

*MINUTES OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2023*

Present:

Chairman: Richard Edwards

Committee: Steve Shoesmith, John Walter, Keith Veness, Steve Saunders, Keith Baker, Les Watson, Nicola Cox, Geb Locke, Shaun Massey, Rodney Shoesmith and Chris Cooper

President: Bruce Dowling

1. Admin Report

Jenny presented the accounts for end of October. While the surplus has lessened, which is expected at this time of year, we are still 15% ahead of budget and are still on track for an end of year surplus.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were read to the committee and were agreed.

3. Electronic Doors/CCTV/Sound System

Jenny updated that we are still awaiting a quote and this is being chased. In the meantime, Jenny has made contact with the appropriate person at the council to request details of the grant application process.

The sound system is ongoing.

4. Balcony

It was confirmed that everyone is happy with progress.

5. Grant Applications

Richard is looking into the funding for juniors that was sent through from Brian Pask. Richard asked for clarification on what needs to be included in the room and it was confirmed that it needs to be a classroom, with storage lockers for rods and equipment, a lockable filing cabinet for confidential documents. Richard asked for any further details to be passed to Steve Saunders so that we can get a firm floor plan to enable building inspector and any necessary quotes for the works. Les suggested he talk to Brian Pask, as he has all the details.

6. Jack Reece Mounted Fish

The fish are now up and the item is complete.

7. Rule Changes

The rule changes were agreed in principle. Jenny will prepare final wording for agreement at the next meeting.

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8. Apologies for Absence

Paul Carter, Carl Charman and Bob Sage.

9. Secretary's Report and Correspondence

Steve asked that he is able to create a new role in order to take the pressure off Paul, enabling him to concentrate on Chairman issues rather than the day to day running and issues in and around the clubhouse. This role would be to look after the club and Steve would like this to be incorporated into John's role as Assistant Secretary. John and Steve Saunders will look after maintenance. This was agreed by the committee.

In terms of transparency, Jenny suggested that we no longer send rule books to new members as a matter of course, which will save on printing. Instead, we send a welcome newsletter, which directs them to the website where the rules will always be up to date. We should also clearly define the roles of the committee members, with pictures so that everyone is aware who is who and what their role is and therefore, who they need to approach. Photos to be forwarded to Jenny for this purpose and roles will be defined away from the meeting.

Two letters were received and read to the committee, one from HOTCA (Carnival Committee) and the other from RNLI. Both thanking the club and committee for their ongoing support.

10. Membership Applications

13 social and four angling applications were received which were all approved by the committee.

11. Commodore's Report

Les reported that there have still been issues with the dozer this month. The blade fell off while at the water's edge. It is now working again and rams have been replaced, which were paid for by John Morris and Ben Crease.

Richard thanked all involved for what they've done to keep it going.

12. Competition Secretary's Report

Richard has finished the booklets and just needs to set the dates for next year's comps.

13. Any Other Business

- a. Steve Shoemith updated the entertainment plans for next year and what's coming up. He is also planning a mid-summer raffle.
- b. Nicola mentioned the specimen fish weights and suggested that nothing is changed as there were not enough specimens caught this year.
- c. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 14th December.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:25