



Flushing Sailing Club CIO Charity No. 1182993

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting

Held on Wednesday 10th October 2025 at 19.00 at FSC

Present: John Hicks; Dave Owens; David Mitchell; Gaye Slater; Rod Wooton; Len Cheshire; Derek Hill; Peter Harvey; Izi Friend; Chris Bell;

- 1. Apologies:** Charlie Choak; Mike Robson; Sam Harding; Jon Brown; John Fox;
- 2. Minutes of last meeting - follow up/actions:**
 - All follow up matters covered in the agenda
- 3. Correspondence:** As noted at the last meeting the CEO of the RYA visited the Club on 13th October and met with representatives of the Club. A number of issues were raised with her and we will be formally writing to her to ensure the matters are properly on the record.
- 4. Sailing**
 - Pendennis have positioned a camera to provide us with CCTV coverage of the Roads. It will be assessed by the race team on Saturday.
 - A sub-group of PH, JH, RW & DO would consider the offer from Kaye Price over Lizzie, this action is carried forward.
 - The Committee agreed to purchase a copy of a web-based results system to enable RW to properly assess its suitability ahead of next season. If required it was also agreed to purchase a new laptop.
 - There was a wide ranging discussion about the format racing and prize giving for next season, picking up on a number of suggestions from the recent wash-up meeting. RW and JH agreed to come forward with a proposed plan at the December meeting having also consulted with Class captains.
- 5. Club Shoreside activities**
 - DM confirmed that Natalia had begun to take on more of the bar manager role. As recommended at the last meeting she has been given an increase in her hourly rate.
 - DM noted he now intended to formalise the Bar Sub-Committee. This was unanimously supported. It will be chaired by DM and draw from those already involved in running the bar.
 - Dates were confirmed in the calendar for a Volunteers Thank You evening (now 29/11); A young people's Beer and Burger night (22/10); A Sponsors Thank You evening (19/11). There were lengthy discussions about the beer and burger night to ensure it met the objectives both of the Club and the attenders.
 - Tickets for the Xmas Party will go on sale on Friday 17th October.
 - Generally activity at the Club over the weeks ahead is high.

6. Finance

- A P+L account for the period to end of September, plus a rolling 12 months also to end September had been circulated with the agenda. Lost days sailing due to the weather had adversely impacted bar sales. But in respect of most aspects of the Club's operations we were in-line with or ahead of last year. It was noted that the usual year-end adjustments to reflect asset purchases and the like had not been reflected in the numbers.

7. Sponsorship

- IF outlined the plans for the upcoming sponsors evening, and it was agreed that the local business offering discounts to Club members should also be invited..

8. Volunteers

- See above re Thank-you evening..
- It was noted that the on-going lack of an Hon Sec needed to be addressed. PH suggested that Joanna be approached to take on the remaining Hon Sec tasks and make it a paid support role to the Club.

9. Membership

- GS proposed that racing fees be increased by £10/yr and non-racing fees by £5/yr. Both to be implemented at end Jan to encourage early renewal. The proposal was unanimously supported.

10. Website and IT

- Nothing to report.

11. Projects

- PH reported that we had a draft licence from FHC in near final form and outlined the proposed next steps. The licence would run until 2045 with an annual cost of £800 plus VAT.

12. Newsletter

- Note that Mainsheet now being circulated prior to the Committee meeting rather than afterwards to have a greater "look forward" element rather than just reporting past events.

13. PoFSA

- GS requested suggestions as to who might lift the PoFSA race marks at the end of the season. DO passed on several suggestions.

14. AOB

- None

Date of next meeting:

Management Committee - Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 19:00