with those boats that didn't have electrics, the working boat fleet, in general, were not in favour. SH and TS asked for Race Skippers to be brought into the discussion to ensure they are happy to use tracking devices on their vessels.
- RW confirmed the SI's and Race Calendar are now complete, the Race Officers list is currently being compiled.
- The Google personal details form for crews needs to be created.

Actions: JH will continue to search for a suitable solution for Boat Tracking and short-term trials and Race Skippers will be asked if they would use trackers. Google personal details form to be created.

7. Club Shoreside activities

- DM requests to be made aware of any special sailing dates/events that require use of the Clubhouse.
- DM confirmed all Chefs are booked until the end of June.
- DM advised that he will be absent in February and called for bar assistance, there is a need to recruit a member of bar staff which will be advertised on Facebook.

8. Finance

JF has prepared the end of year draft - attached with these minutes.

9. Volunteers

GS has called for Race Officers and will put this in the WhatsApp Groups and Newsletter.

10. Membership

GS was pleased to report that 214 memberships have been renewed (almost half of total memberships), and the Direct Debit facility will be suspended at the end of January 2025.

11. Website and IT

GS will meet with MF and Joanna Walpole to update the website.

12. Newsletter

GS requested articles from contributors for the next Mainsheet.

13. PoFSA

GS extended an open invitation to the meeting with IRC/YTC Fleet on 11th January to discuss next years' Falmouth Week and entry fee increases, pasties will be available to all attendees.

14. AOB

- PH thanked the Falmouth Marine School for their help with the repairs of the existing pontoon structure. DO advised the recent storm damage to the structure is being priced for repair, he will report back. DM shared that funding is available for facilities damaged by storms and sent the relevant link to DO.

Actions: DO to get pricing for storm damage repairs to existing pontoon.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 19:00