

Record of the Portland Branch RNSA Committee Meeting 2018/02

Fri 6th April at Marina Office

Present

Peter Goss, Alan Clifton, John Hasker, Wayne Elkin, Christopher Stonehouse, Steve Pointon

Apologies for absence Peter Eaglestone

Admin.

Meeting started 18.30

Peter welcomed the new Social Secretary (Steve Pointon).

Minutes of last meeting, and actions if any.

No comments on the minutes of the last meeting (14th Feb)

Correspondence and Secretary's items

- The CTP was the main focus for the meeting with the Sea Cadets possibly unable to provide a full band. Steve will confirm Sea Cadet numbers. Alan will arrange a mast to be rigged for the sunset ceremony.

Moorings

- John reported in on the moorings diving inspection, discussed the video and highlighted the wear at 15% indicating a 3 year turn round for riser chain. Following a discussion the decision was to change out the riser chains by trot.
- Paul Kelly, director of EYE Marine has offered to give a talk to members, Steve will co-ordinate the event with Yacht Clubs of Weymouth invited.

Finance

- Alan presented the latest available Account statement for committee information.

Sailing

- Cruising - Christopher explained his current programme including Mupe Bay following the CTP, Lyme Bay Cruise and Riding the Eddy repeated his request that members thinking of cruising should contact him to facilitate member's participation.
- Racing- He has discussed possible racing with CCSC who remain the main drivers for racing opportunities.

Membership

- Peter (E) was absent but provided an overview of current membership (65) and number of new members in the pipeline.

Social

- Steve enquired about booking for key dates for the year, and offered to try to arrange a skittles night for October-ish. We will try to use the Academy for our AGM again this year with the last Friday in November being the target.

Chairman

- Peter had a discussion with the centre about the late release of the Journal and managed to get an introductory discussion with the new Commodore.

AOB

- Christopher offered his observations as a new committee member on the Portland Branch Web Site leading to an extensive discussion that focused on improvements we could make. Peter Goss took the action to talk with Brendan about simplification, automated notifications, moving material to an archive area and what possibility exists for easy upload by members.
- John led a discussion on the possibility of powerboat courses to enable some members to use the branch RIB. He has obtained a quote for a number of reduced costs and wanted to discuss what the branch is

prepared to pay. The committee generally agreed with the principle, Peter will investigate if Central will pick up any costs and feedback.

- There was a membership issue discussed to clarify RNSA and branch policy with regard to recruiting associate members. It was agreed that we should remain consistent with our previous commitments on eligibility.
- There was a request for clarity on e-mail procedure. For security reasons we try to always use BCC when communicating to the membership.
- It was decided that members making use of the discount offered to branch members by the Marina for use of the Dry Stack should pay the Marina supplement in addition to the normal branch membership subscription.

Meeting closed at 20.39

Date, time, place of **next meeting** to be agreed but probably September.

Wayne Elkin
Branch Secretary