

ROYAL YORKSHIRE YACHT CLUB

Minutes of the Dinghy Section Annual General Meeting held at the clubhouse on Sunday 19th February 2017 at 1100hrs

Present: S. Stanton Commodore

Members: M. Chapman, C. Chapman, D. Porter, K. Porter, D. Egan, G. Clark, A. Gradwell, M. Gough, S. Turner, B. Simmons, J. Hodgson, C. Marriott, D. Moore, C. Stonehouse, K. Stonehouse, M. Fuller, J. Fuller, K. Porter, C. O'Connell, J. Franks, C Hornby-Stephenson (secretary)

1. Apologies J. Illingworth, M. Exon

2. Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting have been taken as read and approved as a true record.

3. Matters arising

New boats – The Commodore informed that no grant application has been made yet but is hopeful of progressing the idea.

Road – This is in hand with quotes being sought but there will have to be temporary repairs only for the immediate future.

Laying Up Lunch –Not well supported by the dinghy membership and a rethink needed for 2017. Perhaps hold the event at a different location.

4. Commodores Report

On shore Blyth Park has been well maintained and equipment kept up to standard and for that the Commodore thanked the maintenance team. On the water activity has been mainly kayaking and pleasure sailing. Racing has been non-existent. The Commodore emphasised the need to positively look forward and not dwell on the lack of sailing in 2016. The Club has now tied in with the Bridlington Sea Cadet Corps and hopefully members will embrace the link to encourage more youngsters onto the water.

5. Election of Committee Members

The open forum format was successful in 2016 and shall be continued for 2017.

There were no nominations for Rear Commodore Dinghies therefore the Commodore shall oversee.

Race Captain – Joe Franks supported by Ken and Kevin Porter, C. O'Connell and James Hodgson.

Maintenance Captain – G. Clark

Volunteer Group – K. Porter, D. Porter, S. Turner, D. Moore, D. Egan, C. Marriott, J. Rycroft, M. Chapman, C. Chapman, J. Fuller, M. Fuller, C. Stonehouse, K. Stonehouse

6. Racing

J. Franks highlighted that racing every weekend was too great of a commitment for many members. It was decided that racing 3 out of every 4 weekends would be more popular and structured around when members may be sailing elsewhere on the circuit. Hopefully this may encourage more members to take to the water.

Handicap racing issue to be addressed.

There have previously been issues with volunteers to man the rescue boat. A rota needs to be in place before the start of the sailing season with commitment from members. Ken Porter suggested that races are started and finished at the flagpole to alleviate the need of someone water based. This suggestion was positively received.

2017 sailing season - aiming to start Easter weekend but for 2 days and not 3.

The Commodore would like to expand on the kayaking as this was the biggest success of 2016. It was felt the kayaking provides a good introduction to water based sports.

7. Regatta

Regatta date was confirmed as August Bank Holiday weekend (26th to 28th). The Catapults have enquired about joining us again and this was agreed. Otley are to be approached about joining in as well.

8. Open Events

This year's Dart TT to be held at Runswick 3rd and 4th June. It was suggested to hold a mini open series the weekend before this. Needs to be promoted to other clubs to increase participation.

The Commodore informed the meeting the club has been approached to hold some national events. However these have been declined owing to concerns that we cannot provide the manpower to run properly. It was felt that only events with 15 – 20 boats could successfully be accommodated.

9. Planned Maintenance

The only maintenance above general tidiness would be exterior painting and interior décor where required.

The transline bargeboards and compound gates require painting. New signage will be arriving this year.

Race Officer window needs replacing – J. Franks to action.

D. Porter thanked Mo and John Fuller on behalf of the members for their work during 2016.

The Cottage has been locked for the winter period. This was due to people using the facilities even though water turned off. If anyone needs access the Commodore advised to contact him to gain access.

10. Berthing and Compound

The compound is currently untidy and there are boats which we do not know who the owners are and some members are taking liberties. Several members last year did not pay their berthing fees despite being chased and some could not be chased because we were not aware of their boats. This year all boat owners must submit an application form with their boat details and if there is no name clearly visible on the boat it must be identified on the trailer by a boat owner's name. The meeting was shown an example of plastic tubing that can be attached to chains with owners' name soldered on.

The Commodore proposed that berthing fees for 2017 remain at the same level they have been since 2013. That is £95 for the berth and £35 for a trailer (if stored on a separate plot). If paid by 1st May 2017 £20 may be deducted from the berth and £5 from the trailer. It is proposed that the berthing fee is raised to £100 and the trailer fee to £40 from 2018. The same early payment discount to apply.

Any boats without a berthing application or clear identity and without payment on 30th June 2017 will be removed from the secure compound and left in the parking area without any liability on the part of the club. See club Byelaw 10 on the application form.

Once the compound is organised boats will be photographed in situ for record.

11. Caravan and Camping

The club has to be vigilant for new members joining solely for the use of camping. It has to be highlighted that first and foremost we are an active sailing club. The Commodore has discussed the matter with the club solicitor and without a specific club rule all members paying their subscriptions can avail themselves of all club facilities. As a result the caravan part of the website which invited members to use the camping facility has been removed.

The electrics in the caravan field will be upgraded this spring as many of the boxes/boards have seen better days.

It is important all members book in advance.

It was proposed that the annual camping fee remains at £100 for 2017 but this will rise to £110 in 2018. The daily rate will rise with immediate effect to £6. Non-members must be accompanied by a club member and will be charged £10 per day. It was noted that when Regatta/Open events are held the camping facilities are not abused and the correct number of nights are being charged. It was also suggested that breakfast/catering provision must be pre-ordered and pre-paid to avoid waste.

12. AOB

Sea cadets – Currently meet at Windsor Crescent every Tuesday evening, once the summer is here Blyth Park would be an ideal location for them to meet instead.

The old red ferry boat has been removed from the compound.

It was agreed the old pier head hut shall be refurbished and used as a workshop.

A gate is required for the decking area.

Working days confirmed as Saturday 18th March and Saturday 1st April to carry out above works plus other tasks required.

A PC has been purchased however Sailwave needs to be installed.

The Commodore is looking into the provision of WiFi for Blyth Park.

A replacement ganger mower is to be sourced.

The Commodore suggested a flyer to be produced to hand to campers to inform of their responsibilities. J and M Fuller to work on.

New marks need to be purchased.- J Franks to contact G P Dyson

S. Turner to oversee tractor duties.

Safety Boat cover – There was some concern among the members present at the lack of properly qualified rib drivers for the safety ribs. Training course usually costs £300 per head however Filey have indicated a reduced fee may be available to us. The Commodore to pursue. It was pointed out this is not a safety boat course, but you cannot take that until you have Power Boat Level 2. J. Franks thinks there may be members who hold the Power Boat Level 2 but is unsure as to whether the qualification has an expiry time.

The TV in the cottage needs replacing, the Commodore to source.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1225hrs.