

**Minutes of General Committee Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at 7.30 pm in the clubhouse.**

**Present:** Chris Howe, Arron Twamley, Philip Cresswell, Jane Middis, Bob Ashby, Karen Gosford (KH), Russ Canning, Chris Burrows, Bill Proctor (WP)

**1. Apologies for absence:** Selina Ramm, Kay Gorbald (KG), Sue Prattley, Richard Beardsley, Mark Smithson, Geoff Worrall, and David Newton.

**2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting:**

- Proposed KH, 2<sup>nd</sup> AT, carried.

**3. Matters Arising from minutes of last meeting/Action List:**

Bank balance was reported at £82k but should have read £182k.

Employee review is scheduled for 2 weeks time.

**Action:** WP, PC and CH

We no longer have a queue for windsurfing lockers and there are a few spare.

Re point 6 - 'Duty of Care'; WP has liaised with the RYA and they believe that OSC has no liability in the case of the member getting into difficulties but have suggested we also check with RYA sailability.

**Action:** WP to investigate further.

Errant car parkers (leaving their cars at the top for too long) • it has been suggested that we use the sticky notices on windscreens to inform people they should not leave cars at the top for long periods.

Employee's forthcoming paternity.

**Action:** WP to investigate paternity leave regulations.

PC will (re-)do the bank mandates with the new Commodore (CH) and Secretary (AT) as signatories.

**4. Sub-committee minutes or reports • matters needing general committee approval:**

- **Development:** OSC have received 2 quotes for refurbishment under the new spec. but are awaiting a 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both quotes received so far are over the £15k threshold • we will try to obtain some local firm's quotes too.

For architects we have quotes from 2 companies for the first stage but as they are quite wide apart we are asking for stage 2 and 3 quotes as well, to check total project costs/alignment.

- **House:** - the incident book is still being checked

- **Sailing:** - pending a meeting

- **Youth:** RYA Volvo conference was attended. OSC came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9 in the Team15 Nationals.

- **Windsurfing:** UKWA event at OSC last weekend was a great success.

At Weymouth Dan Simpson was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Youth speed Trials, at over 28 knots.

RC is organising a winter group tour to Dahab for interested parties.

**5. Correspondence/Officers reports:**

**- Treasurer:**

£165k in the bank • a summary of income and expenditure will be presented at the next meeting.

PC to check whether ODSSA have paid yet and let Valerie know.

**Action:** PC to confirm ODSSA payment

Re Expenditure on prizes, the budget is rolled over each year; SSC to decide how the prizes should be allocated this year.

**- Sail Training:**

WP proposed that the club fund lunch for Valerie, Richard and Paul as Paul's contract expires in November. 2<sup>nd</sup> PC, motion carried.

CH to speak to Richard to see what he wants to do about offering contracts of employment for next year.

**Action:** CH to discuss 2007 Sail training with RB

**6. Substantive issues:**

- Matters raised at Post AGM discussion •

Fishing Mark visibility/Parking Bay Markings/Steps over the wall at the race box/lights on the path + pontoon on Farmoor 1 • OSC to write to Martin Wagner at Thames Water re issues and to chase proposal submitted for painting buoy numbers on the reservoir wall.

**Action:** CH

More Formal camping arrangements • may be allowed camper vans on site; OSC to investigate. RC to investigate more formal use of Knox's field.

**Action:** RC

BA to research B&B and camping lists.

**Action:** BA

- Yellow Pages adverts • BA proposed we do not spend c. £1k on Yellow pages adverts this year. 2<sup>nd</sup> JM, motion carried.

- Defence Academy Shrivenham request to be a windsurfing affiliate • proposed fee of £190 pa + vest deposits for 4 boards. Proposed RC. 2<sup>nd</sup> WP. CH will write and let them know it will be £100 for the rest of this year and that they need to speak to one of the RAF affiliates to borrow some of their shed space.

**Action:** CH

- ODSSA safety boat use/complaint. CH to reply to ODSSA.

**Action:** CH

**7. New members:** 14 new members approved.

**8. Forthcoming Events:** -

**9. Any other business:**

**RC** • The lights and heaters have been left on. CH to ask Valerie to check the CCTV to see who it is that is last to leave and who is leaving lights and heaters on.

**Action:** CH

**RC** • The state of the Changing Rooms • As these have been left in a mess for the weekend, RC proposed that the cleaners were asked to extend their remit to include putting all remnants of clothing in a pile at the corner of each changing room and to visit the club on a Friday as well as a Monday. 2<sup>nd</sup> CH, BA to ask if they will do it.

**Action:** BA

**RC** • Is a Kite Surfer allowed to go on the water within our current bylaws? CH to check if the bylaws do need any amendments as Kite Surfers are not permitted.

**Action:** CH

**WP** • There seems to be a discrepancy between duties listed on the web and duties in the book • JM to send CH the official duty list, to check that it is the version that is loaded on the web.

**Action:** JM/CH

**CH** • the ODSSA rep is now CH.

**CH** - asked if we still need the course board at the head of the slipway • decision taken for BA to dispose of it.

**Action: BA**

**CH** • the club flags are getting tatty so BA to investigate getting them replaced.

**Action: BA**

Meeting closed at 9.07pm.

Next Meeting at 7.30pm on 29th November.