

# DHEKELIA SERVICES SAILING CLUB

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

27-Nov-14

Present:	Sohayla Esmaili	Commodore	SE
	Chris Dodds	Rear Commodore Sailing	CD
	Robert Higham	Rear Commodore House	RH
	Steve Kimberley	Secretary	SK
	Iris Burt	Principal	IB
	John Turner	Membership Secretary	JT
Apologies:	Sophie Jefferys	Vice Commodore	SJ
	Tricia Last	Treasurer	TL

## Action

### 1. The previous minutes were approved

### 2. Items B/f from previous meetings

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| 2.1  | JSP1701 Military Charter for Water Safety.<br>Ongoing   | SE       |
| 2.2  | Nuffield Bid - see item under AoB below.  | SE       |
| 2.3  | Folding Windbreak: Approved @ €200  | RH       |
| 2.4  | Table-tops: 3 of the outside tables to be fitted with plywood tops  | JT       |
| 2.5  | Club Charter to be updated with "guest membership" clause   | SK       |
| 2.6  | Laser 2000 owned by G Sankey: Notice to be placed in paper, then to be sold with asking price of €3000.               | JT       |
| 2.7  | JT to notify Towergate Wilson of updated insured values   | JT       |
| 2.8  | Freshers Fair names. Name of responsible person to be advised to SE<br>SE to follow up with the individual concerned. | CD<br>SE |
| 2.10 | UN: Fees for power boat use to be reduced from €10 to €7.50 per day   | CD       |

### 3. FINANCIAL REPORT September/October

Over the 2-month period, we recorded a surplus of €400, which brought the bank balance up to €20.3k, the highest level for over 15 years.

Taking the half year as a whole (up to 31 October), gross income of €10.7k, was 33% down on the same period last year, with all income categories showing a substantial reduction. On the expenditure side, sailing and power boat costs of €5.2k were almost 60% up on last year, with house related costs at €1.7k, 35% down on last year.

### 4. Encroachment Review

Security: Stock room windows to be made secure. Other, sliding windows to be secured with simple centre locks.

RH

## 5. Bar Stock

- 5.1 Regimental accounts have reported an apparent discrepancy in the recent stock count affecting the quantities of spirits. RH reported that he had counted the spirit quantities as the numbers of full bottles, but the stock accounting for spirits (not wines) is done by measure, not by full bottle, and this should account for the discrepancy. SE
- 5.2 It should be noted that the size of the spirit bottles purchased into stock may be either 1L or 700ml. Reg Accounts assume that there are 28 measures per bottle, however, the measure currently in use, is either 30 or 35ml, (needs to be checked) so the number of measures could be 20, 23, 28.5 or 33. We need to coordinate with regimental accounts, to ensure that the product line pricing and costing is set up consistently with the correct number of measures per bottle for each individual product line. RH

## 6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 6.1 A list of Instructor Qualifications to be provided to SE IB
- 6.2 The 2015 Regatta is scheduled for 15-17 May 2015. An Event Licence to be obtained SE
- 6.3 Batteries for the safety boat radios are corroded. 3 new batteries approved for purchase @ €60 each CD
- 6.4 Nuffield: CD put forward a proposal (attached) to acquire 5 Topper Argo dinghies, to replace the Bosuns and Laser2000's. This was approved and the Nuffield application is to be modified accordingly. SE
- 6.5 The club has no ladders which are necessary for house maintenance purposes. Purchase of a set of ladders was approved @ £100 RH
- 6.6 It has been suggested by a member that the patio area be re-tiled. The estimated cost is £5000, but this was felt excessive, not a high priority improvement, and not approved.
- 6.7 Triathlon athletes make regular use of the club, but are not members. It was suggested that we approach them for a contribution to the club in the form of an "Affiliation Fee". SE
- 6.8 It was also suggested that the bar should consider stocking energy-drinks which may be popular with athletes. RH

## 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 14 Jan 2015 @ 1300

Steve Kimberley, Secretary

6-Dec-2014

## **Proposal: Topper Argo**

The Bosuns are now getting to the stage where they need continued maintenance, they are all leaking quite badly and we have identified the leak as coming from the main structure of the boat called the hog. To repair this, and it isn't possible to make it a permanent repair, it is going to take a lot of man hours as the interior hull needs to be stripped right back so that sealant can be used where the cracks/leaks are.

The recommendation from the Sailing Committee is that we replace them with 6 Topper Topaz Argo's.

- 1 The cost of £4700 against Bosun £13.000 and 2000 £7400 is good
- 2 Is suitable for training from Novice to advanced.
- 3 Clive Grant (ASA Chief Coach) has sailed one and is buying two for the ASA. He also feels that it is a suitable replacement for the Bosun.
- 4 The Argo has similar characteristics to the 2000.
- 5 It is built from a material the same as the Pico's thus making it far more resilient to damage and thus reducing maintenance.
- 6 It can be sailed with either in a symmetric configuration or asymmetric and also with a trapeze thus making it an exciting boat to sail as well as a stable trainer. It will take up to up to four adults.
- 7 I'm sure that it would be more appealing to soldiers than the Bosun when having trysails and would hopefully make them more attracted to sailing.
- 8 Because of its performance capability, it would be able to replace the 2000 that we currently use for performance sailing and would thus actually reduce our fleet size and costs.
- 9 6 Argos would replace the Bosuns and 2000's, and are currently available with trolleys and covers, if bought in a quantity of 6 for £28,200 ex vat plus shipping.
- 10 With a Nuffield bid we would need to find approximately £8500 (€10,710)
- 11 The opinion of the Sailing Committee is that the existing Bosuns might last a couple of years with a lot of maintenance, where as these should give a minimum of 12 to 15 years with little maintenance.
- 12 We would be able to rationalise our fleet of boats by putting the Bosuns up for sale, also our Laser 2000's, if we also return the 2 2000's and the 2 laser 1's back to Akrotiri, we would then be reducing our maintenance cost considerably, have 6 new training/performance boats, thus reducing maintenance costs and labour considerably.
- 13 As the Bosuns belong to the club, any money realised from them would go to off setting the cost of the Argo's. Any money from the Laser 2000 would have to be split (25%) to us the rest to Nuffield, but we may be required to give them to one of the other clubs. I'm not sure how that works.

Chris Dodds  
Rear Commodore, Sailing