

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 10th March 2025**

**7pm at WYC and via Zoom**

Present: David Figgis DF (Chair), Maureen Bush MB, Andrew Provan AP,

Fef Griffin FG, Jo Wyles JW.

Via Zoom: Terry Davis TD, Dickie Ledger DL, Philippa Bloice PB.

1 **Apologies for absence** – Steve Gray SG, Mike Oliver MO, Robert Govier RG.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 10th February 2025 Approved** unanimously.

**3 Correspondence –** None.

**4 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

 All to be carried over to April’s meeting.

 This short meeting is held primarily to discuss finances before the AGM.

**5 WOFC update: TD**

 New Lease of 99 years secured.

**6 Office reports: MB**

Accounts received.

 According to the figures there is a shortfall of £35,000, some of this due later in the year.

 Corporation tax is due in September.

 The GC can approve within the rules a loan from the bank for up to £25,000, this is on hold.

 After the AGM a carefully drafted email to be sent out to all club members asking them for a short - term loan when required, to be repaid by December. We are cash short for a short period.

 Fantastic result for lease agreement which means we can now make long term plans.

**7 Sailing Report: SG**

 **2025 handbook**: published

 **Open events status**:

 Solo training/ Spring Champs April 26/27 Entry live - NoR/SI’s in draft

 Topper training/SE travellers May 10-11 NoR/SI’s in draft

 Tasar nationals June 13-15 Entry live, 11 entries

 Wanderer/Wayfarer event June 28-29 Entry live, 2 entries

 Laserfest July 12-13 Entry live - NoR/SI’s in draft

 Whitstable week Aug 6-10 Entry live - NoR/SI’s in draft

 KSSA training Oct 4 On KSSA website

 **New website:** ongoing tidying up

**8 House report: MO**

 **No report**

**9 Bar report: DL**

 Catching up on some price increases from February. Otherwise, all OK.

**10 Social events report: AP**

On Sat 1st March saw the introduction of a new arts expo at WYC “Whitstable Native and New”. These were all original works created by our talented members. The evening started off with an exhibition of visual arts and included paintings, photography, needlework, wood carvings and stained glass. The performance side of evening then kicked off with original songs and poetry. It was a great success with 60 people turning up and inspired a lot of people to have a go for next year. Planned for again for March 2026.

 Sadly, a couple of recent talks (Knots and Elmley) have had to be cancelled due to bereavements, but we have one final one for the year “Defending the Swale” Andrew Ashton on Fri 21st Mar. Already planning the series of talks for next winter.

 Next Music Club gig is on Sat 29th March, and that promises to be another excellent evening with a whole new set of songs to present.

 A new event added is a Farm Tour from our very own Commodore David Figgis date tbc.

**11 Training report: JW**

Ruth had done a brilliant job of getting all the courses written up and on the new website. The bookings opened on 3rd February and all seems to have gone well. Lots of courses booked by our cadets for the spring/summer.

 All clothing has been checked and washed, some new wetsuits and shoes required in a few sizes due to wear and tear.

 Some maintenance to be done on ribs replacing broken rings along the side. New trailer being ordered via Jeremy.

 Club boats require some attention with new halyards and toe straps on some boats before the start of the season.

 Assistant Instructor Training is starting on 23rd March, we have 8 of our cadets wanting to do the course this year, which 3 x 2 hour shore based elements before going on the water.

 The meeting closed at 19.25pm

 Date of next meeting Monday 14th April 2025