

SPOSC Committee Meeting 20th November 2018

The John Harvey Tavern, Bear Yard, Lewes 19:30hrs

Minutes of Meeting

- 1) **Present:** Owen Poplett, Alwyn Evans, Kevin Claxton, Pete Ewen, Annie Darling
Apologies: – Richard Bates, Caroline Lambert, Cathryn Pedersen.

- 2) **The minutes of last the meeting** (Meeting of 23.08.2018),. These minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record

Actions Arising:

- Owen to look at the composition of posters advertising the SPOSC with a view to them being sent out to the Divisional reps for display. **Update: Not completed** but SPA general posters have been obtained and will be distributed
 - Owen, or anyone willing to give him a hand, to continue with his input on the excellent available sailing to those that join the SPOSC and the benefits of the SPSA. **Update: Action Completed.** Owen has been approached by 2 more potential members who have been given information.
 - Alwyn agreed to make some inquiries as to the feasibility and cost of the suggested courses, with a view to, subject to numbers, arranging a suitable date, possibly February 2019. **Update: Action in Progress.** Radio course has taken place with Kevin Claxton & Phil Russell completed the course. Four members expressed an interest in the diesel course. Phil undertook to make enquiries, and response awaited.
 - Alwyn to contact the club to arrange a suitable date for next year's AGM. **Update: Action completed** – AGM booked for Tues 12th Feb 2019
- 3) **Commodores update** (includes update from PSUK Sailing AGM). There has been one trip since the last meeting, which was the September passage sail. Alwyn told the meeting. "This had been a successful trip. Made it to Cherbourg. SW and tides took the boat east Big spring tides. Down to Guernsey. Then Yarmouth, Cowes, and met up with Lennie. The boat had been from 4 Seasons yacht charter Gosport, and was a 10 year old boat in good condition." The trip had been a good finish for the year.

Cathryn had arranged 2 'taster days', but unfortunately no skipper had been available for 1. Then on the remaining day there were force 8 gales, so Alwyn spoke to the skipper and it was agreed to put the day off until a suitable date in 2019.

PSUK had meeting recently, and had looked for a new date Sept 2019. PSUK is suffering financially and contributions are being reduced. A date for the PSUK Offshore Championships has been agreed for 23rd – 26th sept using Fairview at Port Hamble. PSUK will also unfortunately be losing S Thornton as chair of PSUK.

- 4) **Treasurers update:** The current balance is healthy. Club took £1,000 less from the SPSA as a charter had not been taken up.

- 5) **SPSA update** Continuing efforts are being made to increase membership. (Posters have been distributed).
- 6) **AGM 2019** – set for 12/2/2019 for 7pm at Sussex Yacht Club Shoreham – (KC has given apologies as on holiday).

- I. Election of the ‘Officers’ and ‘Representatives’ of the General Committee shall take place every two years at the Annual General Meeting. If an officer retires or resigns from the Committee between two Annual General Meetings, the committee may co-opt a member to sit as that officer with full voting rights, without the need for an Annual General Meeting, but the post must then be put for election at the first Annual General Meeting following the vacancy arising.

Last year it should have been Commodore Treasurer & Asst sec. However the Asst Sec was vacant and elected in 2018. There was discussion around re-electing the Asst sec for one year so as to get back on track. The committee agreed to support this proposal at AGM.

Action: Owen / Committee to support proposal to re-elect the Asst. Secretary for a one-year term.

- II. The committee was reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held each year, before the end of the financial year and the Secretary will issue a notice to members not less than 45 days (**29/12/18**) prior to the Annual General Meeting, of those Committee Officers standing for re-election, forthcoming vacancies and inviting applications from members for election as a Committee Officer. Nominations should be returned to the Secretary not less than 31 days (**12/1/19**) prior to the Annual General Meeting and these will be circulated by the Secretary together with Notice of Annual General Meeting and Agenda at least 21days (**22/1/19**) prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Action: Owen will send forms to Kevin for completion and return.

Action: Owen will then send out to members.

Action: Alwyn to organise the buffet. (Members will be requested to confirm attendance for catering purposes).

- 7) **Training courses and subsidies.** (See above) Diesel engine course. Owen had looked at Sea Training Sussex who were charging over £100. It was noted Commodore and others in the Hamble / Solent were charging less. Solent Boat Training were charging £69.00.

Action: Owen to make contact and establish details, so that a decision can be made. (There are 4 members interested).

The committee agreed that we would like to get this round of training completed, and as this looks to be successful, it is hoped to run a further round next year.

- 8) **2019 Sailing Calendar.**

A provisional cruising calendar for 2019 was agreed as being:

- March/April....Frostbite and Skippers refresher course provisional date 8th April. All present committee members are possibly attending.
- May/June..... Summer Charter Passage, depending on Skipper
- July summer charter skipper dependant
- August Charter (Devon Dash) with skipper Alwyn to fix a date.
- September (23rd till 27th September) NCA/PSUK Support boat. (Skippers will be required for the support boat and Frostbite)

A provisional racing calendar for 2019 was agreed as being:

- September (23rd till 27th September) NCA/PSUK regatta. Skipper Alwyn.

(Regarding the Cork 300 2020 300th Anniversary www.cork300.com 13th July 2020. After discussion it was agreed that firm expressions of interest would be needed for this event. The Committee agreed a decision to monitor as too early to seek commitment from members and too risky at this time.)

9) **SPOSC Skippers Register**

The club has 15-20 skippers. Some have dropped off, but others have joined and have been trained. Owen has updated the list

10) **AOB.**

1. Alwyn – discussed a proposal to get people involved who have expressed an interest in sailing. After discussion it was agreed to join new taster sails boat into the Frostbite.

Action: Committee to promote that taster day as part of Frostbite.

2. Owen – raised a proposal regarding club expenses. Should we introduce a rule to enable committee to decide at beginning of year to pay expenses for members to attend events including committee meetings. (This could be fixed rate or mileage). After discussion it was agreed to propose at AGM to reduce daily saving charge to £20.00 instead of £25.00. This would encourage sailing and give benefit back to members but be easy for treasurer to administer

Meeting ends.

Post meeting note:

After the meeting, on 23rd November 2018 the committee agreed to reflect the seasonal pricing of boats and reduced the cost of Frostbite to £15 per day.