

Dartmouth Yacht Club

Notes of the General Committee Meeting Monday 23 October 2023

Present: Tony Baker, Helen Jacob, Curt Pierson, Norman Brown, Mike Burden, Jon Clarke, Karen McDermott, Nicki Hawkins, Gareth Thorpe, Wendy Beard

1. **Apologies: Pete Callis, Andy Hay, Paul Smith**
2. **Minutes of the meeting held September 2023:** Next year's subscriptions were agreed at the last meeting
3. **Matters arising, not covered by the agenda:** None
4. **Club Manager's Report:** All agreed with and were impressed with Wendy's report. Agreed to charge for room hire for commercial events. Wendy to consider charges for charity meetings with Tony
5. **Finance Report:** Slightly lower membership this year. This year's budget was set based on expected revenue from outside and food provision, but this has not been as financially successful as hoped. Some events have been financially successful, such as the food festival weekend. Loss of £31000 (some adjustments outstanding) with a profit of £27000 last year. Operating costs have increased this year, such as cleaning, IT costs, energy costs, insurance rises, increased cost for outside licensing to £6200, food costs.

Discussion and **Richard Burmeister's** financial analysis: food should stop at the end of October. The Club received 10% of Dave's food offering during the food festival. This approach could work for Sunday lunches. Bushells will provide food for events. Food does bring people into the club, but we are not in a position to offer food in our own right at present. Watersports covers its own costs. A 10% membership discount would negate a lot of loss. Negotiating procurement with the brewery could produce a better price for the club. Discussion as to other means of attracting people into the club, such as music. A survey of membership to ascertain the genre of music people would like to hear. Discussion around the lack of atmosphere in the club, Karen suggested that paddlesport images/regalia could provide a distinctive atmosphere. Discussion around images from regatta which could bolster the watersports nature of the club. There is a stocktake discrepancy which Wendy will look at.

Vote to change membership discount to 10%. 6 for, 2 against, 1 abstention. Tony to email membership that this will start on 1 11 23 .

6. **Membership Report** Membership is down by 5%. Members should be advised by March of change in subscription.
7. **Watersports Report** Karen produced an emergency procedures document. Karen confirmed that she would be happy to stand again for election.

15 people are attending powerboat club on Sundays. Gareth reported plans to dispose of some dinghys.

8. Entertainment and Social Activities: More music events needed. The music at the food festival had gone well.

9. Maintenance: Electricity meters to be read. Agreed that the club needs chairs in the first instance in terms of any refurbishing, once funds are available

10. AOB: Update on negotiations with the council re housing vessels on coronation park.

Gareth is investigating involvement with Sports Association of Dartmouth which may lead to some funding.

Date of next meeting 27 November 2023