

## SALCOMBE YAWL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held in SYC chart room on Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6 p.m.

Members present :- Michael Knowles (MK) (Chairman), Will Henderson (WH), Andy Savell (AS1) Andrew Squire (AS2), David Stone (DS), John Donovan (JD)(Hon Measurer), Allyson Lofts (AL) (Hon Sec)

Apologies :- Stephen Galvin.

### Meeting

The Chairman started the meeting by proposing that the secretary be proposed for Honorary Membership of the Association at the next AGM. This was approved.

The AGM Minutes which had been circulated to the Committee were approved.

AL said that the post AGM event had generated a profit of approximately £500 due to the extra tickets sold for the band performance. This will be useful to cover the expected increase in cost of next year's "Chairman's drinks" party.

Patrick Mackintosh has written to SYOA offering Y25 plus a sum of money to cover maintenance costs. This offer was discussed and it was concluded that the Association could not get involved in such an arrangement. MK will reply to Patrick, thanking him but declining his offer. He will enquire whether there are any names he could forward to Patrick as interested in the arrangement of taking over the boat and occasionally taking him sailing

MK said he had convened the meeting to plan priorities for the year and form an overall plan for the next four years. He provided structure in the form of a compass so the various considerations were discussed in order.

There was a wide ranging discussion on the issues raised.

WH had found it very difficult to sort out the sail self- certification and will report back to the committee on an alternative - basically where we appoint a class sail measurer position to a member of staff at each loft and provide one of our official numbered stamps to them.

The technical committee -JD, AS2 and WH have produced a set of "tidying up" changes for the class rules. JD will amend the master and send to AL for her records and Andrew Stirling will amend the website.

WH will check whether entry to the Green fleet was an option offered in SYC Regatta entry

It was generally agreed that more should be offered to the membership, especially the newer members, in the way of rule familiarisation. It was thought that discussions around on -the - water -situations demonstrated by drone footage would be popular.

DS was awarded the task of being "Champion of Training".

Neil Gledhill is offering mast services and is keen to get involved with the Salcombe Yawls. He will be invited to join the association as an associate member.

Tristan is compiling data on the impact of his pontoon. It was agreed it is a big asset to the class, increasing the number of boats taking part in racing and also being a social asset. Possibility of a second pontoon would depend on adequate demand.

AS1 said that he hoped that the promoting of Seve Reed as Salcombe Town Council representative on the harbour board would help our cause. There seems to have been no progress since his meeting with Mark Long about provision for Yawls in the residents boatpark etc and AS has been unable to find out what the plans are for rearrangement of the car/boat parking facilities.

MK will send an WhatsApp invitation link to members in his first mass emailing.

Penny Reed and Andrew Stirling joined the meeting to plan social events.

Penny will enquire about visiting Calancombe winery for our end October 2023 get together.

There will be the usual London dinner early 2024. London Corinthian popular.

MK offered to host an event at Agar Point. WH noted that SYC committee wanted us to support the club more. It was decided to hold the drinks party at SYC on first May Bank Holiday (WH requested a barrel of beer, not boxes). MK will host the event on the second May Bank holiday – possibly a BBQ. Sandra Stone ??? WH will enquire whether Tristan is intending holding a party in his barn next year.

It was decided that dancing music was required after post AGM meal. Penny will research.

Visiting the Isle of White to sail Mermaids and/or taking Yawls to the Falmouth Classic in June 2024 was enthusiastically discussed. Further research to be done.

A repeat trip to Venice had been questioned on its green aspect – flying.