

## **Exec meeting - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**In attendance via Skype:** Dennis Haggerty, Gerry Ledger, Alan Parker, David Willsmore, Michael Aarons, Steve Harris, Julia Hall, Derek Underwood, Alan Turner, Mark Riley, Michael Armstrong, Ian Dawson.

**Apologies for Absence:** Marcus Ingram, Liz Green, Matt Pickett.

**The March Minutes:** were approved, being proposed by Alan Turner and seconded by Derek Underwood.

**Matters Arising:** There were no Matters Arising.

### **Commodore's Report:**

1. Significant consideration and Exec. member debate around the impact of Social Distancing, Notice to Mariners 20 closing the river, Lock Down and the wider CV 19 emergency on both the club and our membership. This over-riding issue has taken up the majority of my duties as Commodore with special reference to potential scenarios where members' boats cannot be launched for part of (or all) of the season.

2. As we cannot tell when, how or in what sequence Lock Down and Social Distancing will be wound down, it has proven impossible to plan. However, with due regard to the CHA not penalising members for late payment this year, we have until 1 August to settle our accounts with the CHA as their agents for our moorings. Hopefully, before then, we will know how many members will have launched/be launching this season.

3. I have telephoned most of the cruiser owning membership over the last week enquiring about their health etc. and, passed on some tips and offers of help from other members. I also sought to gain an insight into members intentions for this season. With due regard to point 2 above, faced with such uncertainty and many being in the at-risk/shielding group, at least 50% (at this time) do not expect to launch until 2021.

4. Researched free video and audio conferencing options for the Exec. meetings and recommended Skype group calls. Successful test (if only just) on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**Vice Commodore's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Rear Commodore Sailing Report:** (conveyed by email) The Sailing Committee has put together an email with points as follows:

1. The date of the upcoming Open Meeting will be put back, in the hope that the river is open again in June and sailing is back to normal. This might be a bit optimistic.
2. The shutters for the Racebox have been delivered, with a deposit paid. The supplier is closed for the time being. I will update you after the current crisis.

If there is more that needs to be considered please email me.

**Rear Commodore House Report:** No report submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Fordson Tractor has now been sold for £1900.00. Many thanks go to Marcus.

Tim Harris has ordered the roller shutters for the new race box at a cost of £471.00 which has now been paid.

A 50% deposit of £1440.00 has been paid to Wrights Sheds. The balance of £1440.00 will be paid on completion. Expenditure will be roughly £3500.00 which includes the concrete base. The sale of the rib for £1000.00 brings the total cost to the club of £2500.00

Rochford District Council has now confirmed that we are entitled to an exemption from paying our rates for 2020/21 due to the Government's help for small businesses during the COVID 19 epidemic. This will save the club £6000 a year on the clubs' running costs.

Membership subscriptions received as at 15th April are £31,800 (includes £11,500 payment due to the CHA) which brings the total down to £20,300 Vs £29,200 last year. This would suggest there are a number of subscriptions outstanding.

Projection of expenditure up to March 2021:-  
£ 1590 Balance on New Race Box and concrete base

£12100 Club running costs (11 Months X £1,100.00 which includes the £500 per Month rates exemption)

£11,500 Moorings and Plaques payment due to the CHA. This is a rough estimate based on last year's payment plus 10%.

**Projected balance as at 31st March 2021 is £18,657.00**

Current balances as at 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020 are:

Deposit £ 38,095.19

Current £ 5,700.32

Cash £ 52.15

Total £ 43,847.66 Vs £48,900.00 (2019)

### **Membership Secretary's Report:**

1. 7 Sailing members have not yet renewed. I shall be chasing them. A number of family members have become Single members. I am holding £1,300.00 in cheques. *To be collected by Alan Parker and paid into the bank.*

2. Alan and I will examine the current financial records in a bid to understand the deficit of £9000.00 approx. as against last year.

3. Henry and Janet Burgess have applied for Associate Family membership. Their request has been accepted. *Proposed by Steve Harris and seconded by David.*

We are now at the ceiling of our 20% Associate membership cap.

**Hon. Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the Exec. meeting have been circulated for reading and approval.

My thanks to Steve Harris for covering for me at the previous meeting.

I have retained all the emails pertaining to the CHA's approach to the issue of plaques for this season.

**L&R Report:** Nothing to report. However, once we return to normal there will be some cruisers wishing to launch, and we will need to know how many and sort out a suitable tide/date with sufficient warning.

**Bar Manager's Report:** As is known the bar has been shut down, the fridges turned off and a small amount of stock given away.

On my once a week post trip yesterday I checked the clubhouse and went through the stock that I know is coming up to its sell-by dates. If we do not

reopen in May I will have a stock "Out of date" problem.

*We can advertise old stock that is going out of date.*

At the moment I estimate that we have lost about £40 of stock at cost price.

However, we are not buying stock, nor paying wages, so there are no other losses other than any loss of profit from turnover.

I have told Alan Parker these facts and figures.

**AOB:** If we don't launch by the Regatta, there would be insufficient crowd space in the Bottom Field. *To re-examine this issue during the June meeting.*

It would be useful to provide our photos for Skype'

The online meeting ended at 7.19pm.

**Date of the next Exec meeting: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**