



**Sussex Police Offshore Sailing Club
Committee Meeting
John Harvey Tavern
Lewes
1900 hours Tuesday 1st August 2017**

Committee Meeting – Minutes.

1. **Present** - Alwyn Evans, Kevin Claxton & Owen Poplett
2. **Apologies received** – Penny Furtado, Richard Bates & Anne Darling.
3. **Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising** – No previous minutes, 1st meeting since AGM.
4. **Commodores update** – Frostbite went ahead with two boats but extreme weather conditions. One boat remained all week the other finished on the Wednesday as under subscribed for second half of the week and 30+kts of wind forecast for remainder of week. UKFSC went ahead and was enjoyed by all, didn't achieve quite the previous year's result but still finished mid field. The September cruise and the NCA September race did not go ahead due to lack of response from members. Both September events had been advertised at short notice.
5. **Treasurers update** – Half the grant had been received from the SPSA, financially SPOSC was in a healthy position. **Action: OP to contact SPSA for remainder of grant.**
6. **Committee** – Graham Castell has now fully retired and an East Rep needs to be found, OP will cover until a rep is identified. **Action: Committee to find a suitable member.**
7. **Membership** – Only one person has shown an interest in joining SPOSC since the last meeting.
8. **Cancellation of latest trips** – The lack of response for the latest trips was discussed. The committee do not know the reasons but possible contributory factors were that the trips had been advertised at short notice, in the case of the September cruise a skipper became available at short notice and offered to run a cruise, in the case of the NCA regatta Sussex did not receive the invite until 26th June 2017. Both trips were advertised to members on 5th July 2017. Members have limited leave and by the summer had probably planned their leave allocation. **Action: Committee to produce SPOSC calendar in good time for the following leave period. Action: AE to contact skippers seeking early commitment to run cruises.**
9. **AGM** – The attendance at the AGM was particularly poor this year with even a number of the stalwarts not attending. The AGM had been well advertised therefore it may be the format and the location that puts members off. This years was unnecessarily long mainly due to questions from the members. Committee to look to re-vamp the AGM with the emphasise being more as a social. Only required issues to be dealt with on the night. In advance of the meeting members should be invited to submit any questions they may have, committee to consider questions in advance and send out

response prior to AGM. Consider providing refreshments to the members who attend and the lists for the trips opened at the AGM. **Action – AE to enquire with the Sussex Yacht Club with a view to returning to that venue for the AGM and to enquire about the feasibility and costs of refreshments.**

10. AOB - None

11. Date for next committee meeting – TBA

Meeting closed at 2005hrs