

Minutes for
Arnside Sailing Club Committee Meeting
Mon 19 Aug 2024 at 7.30 pm

1- Apologies

Alan Dawson, Andy Pringle, Andrew Newman

Present Alasdair S, Jane C, Marieanne L Chris S, Rosemary R

2- Conflicts of Interest

AS request for safety boat cover at Ullswater

3- Minutes of last meeting

AS sent email to Bay Fringe Festival, no reply as yet.

JC had recommended floor paint for foyer but can no longer recommend this paint.

ACTION **JC to look into alternative paint.**

4- Membership

122 to date down from 149 in 2023

Equates to 3% decline in income

1.2 Main reasons for not rejoining – 50% had not taken part in club activities.

Club didn't engage with them, wrong activities –

ACTION **Need to look at why not rejoined, activities etc**

Need to engage with new members.

**Need to encourage experienced sailors to take out less
experienced members and look at programme in New season**

Wellington Grosvenor has Dart 15 Cat requests space on dinghy park.

ACTION **Committee to allow as long as uses the boat. To be reviewed in 12
months**

5. Accounts

Bank balance will decline until February leaving £6000 at end of season. Income from clubhouse has declined over the year, costs have increased so overall imbalance of income/expenditure

5- Insurance

AS renewed £6395 up by @£300

For detail see Report 2.2

Hartley 10's been moved on to Third party only as value is less than £2,500

6, Health and Safety

- Incidents – Report for full list. 3.1
Issues on boats due to maintenance

6- Water Sports

- **Training Programme**

See Table on Report for income 4.1

Income similar to last year which is good considering weather.

Slightly down on income compared to last year by £1000. Had grant last year for Kent Estuary.

Registration form filled in to cover Lancashire schools. This may increase capability to offer watersports to more schools.

- **Safety Boat Provision**

See Report 4.4

We need enough volunteers and to co-ordinate them.

Got power boat drivers but need the safety boat qualification.

Promote can assist in Power boat but don't need qualification.

ACTION JC to do email to members re Killington booking/Power boat as an assistant/time keeper.

- **Proposed Assistant Instructor Scheme**

Club puts member through the 2 day course. Have to have completed RYA advanced level eg Seamanship skills. They assist a qualified instructor. Can take people out and instruct part of session. Increases flexibility of courses and complimenting.

Apply for grant funding.

ACTION Committee agreed should put course on

- **RYA Youth Racing Pathway Scheme**

See Report 4.6

AS has put in expression of interest. May be better doing this with other clubs who may have more expertise.

Benefit is we are offering opportunities for youth.

AS applied to SUN SAIL for grant funding. Hear in September

ACTION AS to look into other local clubs who may be interested.

- **Skip Hire – Old Boat Clearance**

Need to cut up old boats before putting in to skip.

Do in autumn. H&S only 2 people using saw at any one time.

ACTION Decide on date at end of season October and low tide.

- **Opportunities for new members to go out with experienced members – dinghy cruise August 25th**

Little response from members to take out inexperienced sailors

Replace Race on Saturday 7th to open sail to take out new members.

ACTION AS to promote this new date

- **Midweek sessions at Arnside with safety boat cover**

ACTION Agreed should Go ahead , AS and CS to do safety boat cover.

9 – Club House

- **Turnover July / Aug**

Full detail see Report.

Agreed offer ET £240 to arrange events, promote them 2/ month plus Blues Jam and do sound check. Currently making loss of £100/events.

ABBA Tribute could have increased ticket price by £5

Blues Jam not promoted until late.

Ticket website not working properly.

Rosemary has experience of being charged twice, no acknowledgment of ticket.

ET says he has solved the problem. Can this be checked?

Should we be using a website that automatically sends out tickets and email

confirmation? Or another website that doesn't depend on one individual to manage.

Rosemary suggested Ticket Taylor. Should this be trailed in the background?

ACTION Rosemary to look into to see if produces amalgamation page

Current situation is limiting going forward.

Need to add monthly costs to clubhouse takings to show how arrive at profit.

Try to force clubhouse and events to run more efficiently

- **Other ideas for events**

Cinema Nights

ET suggested applying to Arts Council for more equipment. Need to show we are embedded in the community and how attendees are engaged in the events.

Look into possible grants that would support our venue

ET suggested we join Music Ventures Trust is like governing body to help promote events.

7- Any other business

Dinghy cruise 14th September at Coniston. Paying Water Park £60 to run. Do we need IM to organise at a cost of £150. Have 2 Laser Barhaa can take 3 people plus safety boat.

Without IM would charge £25pp

ACTION Decided to run event ourselves

Request to use Rigiflex for Wanderer and OGA Events at Ullswater in return for donation May not be going ahead as one boat has had to pull out.

ACTION Agreed use of boat if event goes ahead

New Picos

Not been paid for. Cost covered by £800 donations to Club plus gift aid covers cost of £1000

AS sent agreement saying if KSA sell the boats the monies come back to ASC.

Committee thanked As for his generous donations to purchase the boats

ACTION JC to look at sail numbers to provide to KSA and then they insure them

Dates of Next meeting

Water Sports Strategy Meetings – Sat 28 Sept (Low tide during day) or Mon 23 Sept (evening) As to ask IM which dates suits him

Next Committee Meetings – Mon 15 Oct, Mon 2 Dec

Clubhouse Strategy Meeting – Mid November? (Thurs 14 or Sun 17 Nov)