

HURLEY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee meeting held on 17th November 2018 Poole Yacht Club

Present: Phil Kirby (Chair), Mike Carter (Minutes), Ian Sinclair, Tony Littlewood, David Edwards

Apologies: Rod Coomber

Actions

1. Welcome

Phil welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for attending

2. Agenda Item 2. Actions from Previous meeting. - None Outstanding

3. Membership and accounts 2018 to Nov

Ian reported that the finances were in good shape with a balance of £3159.65 at 1st November, and the membership still healthy much in line with last year with the number of New and Leavers being much the same, and concluded that it was in line with expectations.

No budget had been set for next year, but confirmed that the accounts would be audited for this year end as normal.

IS

Assets/Stock

Ian also advised we have 91 copies of the *History Of Hurley Marine books* and 3 burgees in stock, along with numerous HOA Window Discs. Total value £1599.50

Membership continued to be stable. Current membership stood at 297 but it was worth noting that the Facebook group had 584 members.

4. Financial Issues

There was a discussion regarding the potential use of e-commerce as it was thought that may help to reduce workload, but Phil explained that the Sadler Owners Association had been plagued with attempts to hack into the site, and was concerned at the possible security of a possible site and costs involved. It was agreed that e-commerce was probably not appropriate for us at this time.

5. Committee posts, roles and responsibilities.

Phil opened by saying that there were more jobs needing to be done than there were people to do them and this problem would become more acute if current members were to leave or alter their current roles.

Ian advised of his wish and reasons to relinquish some of his duties as Treasurer / Membership Secretary but said he was happy to continue until the AGM in his present role, and maybe as Treasurer thereafter but only if a replacement Membership Secretary could be found before membership renewals in March.

Phil explained how he saw the future structure of HOA, with Ian restricting himself to the Treasurers role and the need for someone else taking on the role of Membership Secretary. He also said he felt the need for a General Secretary as a first point of contact for enquiries, in an effort to reduce the workload of current members, but there were no immediate offers to take up either role.

Phil hinted perhaps more could be done electronically via email and social media and hoped emails would be responded to in a timely manner. Mike suggested we needed additional help from others to perform committee tasks.

Phil asked if any current members intended to leave the assoc at the AGM and there were no advisories.

There was a wide-ranging discussion about how we could achieve all that had to be achieved with the current committee. Only two decisions could be made:

- a) Send out an All Stations email to recruit new members to the committee. IS
- b) Arrange a further meeting of PK, IS and MC to discuss the role of Membership Secretary and General Enquiries Secretary. PK

Phil asked we need to consider if the HOA had a place in the 21st century, when people seem to get what they desired via Facebook. It was agreed that information of Facebook could be unreliable, but concluded it may be an additional way to converse with a wider Hurley Owner member base.

It was suggested that in order to reduce committee members workload maybe we should postpone the calendar and photo competition until such times additional committee members could be found, but it was agreed that these were real links to the membership so must be maintained.

It was agreed that there would no longer be a paper copy of the membership list sent to members but it would be appended to the AGM minutes online. Committee members requiring an up to date version could request it from the appointed Membership Secretary when and if elected.

Phil explained that he felt it necessary to have a clause in the HOA rules to cover the Dissolution of HOA should the need arise and had prepared the text of a suitable clause. It was committee approved and agreed.

This clause gave a method and time scales involved in dissolution of HOA and the distribution of any remaining assets after the discharge of all liabilities and debts. The remainder would be donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

This was Approved and will be added to the existing revised HOA Rules May 2018.

It was also agreed not to proceed with the proposed change to the membership subscription rules.

6 Social Media

Phil circulated a document of suggested website changes and this was discussed. One of these being the Membership Application page. This included increasing costs to the membership of those wishing to pay via Paypal. This was in an effort to reduce financial loss to the association, due to Paypal fees and exchange rates. It was decided not to implement this.

Phil said he wanted to remove all the committee contact email addresses from the website, and hoped they would be replaced by a new General Secretary post. This would form a single point of contact. Namely to process general enquiries for information, and redirect mail to the appropriate member for replies.

MC

It became apparent this would not be possible within the present committee.

It was agreed that the website looked old fashioned and was insecure. A letter was circulated received from a HOA member suggesting a number of possible improvements. Mike explained that the first priority was to resolve the security issues. It was noted that it may be possible to rebuild or even replace it professionally, but there were concerns at the possible time and costs involved. It was agreed that both these options were beyond the resources of the HOA at this time.

The section Flash Notices on the website need to kept fresh by deleting anything over 2 months old.

MC

7 Photo Competition

Phil circulated a document containing additional rule changes for the photo competition which are to be permanently displayed on the competition page of the website due to the problems encountered this year. After some discussion it was realised that most were already in place but the additional rules were accepted and the rules updated.

MC

It was also noted that competition rules were no longer visible on the website.

MC

8. Calendar

The proposed calendar for 2019 was agreed and to purchase 10 initially with a view to another 10 later. Priced at £10 to the members it was accepted that this would be a financial loss to the Organisation. MC

It was agreed that an All Stations, to include other items useful for Christmas presents would be sent to all members. MC

9. Trophies / Awards

The Rose Bowl. - There had been no entries submitted so it was decided not to award it this year.

George Hurley Memorial Trophy. - It was restated that the trophy would be awarded to the recipient approved by previous Committee emails and announced at the AGM. There would be a need for the usual framed Citation Certificate to accompany the Trophy. AL

10 AGM arrangements

1) The next AGM usual arrangements, held at the Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club Drake room at 10.00 on Saturday 23rd February 2019 PK

a) Phil would check the extended availability of the meeting room for the SW Region's following meeting. PK

11. AOB/DONM

There was a discussion as to what might be a suitable solution to a Committee member Leaving. - Nothing yet finalised. PK

There were no other items of discussion.

The next committee meeting - TBA

Mike Carter /Phil Kirby
18th November 2018