

## CREEKSEA SAILING CLUB

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
16th. JUNE 1995 at JASPERS, 11A BRADFORD STREET,  
BOCKING, BRAINTREE, ESSEX at 8.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commodore G E Manning, Vice Commodore C Unsworth,  
K Fowler, B Goodwins, T Porter, and D Unsworth.

- 1.0 COMMODORE'S OPENING REMARKS. The Commodore thanked every one for coming and as the Agenda was quite a lengthy one, it was necessary to progress through all the various items at a good pace in order to avoid having a very late night.
- 2.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Margaret Everitt, Ray Coombes and Simon Mitchell.
- 3.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (20/1/95). These were agreed as correct and signed by the Commodore as a true record.
- 4.0 MATTERS ARISING. There were no matters arising which would not be covered under items already listed on the Agenda for this meeting.
- 5.0 CORRESPONDENCE.  
The RYA circulars that have been received have been placed in the Starting Hut and the only other correspondence should be covered under other headings below.
- 6.0 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS.
  - 6.1 SECRETARY. Before going on holiday, Margaret Everitt had forwarded a note giving various information and details of items which needed the attention of the Committee as follows:  
61 members are listed as paid or as Life members. This includes 5 new members who wish to join the Club subject to the Committee approving their membership. The following four members were Alan Tolley, John R Wilkins, Malcolm D Roots and Cavell Smith have paid their fees and the fifth member M D W Grogan has not yet sent in a cheque. One other person, Phillip Warren has joined as a family member with a cruiser at Tucker Browns. His son/daughter have a Topper and wish to meet up with other Topper members. He is a haulage contractor and will waive any delivery fee if the Club wish him to collect/deliver any sand or cockleshells, etc. and only charge for the materials. (Membership details with Kelvin who knows that the lorries are very large and could pose a problem). There have been several requests for keys to the changing rooms; Mr. & Mrs. Gold, Paul Sutton and several new members have assumed that they could use the facilities mid-week. I have told them that the matter is to be discussed at the next Committee meeting.  
Margaret stated that comparing the number of members paying race fees (who can use the facilities) and the number that do not pay racing fees, the latter are at a great disadvantage. At least four clubs are known where all members are key holders.
  - 6.2 TREASURER. Kelvin reported that the current account was £816.34 and with other income this totalled £1,025.50. The total rates were £697 with rent at £481 x 2 with an expected rate rebate of £10/15.

- 6.4 RACE OFFICER. The turn out at present was between 5/6 boats, mainly Phantoms and a special handicap had been arranged for Mirrors.
- 7.0 RESCUE BOAT BUILDING. The request by various members to have keys to the Rescue Boat Building was discussed at great length. The main problems centred on responsibility for ensuring that the building was fully secure on leaving and left clean. The use by others making copies of keys and letting in non-members, possible smoking with the danger of petrol fumes associated with the outboard engine and fuel containers, possible interference with the Rescue Boat engine controls and other equipment. Winter use would not be allowed as two keys would be used to lock the door whereas during the summer it might be practical to issue one key. A digital lock was another idea and the combination could then be changed yearly. It was generally felt that the facilities could be mis-used if keys were distributed to every member and there were other clubs who only opened their premises when their club was open for racing. A set of rules would have to be observed and it was agreed to defer this item until the next Committee Meeting.
- 8.0 CAR PARK/CLUB STARTING HUT/SLIP. The car park gates had been kept closed at the start of the season in order to allow the grass to recover and together with cutting drainways to allow surface water to drain away, the car park was now much firmer and not so barren looking. The lifting up of the Starting Hut was reviewed and Tom Porter and David Unsworth agreed to report on the best way to organise this by using jacks or an air bag. Various repairs would be needed to the hut and also dumping of spoil to retard erosion. The pole for the slipway was discussed and the merits of a chain or cable were debated. The scaffold pole seemed the most practical solution with a padlock inserted in such a way that it could not be cut-off.
- 9.0 RACING. The replacement of the rescue boat engine was discussed with a valuation of £250 and the spare propeller valued at £80. Enquiries were to continue for the best possible deal for a new replacement engine which was estimated at £3000. The Commodore produced an updated Club Sailing Instructions document for discussion purposes and two amendments were agreed. The Commodore also thought that a printed Course Card should be drawn and produced. It was agreed that the flag for Phantoms should be Z and that the updated Sailing Instructions covered the requirements for both club and open meetings. A Course Card in a laminated sleeve would be best and the present courses needed a review with newer short triangular courses added. There was nothing to report on CYF/JCC matters but the Club had a stand at the local boat show with last years model lighthouse set-up to draw attention.
- 10.0 REPORTS ON OTHER ITEMS. The matter of full liability cover for insurance was briefly discussed, in particular the cover for visitors such as Girl Guides, etc. when the club facilities are being used. The Commodore had always written to the Club Hon. Secretary to advise when training sessions were arranged as it was understood that the Club many years previously had taken out extra cover. The extent of this extra cover could not now be confirmed and further research was now needed. The Commodore reported that despite filling in the Sunday Times Promotion for the club to be listed as a participant in a "Try a Boat" session, nothing more had been heard of the proposed voucher scheme where a club would offer reduced fees for the first year of membership. The RBYC Centenary Regatta recently took place over three days of the Bank Holiday weekend and the Commodore entered the Wayfarer with an overall third placing. It was noted that the club Phantom Open Meeting on July 22nd/23rd. will need organising for food, drinks, etc. The entry fee would be £5 and 10 visitors were expected. The Burnham Week activities would include a

B-B-Q on Saturday, the Copper Kettle venue on Wednesday (Tom Porter to confirm booking). The Annual Dinner will take place on November 18th., 7.30 pm for 8 pm and a £50 deposit for the booking will need to be paid to the Three Rivers. Colin will price up the tickets once the menu is settled with the ticket price not exceeding £25 with juniors at £18.50. A number of choices for the menu were discussed ranging from £21 to £25.30 and guidance given to Colin. The Treasure Hunt will possibly be at the end of the season and Les and Jean Shaw might assist.

11.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Colin proposed that we should offer Mike Chester an Honorary member of the Club. We could do this by holding an Extraordinary Meeting under the Club Rules rather than wait until the next AGM. This was agreed and a notice would be drafted and sent to all club members. Further to this Mike Chester would like to put up a trophy for a Children's Race.. A discussion on this aspect indicated that the Club could run a Children's Open Meeting for Handicap racing with a limit up to 16 years. Colin is to pursue this matter further. It was noted that if Mike Chester is duly voted to be made an Hon. Member, this could then be officially presented at the Club Annual Dinner in November. The possibility of obtaining Lottery Money was briefly discussed with the minimum of a £5,000 grant or 2/3rds. of total required for a project. The Commodore was very keen to learn if the Club could acquire freehold land, as it was known that Mr. & Mrs. Pyecraft were selling the White House. Tom Porter was asked if he could ascertain what the present position as the Club needed assurances on its future position if the ownership of the land changed and if there was any possibility of purchasing the land for which we at present pay rent.

#### 12.0 DATE/VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

To be advised in due course.

The meeting closed at 11.05 pm with thanks for the hospitality received.

*Tom Porter*  
*Commodore*  
*17/11/18*

CREEKSEA SAILING CLUB.

*Destroy when new minutes are prepared*

MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD AT Burnham Sailing Club,  
on Monday 22nd July 1996

The meeting was convened to discuss specifically the proposed purchase of the land which we at present rent.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Jim Wilkinson and Alan Tolley.

The commodore opened the meeting by displaying a plan of the land in question, outlining the area at present leased plus the extra piece of land being offered.

Brian Spurling asked if we have to maintain the slipway, and G. Manning confirmed that we have to undertake repairs.

Les Shaw asked if the revenue was fixed and it was confirmed that the rises were linked to inflation on review.

G. Manning stated a valuation had been carried out and a figure of £6000 was put on the land, which is prone to flooding.

It was pointed out that we would also be able to have the use of a further portion of land in the carpark area for a peppercorn rent of £10. per annum.

B. Spurling thought we might need to offer £10. - 12,000.

John Torrance wanted to know why any one other than the sailing club would be interested in purchasing land with a restrictive lease on it.

Jean Shaw asked whether A & C Pycraft knew of our valuation. G. Manning replied he was writing to them with the information.

L. Shaw wanted to know what the worst option was if we do not purchase the land. C. Unsworth stated the worst option was a landlord who gave the club Aggrievation.

C. Unsworth has been making enquires about grants. There are three possibilities. The first was the lottery which he investigated and decided we had no chance. Secondly the Sports Council normal grant, and the Foundation of Sports and Arts.

John Torrance suggest trying the Local and District Councils. He also suggested we could possibly get an interest free loan from the R.Y.A.

D. Unsworth suggested we could afford to pay £10,000.

J. Torrance asked if any members were prepared to give interest free loans.

R. Coombes asked where the £10,000 was coming from and how much could the club pay. K. Fowler replied they could pay £2,500 at present.

Les Shaw said he and Tom Porter were prepared to put the money up initially.

T. Porter suggested that we put in an offer no higher than £10,000 and G. Manning to write to Anne Pycraft advising her we had the land valued and would like to meet to discuss it round the table.

B. Spurling asked if Tom & Les would be prepared to loan the 10,000 interest free.

J. Torrance suggested it would be better to put in an offer of valuation and then ask for a discussion if it was rejected.

C. Unsworth suggested £11,000.

Les Shaw suggested that he and Tom buy and then the club could negotiate a grant.

C. Unsworth said we have to agree a price first.

Noel Sutcliffe suggested we carry on renting and asked if we would be liable for other expenses. G. Manning replied we have to maintain the hard and ramp. Les Shaw thought we might be involved in some ditching and piping.

J. Torrance **PROPOSED** we enter negotiations up to a ceiling of £11,000. This was **seconded** by **Chris Spurling** and the vote **carried unanimously**.

B. Spurling thanked Les & Tom for their offer of assistance.

J. Torrance said we now need a mandate to go ahead and C. Unsworth needs a mandate to ask for a grant. R. Coombes **PROPOSED** the committee ask Colin Unsworth to go ahead and Chris Spurling **Seconded** the vote was **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

Les Shaw asked why we were paying four times more rates than rent and suggested we should appeal and get that reduced.

There being no other business relating to the purchase of the lease the meeting closed at 9.00p.m.

# Creeksa Sailing Club

	1994	1995		1994	1995
<b>Club Fees</b>			<b>Functions</b>		
Subscriptions	1,597.00	1,767.00	Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Giving 1993	639.15	0.00
Subscriptions paid in advance	71.50	0.00	Treasure Hunt and Bar BQ	108.00	160.00
Enrolment Fees	165.00	180.00	Phantom Open	15.00	0.00
Dinghy and Car Park	1,046.00	1,136.00	Fitting Out Supper	0.00	279.50
Racing	110.00	96.00	Annual Dinner r Dance	1,035.50	904.50
Sailboard combined subscriptions	243.00	216.50	Laying Up Bar BQ	54.50	0.00
Winter Storage	269.00	225.50		1,852.16	1,344.00
Second Boat Tender	84.50	30.00			
	<b>3,526.00</b>	<b>3,651.00</b>			
<b>Functions</b>			<b>Other Income</b>		
Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Giving 1993	639.15	0.00	CHA Fees	417.50	483.90
Treasure Hunt and Bar BQ	108.00	160.00	Donations	71.50	519.05
Phantom Open	15.00	0.00	Donations from Members	60.00	70.00
Fitting Out Supper	0.00	279.50	Bank Interest	433.13	52.47
Annual Dinner r Dance	1,035.50	904.50	Rescue Boat services/ Burnham Week	0.00	60.00
Laying Up Bar BQ	54.50	0.00	Sale of Phantom	0.00	135.00
	<b>1,852.16</b>	<b>1,344.00</b>	Sale of Engine	0.00	200.00
			Refund Excise Duty(fuel)	0.00	181.39
				<b>982.13</b>	<b>1,701.81</b>
			<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,360.28</b>	<b>6,696.81</b>
<b>Annual Fixed Expenses</b>					
Rent	962.00	962.00			
Council Tax	674.32	620.58			
Lease Fee	50.00	50.00			
Insurance	170.00	155.75			
Radio Licence	50.00	200.00			
Electricity	15.67	53.57			
Water	0.00	34.94			
	<b>1,921.99</b>	<b>2,076.84</b>			

				1994	1995
<b>Functions</b>			<b>Functions</b>		
Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Giving 1993	633.53	0.00	Annual Dinner Dance and Prize Giving 1993	633.53	0.00
Treasure Hunt and Bar BQ	95.46	0.00	Treasure Hunt and Bar BQ	95.46	0.00
Phantom Open	26.67	0.00	Phantom Open	26.67	0.00
Fitting Out Supper(95 Dep)	40.00	246.50	Fitting Out Supper(95 Dep)	40.00	246.50
Annual Dinner r Dance	934.40	759.38	Annual Dinner r Dance	934.40	759.38
Laying Up Bar BQ	43.33	67.15	Laying Up Bar BQ	43.33	67.15
	<b>1,793.39</b>	<b>1,073.03</b>			
<b>Rescue Boat and Trailer</b>			<b>Rescue Boat and Trailer</b>		
Maintenance and Accessories	0.00	91.19	Maintenance and Accessories	0.00	91.19
Petrol	83.01	132.76	Petrol	83.01	132.76
Radio Licence	22.00	22.00	Radio Licence	22.00	22.00
New Engine	0.00	1,467.00	New Engine	0.00	1,467.00
Insurance	87.00	89.17	Insurance	87.00	89.17
	<b>192.01</b>	<b>1,802.12</b>			
<b>General Maintenance and Cosntruction</b>			<b>General Maintenance and Cosntruction</b>		
Dinghy and Car Park, Slipway and Hut	56.73	0.00	Dinghy and Car Park, Slipway and Hut	56.73	0.00
New Rescue Boat / Storage Building.	9,998.27	1,057.67	New Rescue Boat / Storage Building.	9,998.27	1,057.67
VAT	0.00	1,501.78	VAT	0.00	1,501.78
	<b>10,055.00</b>	<b>2,559.45</b>			
<b>Associations</b>			<b>Associations</b>		
RYA Fees	0.00	38.82	RYA Fees	0.00	38.82
CHA Licenses	405.00	459.00	CHA Licenses	405.00	459.00
Crouch Area Yachting Federation	0.00	12.00	Crouch Area Yachting Federation	0.00	12.00
	<b>405.00</b>	<b>609.82</b>			
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
Flowers for E. Brentnall	0.00	52.99	Flowers for E. Brentnall	0.00	52.99
Flowers for B. Porter	0.00	100.00	Flowers for B. Porter	0.00	100.00
Stationary and Postage	126.00	145.58	Stationary and Postage	126.00	145.58
Returns	0.00	32.50	Returns	0.00	32.50
Prizes for Phantom Open Meeting	13.27	0.00	Prizes for Phantom Open Meeting	13.27	0.00
Room Hire AGM	0.00	10.00	Room Hire AGM	0.00	10.00
Flowers for G. Gilles	50.00	0.00	Flowers for G. Gilles	50.00	0.00
Membership Cards	340.75	0.00	Membership Cards	340.75	0.00
Rule Books	59.00	0.00	Rule Books	59.00	0.00
Gas Bottle	12.99	0.00	Gas Bottle	12.99	0.00
Bar BQ Fuel etc	9.28	0.00	Bar BQ Fuel etc	9.28	0.00
Vase (D. Nicholls)	27.00	0.00	Vase (D. Nicholls)	27.00	0.00
Glassware for Racing Prizes	38.98	0.00	Glassware for Racing Prizes	38.98	0.00
	<b>677.27</b>	<b>341.07</b>			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>15,044.86</b>	<b>8,382.33</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>15,044.86</b>	<b>8,382.33</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,360.28</b>	<b>6,696.81</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,360.28</b>	<b>6,696.81</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>15,044.66</b>	<b>8,352.33</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>15,044.66</b>	<b>8,352.33</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-8584.38</b>	<b>-1655.52</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>-8584.38</b>	<b>-1655.52</b>
<b>Cash At Bank</b>	<b>2,419.86</b>	<b>754.33</b>	<b>Cash At Bank</b>	<b>2,419.86</b>	<b>754.33</b>

**Creecham Sailing Club**  
 Burnham-on-Crouch

**Balance Sheet at 31/12/95**

Fixed Assets as per Schedule	14,362.12
Current Assets Cash	754.33
	<b>15,116.45</b>

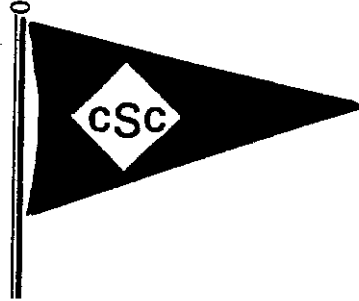
Assets	Value at	Depreciation	Residual
	31/12/94		
Sailing Hut	121.07	15.00	102.91
Rescue Boat	54.45	5.00	51.73
Trailer	5.56	5.00	5.28
Engine	8.03	0.00	1,467.00
Radio Equipment	133.17	20.00	106.54
Portable Toilet	4.98	100.00	0.00
Trophies	155.90	7.50	144.21
Phantom	69.35	0.00	0.00
Tempo Scow	29.81	33.30	19.88
New Facilities Building	12,007.27	5.00	12,464.57
	<b>12,579.59</b>	<b>674.75</b>	<b>14,362.12</b>

The above balance sheet and annual accounts presented overleaf have been prepared from the accounting records of the club and from information asked for and explanations given to me.

Signed..........Hon. Auditor.

**Accounts Report 1995**

Established 1957  
**THE CREEKSEA SAILING CLUB**  
Affiliated to The Royal Yachting Association  
Creeksea Place,  
Burnham-on-Crouch.



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1st July 1996

To All Members

Dear Member

I hereby give notice of an Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the CREEKSEA SAILING CLUB which will take place on **MONDAY 22nd JULY at 8 p.m.** The meeting will be held at **BURNHAM SAILING CLUB, The Quay, Burnham on Crouch.**

The opportunity has arisen for us to purchase the land we at present rent at Creeksea, and this meeting has been called specifically to authorize the recommendation of the committee to negotiate the purchase of the above mentioned land.

Yours sincerely,

M. Everitt  
Hon. Secretary.



**CREEKSEA SAILING CLUB  
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
ON 17th MAY AT  
11a BRADFORD STREET BRAINTREE**

1. **COMMODORE'S OPENING REMARKS.** Welcomed Brian Spurling to the committee.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from R. Coombes and D. Unsworth.
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Colin Unsworth pointed out the third from final paragraph under the heading of A.O.B. of the minutes should have read Excise Duty and not Value Added Tax this was duly altered and the Minutes agreed as correct. Proposed T. Porter seconded by K. Fowler.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**  
Item 6.3. Race Officer. M. Everitt telephoned Mr. Hayden regarding possibility of assisting as race officer, but Sunday is out of the question.

K. Fowler suggested that more attention should be given to keeping to the agenda to prevent over-running.

G. Manning presented copies of the June 1995 Minutes which had been mislaid. The new members who had applied to join and whose applications should have been presented at this meeting were dealt with by C. Unsworth and it was agreed to list these as having now been approved. The list is as follows:-

A. Tolley, J.R. Wilkins, M. D. Roots, C. Smith M.R. Grogan still has an outstanding balance to pay.

T. Porter pointed out that the date of the Minutes stated 1996, this was duly altered to 1995. The June 1995 minutes were then approved and were proposed by T. Porter and seconded by K. Fowler.

5. **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

- 5.1 **SECRETARY.** 49 Members have paid so far including new members. The following members have applied and paid their fees:- James Brown, Allen Burrell, Julian Hardy, Bryn Jones, Christopher Nolan.

Paul Whyte whose cheque is in the post.  
Andrew Dodgson has applied only.

The committee agreed to accept the new members en bloc.

Secretary reminded the committee of the need to find a new Secretary.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

RYA Eastern Region Minutes and Information Sheet on VAT free mooring passed to G. Manning.  
Classic Boats Festival Posters  
East Anglian Sailing & Boating News.

5.2 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Two more cheques received making a total of 51 paid up members. The Current Account stands at £179.02  
The Premium Account £2756.19d  
No cheques to pay in and no bills to pay apart from the £/81 part

£76. spread over ten payments.

Kelvin gave his approval of the new payout of the sub.form.

Colin Unsworth said there would be no more fuel bills for the Rescue Boat as Mike Chester had confirmed his donation.

### 5.3 RACE OFFICER'S REPORT

Tom Porter is still carrying on whilst trying to find a replacement or someone to assist. Some dates have been filled in on the programme by club members but more are needed.

B. Goodwins suggested we try a new layout containing more information for the Sailing Programme as it did not encourage non-racing members to attend the cruising events.

Brian Spurling agreed to make contact with other Mirror sailors in an attempt to raise some enthusiasm for either cruising in company or racing.

C. Unsworth & B. Spurling agreed to contact Malcolm Wood with regard to interesting him in the position of Race Officer.

### 6. BOAT HOUSE

G. Manning to look into the receipts for work in connection with the disabled section of the boathouse. The bills are needed for any possible claim in connection with the new building.

### 7. WORKING PARTY.

Date to be fixed hopefully prior to the Junior Open Meeting. Work to be carried out - Patching and reinstatement of the slipway. Finishing off of the carpark, replacement of damaged posts and chains. Brian Spurling to bring generator. Tom Porter to speak to Simon of the possibility of raising the starting hut on airbags and putting on to blocks

8. POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF LAND. Mr & Mrs Pycraft to get a valuation of the land and the Club will also do so. K. Fowler to approach E.J. Gale regarding the cost of such a valuation.

9. PHANTOM OPEN MEETING - Nothing to report.

### 10. JUNIOR OPEN MEETING 23rd June.

C. Unsworth reported 31 entries so far. He has organized the Venture Scouts to erect a large tent to facilitate setting up tables for the food. A cater is to supply packed lunches and will sell teas and coffees. It was suggested a ticket system for the lunches would be more practicable.

G. Manning asked C. Unsworth if he wanted a committee meeting for making the final arrangements. Colin said it was not necessary. Colin Unsworth to organize everything. There will be three races with no discards. One or two fleets will be decided on the day depending on the final number of entrants. FLEET B. 13 years and under. FLEET A 14 - 17 years. He has organized a Race Committee, Protest Committee and the Conditions of Entry. G. Manning to provide the Portsmouth Yardstick Numbers.

Brian Spurling asked about Accident Liability. K. Fowler stated Insurance Company will not take responsibility for anything which happens on the water.

G. Manning said we should take out ONE DAY COVER - K. Fowler to look into this aspect.

B. Spurling to look into the liability of the event.

C. Unsworth - a donation of £100 to the Venture Scouts for the event.

G. Manning thanked Colin for his efforts.

.. **ANNUAL DINNER** - Preliminary booking made at West Wick Marina for the 16th November 1996. Cost in the order of £14. pending sorting out final details.

**12. B.W. ACTIVITIES.**

B.B.Q. First Saturday as usual.  
COPPER KETTLE Wednesday time to be confirmed.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

B. Spurling commented on the RCYC coming down and using a starting line within yards of our line at the same time as our start was taking place.  
G. Manning agreed to write to them.

G. Manning had a request from Stephen Hook for use of the changing facilities. Decision to look into the possibility of partitioning off the rear section of the building to enable the main body of the boathouse to be kept separate. Also to consider a digital lock or some other means of keeping the building secure and still available for use.

The meeting closed at 10.24 p.m. with thanks to Katherine and Graham for their hospitality.

CREEKSEA SAILING CLUB

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BOCKING, BRAINTREE. ESSEX AT 8.00 p.m.

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M. Everitt. K. Fowler. B. Goodwins, T. Porter, D. Unsworth.

1. COMMODORE'S OPENING REMARKS. Graham opened by welcoming all to the meeting. Followed by an apology for having mislaid the file containing the minutes.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Simon Mitchell.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. In the absence of the minutes these were assumed to be correct.

4. MATTERS ARISING - In the absence of the Minutes there were no matters arising.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

Essex & Suffolk Service - Sailing courses to be displayed in the Starting Hut.

Anthony Nolan Challenge - 22 mile race in aid of Bone Marrow appeal.

Tollesbury Spring Boat Fair literature.

United Hospitals S.C. re sale of Newark requesting display details on our Notice Board.

Mr. Hayden re. Parking at Creeksea - Will telephone him.

SOS Seagulls literature will again be displayed in Starting Hut.

RYA Circulars handed to Graham.

Letter from JCC Trophy Officer re. use of Wayfarer trophies for Burnham Week. Decision not to use Wayfarer cups, but Tom & Dave to look into using Osprey cups.

RYA Notice of Commodore's Conference - Graham recommended attending. Much useful information from last year's meeting. If anyone is able to get there.

Graham reported that he had been taking professional advice regarding the payment of VAT on the building and this would be dealt with under AOB.

Barry asked whether Paul Sutton's letter had been replied to. Graham replied that it had been dealt with at length. Paul now has a set of keys.

6.1 SECRETARY'S REPORT. 78 members in 1995 including two who pay for parking only. There were 13 new members. 15 failed to rejoin despite two reminders. 4 indicated they would rejoin if circumstances changed.

A new member Mr. R.J. Law a GP 14 sailor proposed by Mr. Tolley and seconded by J. Torrance was accepted by the committee.

6.2 TREASURER'S REPORT. End of year cash at £754.33 with no bills owing having paid the £1500. VAT. Subscriptions to be discussed under Item 7.

6.3. RACE OFFICER. Tom reported that the afternoon races last season turned out to be non-events, due to being unpopular with members. Barry came all the way from London to act as race officer only to find that the race had been held in the morning and everyone had gone home. Understandably he was not amused. We are still trying to find someone to assist or train as race officer and to this end will sound Mr. Hayden out in this connection.

7. FEES. Kelvin suggested the fees remain the same, and pointed out that P. Sutton had suggested that fees might even be lowered. Colin suggested that he would like to make a determined effort to attract some younger members by offering them a low inclusive fee of £8.00 R.Coombes suggested fees should rise to take into account rising costs, rates, water electricity etc. This was eventually generally accepted, adding £1. to Single membership and rounding up the CHA to £10 and the Slip/Car Park to £25.

8.1 CRUISING & RELATED EVENTS. Graham reported the Scouts and Wayfarers will probably be using our facilities as usual. The Cruising events will be discussed and decisions circulated by letter.

Colin is to organize a CREEKSEA JUNIOR HANDICAP RACE inviting local clubs to join us and getting our own youngsters involved. Mike Chester has offered to present a cup for juniors. Colin will see him and endeavour to settle on a suitable date. A sum of £3. was suggested as the entry fee.

8.2 SAILING PROGRAMME - T. Porter had prepared a programme and this was accepted

9. PHANTOM OPEN MEETING has been arranged for 20-21st July.

10. ANNUAL DINNER Colin reported a profit of £119.39 which included £68. from the raffle. Decision reached to offer a refund of £12.00 on 2 last minute cancellations. It was agreed to find a new venue for 1996. It was felt more members would have booked had the price been more attractive. Colin to look into alternative venues.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGM - The time has been set for 2.30pm on 31st March at Burnham Sailing Club.

12. A.O.B. Keys for the boat house will have to be applied for direct to the committee. These will be issued to Committee Members, and long standing Members who are known to be responsible persons and will remain the property of the Sailing club. It was suggested that sets should be numbered.

C. Unsworth said M. Chester had suggested that he might be prepared to sponsor the club for rescue boat expenses.

T. Porter has made enquiries about a seat in memory of Bunny. He and Dave will go into details of construction. Suggested site to be either the Marina, where it is hoped will be less likely to attract vandalism or the green area at Creeksea.

Tom also reported having written to J. Whittingdale our local MP re VAT on the new Rescue Boathouse. His reply did not offer much hope.

Tom also said he would keep in touch with Mrs. Pycraft on the subject of the lease on our land should it become available. He also mentioned the repair and replacement of the the starting hut windows which had been damaged and removed by vandals. The perspex to be replaced by plate glass in smaller sections to give added strength. Work to be carried out by Tom and Les Shaw.

G. Manning reported his discussions with Customs & Excise over the claiming of the VAT on the Boat House have resulted in being unable to appeal because of the way the work was tendered for and we have to comply with the conditions put on by the Government. However it was suggested he write to the Romford Office putting a case forward, but there is no guarantee it would get the desired result. There is a possibility we might be able to reclaim the portion relating to the disabled.

Graham also said he had received a letter from Simon Mitchell asking whether the club had a development plan and detailing suggestions for taking power and water to the hut and a means of controlling the ramp.

Colin reported the BBQ in Burnham Week made a profit of £92. He also reported reclaiming £181.39 VAT on Rescue Boat fuel.

*Excise Duty - nr.*

G. Manning reported a CAYF Meeting to be held regarding the effects of Bambergers going into liquidation.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.45 p.m. with a vote of thanks to Catherine and Graham for their hospitality.

*G. Manning  
17/5/96*