

## **Minutes of the Blakeney Sailing Club Committee Meeting held at the Blakeney Harbour Room on Wednesday 11 January 2023**

**Present:** Edward Allen (President), Angela Harcourt (Commodore), John Seymour (Vice Commodore), John Myers (Vice President), Andrew Bassett (Rear Commodore, Racing), Sean Moore (Rear Commodore, Flotilla), Alan Collett (Treasurer), Rod Jeffreys (Bosun), Jane Armstrong (Secretary), Trish Moore (Membership Secretary), Alan Robinson, Sue Gregory, Amy Howes.

### **1. Apologies:**

Simon Hibberd, Jane Bassett.

### **2. Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting on 26 November 2022 were approved.

### **3. Matters arising:**

- Further to research into VHF courses, given their relatively high cost, it was agreed that we could provide some basic in-house training on the use of radios at part of the Good Friday training session. Also (via the next newsletter) refer members to the RYA training booklet on VHF usage and remind members that they should consider obtaining the qualification.  
**Action: Angela & Andrew**
- Angela reminded the committee to consider using the WhatsApp BSC Volunteering Group when arranging work parties, etc.

### **Carried forward from previous meetings:**

- Simon is discussing the idea of displaying trophies at the Blakeney Hotel with them and they seem potentially receptive. He will pursue. Simon also discussed the matter with the Blakeney Harbour Room but they feel they do not have the space.  
**Action: Simon**
- It was agreed that the club will contact the BHA in respect of the small white yacht which is moored on the west side of the Cut with mooring lines from the bow and stern to the bank, thereby preventing dinghies from sailing to the west of the boat.  
**Action: Angela/Jane A**

### **4. 2022 Racing & Flotilla programme**

Andrew reported as follows:

A Sailing Sub-Committee was held on 5th December 2022 to discuss the 2023 Sailing Programme and related matters.

#### 2023 Events Programme

The 2023 programme was discussed by the Sub-Committee based on the draft version presented to the last main Committee. It was considered that the Frostbite Series should be retained, with possibly a single race Cut start. Consideration should also be given to holding only one race for lower tides. A Patrol Boat training day has been included as requested at the last meeting. Some of the event dates have also been re-scheduled from the draft programme. An Event Schedule has been produced which was circulated prior to the meeting for endorsement by the committee. Andrew noted that he had just heard from the Stiffkey Cockle Club that they propose to hold the BSC invitation race on 24 June.

The Schedule was agreed by the committee.

#### 2023 Portsmouth Numbers

The RYA returns for the 2022 season have been made. The Club Report provided by the RYA following the submission indicates that, based on the last 3 years of data, only the Laser Radial and Seafly fleets' class numbers should be considered for review against the National PY numbers. However, the

associated confidence levels are below the recommended threshold. This may be a reflection of the generally lower turnouts. The sub-committee therefore agreed that the National PY Numbers should be adopted for the 2023 season. The committee is invited to endorse this proposal.

This was agreed by the committee.

#### Regatta Bank Start Times

An analysis has been carried out to determine a PY Number for the Cockles to enable a more representative start time for Regatta Bank starts (circulated prior to the meeting). Based on analysis of timings taken in the combined Cockle race days in 2021 and 2022 and the timings taken on Day 1 of the 2022 Regatta, the sub-committee agreed that a start time of 0 be adopted for the Cockle fleet. It was also agreed that the start times should be amended to -1 for the Gipsy and +1 for the Oyster fleets respectively. The committee is invited to endorse this proposal.

The committee discussed the bank start timings further. It was noted that the start times were based on an 80 minute race duration, although the actual time was dependent on the wind strength and direction. Also that 0 start time should be 30 minutes before predicted high tide to give the slower handicap boats a fair chance.

The committee agreed to these recommendations.

#### Revision to Sailing Instructions

The following changes were agreed by the sub-committee.

- Section 9 (Recalls) – The use of an X Flag for individual recalls to be added to align with current practice.
- Section 17 (Protests) – Clarification on the types of Protest Hearing available to be added. This was considered useful in encouraging protests and ensuring that learning was shared.

The committee agreed this proposal.

### **5. Social programme including prizegiving dates etc**

Jane B was unable to attend the meeting but had provided the following report: we have two events planned over the next couple of months:

- The next Winter Series will take place on Monday 23 January (this was subsequently amended to Wednesday 25 January to avoid a clash with the Dinghy Park Management Committee). Jane A has checked that they will be open for meals as well as drinks that evening and members have been advised by email.
- A walk is planned for Saturday 18 February around Bayfield and then back to Natural Surroundings for refreshments. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.
- Other potential events include a visit to the new Wells Lifeboat House (we are waiting on Mandy Humphries, RNLI, to hear whether this will happen) and a Bayfield Hall evening if we can find a suitable speaker.
- The “main summer event” was discussed by the committee: the suggestion of a barbecue at the Harbour Room at the end of Fun Week (Friday 4 August) was agreed. As NWNSA will be at Blakeney the following day, it was agreed to invite the NWNSA competitors to this event too.
- It was also agreed to arrange a barbecue at the Harbour Room after the joint BSC / Cockle event on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

NB: prizegiving dates were not agreed at the meeting. Carry forward to next meeting.

### **6. Report from Equipment Sub-Committee on winter work**

The Equipment Sub-Committee reported as follows:

- The rigi-flex outboards have been serviced and are ready for the season.
  - Steve Soanes has made new names for the sides of the rigis and also a no parking sign (to be fixed to the front of one of the trolleys).
  - Alan R picked up the new trolleys from Marine Weld today. They are of the high quality we expect from Marine Weld. The total cost is £1,030 plus VAT.
  - Most of the racing buoys have been cleaned. All the shackles have been taken off and will be replaced. The sub-committee is recommending using D shackles at £20 each. The fixings on the buoys themselves are showing no wear.
  - George & Dave are progressing with the trailer for Lapwing: part of the scrap trailer obtained is being reused; additional steel (cost £150) has been bought; also new bearings (£100); and wheels and tyres (£227).
  - Lapwing is still to be pressure washed and anti-fouled. There is also some varnishing and minor repairs to the cover to be done. John S is going to look at the steering and consider fitting an emergency tiller.
  - Alan R is progressing a higher and wider gantry and will also make a thinner pole for race finishes. A second horn will be installed.
  - The dates for getting the rigis back to the dinghy park, Lapwing back to mooring, etc were discussed. Jane A noted that if Lapwing is launched before the end of March we may need to inform the insurers. She will check.
- Action: Jane A**

## **7. Dinghy Park Report**

John S reported as follows:

- The new registration tags are expected imminently. The procedure for getting these to boat owners is under discussion.
- There have been some adjustments to the regulations, most significantly that registration of boats is now “required” rather than “requested”.
- The report for the BSC Yearbook is complete (there was no Dinghy Park report in last year’s Yearbook).
- All the chains in the dinghy park have been lifted (so they are easy to see and use). In the kayak area the chains have been re-aligned and an extra length laid. An additional length of chain has also been laid in the area behind the hut.

## **8. Review of paid patrol boat helm and crew rates**

Last year helms were paid £50 per day and crew were paid £40 per day. It was agreed to keep these rates the same.

It was noted that the cost of a season ticket for the Carnser Car Park has increased from £50 to £100 per season. The committee agreed to the purchase of one season ticket for the use of paid patrol personnel.

## **9. Review of club documents**

Around 50% of the club’s documents were reviewed last year, thus, although we had planned to review everything on a rolling 3 year basis, the remaining 50% were reviewed this year. Individuals were appointed to review certain documents and the (amended where necessary) documents have been circulated to committee members.

These were all agreed. The next stage is for the footnotes to be updated to the current date and the final documents to be uploaded onto the website.

**Action: Jane A**

## 10. Which tide tables to use in the future (Hull or Blakeney)?

The pros and cons of this were discussed: the main advantages of using Blakeney tables are: lower cost; easier to populate our schedule. The disadvantage is that the height of the Blakeney tables is not the “familiar” figures of the Hull tables.

There was no question of using the Blakeney figures this year, it was agreed to review the position next year.

## 11. Any other business

- Alan C circulated a Treasurers Report which is attached as appendix.
- Alan C asked if the committee had formally agreed to the club making a contribution to the RBL Wheely Boat fund. This should be checked. **Action: Jane A**
- Trish noted that she is looking at sending all renewing / new member documentations via Member-Mojo.
- Amy reported she is still putting pictures on Instagram, reports in GVN, etc.
- Steve Pailing is working on the Yearbook but fears he is now getting too busy to commit to doing another year. Committee members are asked to send any reports, etc to Steve. It was agreed to ask Steve if he would consider doing the Yearbook another year on a commercial (rather than voluntary) basis. **Action: Angela**
- Alan C noted that there are remaining action points from the RYA conference last year. It was agreed to review these at the next meeting and decide which to implement.

## Dates for 2023 meetings:

Dates for next meetings, all to be at Blakeney Harbour Room:

Wednesday 29 March, 7pm

Saturday 20 May, after sailing, about 10am

Saturday 22 July, after sailing, about 12.15, suggest meet over lunch

Saturday 2 September, after sailing, about 11am

Saturday 18 November, AGM 3pm (Followed by committee meeting)

## Appendix 1

### Treasurer's notes for Blakeney Sailing Club Committee For Meeting to be held 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### 1. Money in the accounts correct 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Barclays Business Account Balance to 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023			£3,147.59
Barclays Business Savings Account Balance 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023			£20,785.08
Total			£22,932.67

#### 2. Transactions since last meeting (26<sup>th</sup> November 2022)

Since last report date 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Receipts	Payments
Bank interest received (Business Savings Account)	11.58	
Donation received (borrowing club marquee)	30.00	
New wheels etc for new trailer for Lapwing		227.28
5050 Club receipts	285.00	
5050 Club payments		150.00
Membership subscriptions	236.14	
Annual payment for MemberMojo		75.00
Thank you present for accounts reviewer		32.99
Collected for RNLI at Fish Pie Night at Harbour Rooms 19.11.22	66.25	
Fish Pie Night at Harbour Rooms 19 <sup>th</sup> November (£160 received already reported to committee)	240.00	400.00

3. STRIPE is now operational, no upfront charge  
£70 sub fee paid member results in £68.92 in the account (after some delay)  
£100 sub fee paid member results in £98.30 in the account (after some delay)
4. From last committee meeting Henry Archer to charge for recovery and relaunching at the beginning of next season for a total cost of £200 (ie this would be the approximate cost per annum to take the boat out and put her in again).
5. From last committee meeting, planned expenditure £1300 replacement of two launching trolleys for Patrol Boats
6. Awaiting quotations for the upgrading/replacement of the slipway
7. Should BSC consider hire/leasing one or both engines for Patrol Boats when they next need replacing, see <https://www.outboardhire.co.uk>
8. Has any money been given from BSC to Blakeney Charity?

See below current year R&P accounts to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

BLAKENEY SAILING CLUB					
Receipts & Payments Account					
For the year ending 30 September 2023					
2022		Income	2023		
£	£		£	£	
		<b><u>Club Sailing Income</u></b>			
	9270.00	Subscriptions	236.14		
	836.90	Racing Fees	180		
	(187.80)	Social Function	400		
9919.10	0.00	Club branded clothing	0	816.14	
		<b><u>Club Donations Income</u></b>			
	2260.00	5050 club receipts	785		
	1110.00	less 5050 payments	150		
	1150.00	Net additions to 5050 club	635		
2299.00	1149.00	Donations	30	665.00	
		<b><u>Other income</u></b>			
	9.02	Bank interest received	11.58		
	1485.00	Yearbook advertising	0		
		Collected for RNLI	66.25		
1495.02	1.00	Sale of Old Lapwing/Assets	0	77.83	
13713.12		<b>Total Income</b>		1558.97	
		<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
		<b><u>Boat Expenditure</u></b>			
4170.00		Patrol Helm & Crew Charges	260		
7448.21		Purchase of new Lapwing	0		
586.54		Outboard servicing & repairs	0		
179.04		Buoys, shackles & mooring swivels	0		
365.00		Club Boats	0		
468.42		Fuel Costs (net)	0		
150.00		Patrol Boat training	0		
532.90		Radio, Race watches, flags & Megaphone			
27.45		Race Hut repairs			
210.94		Patrol Boat repairs	0		
31.17		Club Camera			
85.39		First Aid Kit			
141.88		Lapwing Maintenance	227.28		
14922.14	525.20	Lift Lapwing out for winter storage	0	487.28	
		<b><u>General Expenditure</u></b>			
1427.52		Club Insurance	0		
42.90		Postage & Stationery	0		
117.50		Committee meeting costs	0		
450.40		Prizes & Prize Giving	0		
70.00		Trophy Engraving	32.7		
826.19		Internet, Website, Dutyman & Zoom	75		
		Social Functions	400		
47.98		Micellaneous	130.19		
3835.49	853.00	Yearbook design & printing	0	637.89	
		<b><u>Club Donation Expenditure</u></b>			
375.00		RYA & BHBA	0		
270.00		RNLI donation	0		
670.00	25.00	Dinghy Park Voluntary Donation	0	0.00	
19427.63		<b>Total Expenditure</b>		1125.17	
(5714.51)		<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments for the year</b>		433.80	
29213.38		<b>Bank Balances at 1 October</b>		23498.87	
23498.87		<b>Bank Balances at 30 September</b>		23932.67	
(5714.51)		<b>Increase in Bank Balance for Year</b>		433.80	