

MINUTES OF A ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2024 AT 1600 HOURS

Present:

Chair: John Poyner, Rear Commodore House
Catherine Holmes
Helen Le Gassicke

Apologies:

Susie Breare
Sarah Davey
Caroline Norris

In Attendance:

Claire Hallett, Secretary
Lucy Case, Events Manager

10/24 Apologies As listed above.

11/24 Approval of 16th February 2024 Minutes The minutes were approved as a true record.

12/24 Matter Arising from Minutes

May Ladies' Lunch. The Secretary had contacted Kate Taylor regarding a talk, but not had any response. Catherine had spoken with Miles Peckham again, but felt that he's not keen and Caroline Blest is flat out at the moment. [RCH will enquire with his contact who runs the NCI about a talk for the next Ladies' Lunch, which it was agreed will now be pencilled in for Friday 5th April.](#)

Junior Members' Event. [The Secretary will liaise with the Vice Commodore to understand more about the aim of this event and who will be invited.](#)

NYE Brunch. Proposed to be held from 11am to 3pm, with a 3 course set menu served to attendees at the same time. [To be discussed further to the Head Chef.](#)

Commodore's Party. Italian theme previously confirmed, [the Events Manager will ask the Commodore for his preferences regarding Italian themed music at the event.](#)

Opera Night. Potential date of 30th November this year but TBC by Dick Dawson, may have to be next year.

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13/24 Past Events

- 20th Jan, Quiz & Curry – 27, good feedback
- 25th Jan, Burns Night – 21, some negative feedback on the haggis but David Porter said it was excellent and he should know!
- 2nd Feb, John Doerr Talk – 17, which is lower than usual but there's a second talk on 1st March.
- 7th Feb, First Weds Talk – 40, on painting restoration, 50 for lunch.
- 8th Feb, Film Night 'Our Souls at Night' – 20, mixed reviews but generally liked.
- 10th Feb, Beijing Bingo – 35, lots of positive comments on the Chinese food and Matt Whale as the bingo caller. Requests to hold another bingo night.
- 16th Feb, Gents Lunch – 23, great feedback on the food, especially the lamb.

14/24 Upcoming Events

- 22nd Feb, Wine Society – fully booked with 49 for tasting and 52 for supper. The Secretary mentioned that the need to serve smaller amounts of wine for the tasting has been passed on to the staff. The Events Manager added that she has liaised with Richard Pierrepont regarding the provision of tasting notes and offered to help create, type up and print these in future.
- 29th Feb, Start of Season Cruising Lunch – 41 booked so far, will feature a talk by the Sailing Secretary on her past trip to Antarctica.
- 1st March, John Doerr Talk & Supper
- 6th March, First Wednesday Talk by Talan Skeels-Piggins, a Double World Champion, European Champion and Winter Paralympian.
- 9th March, all present agreed it would be best to cancel the 'S party' as was thought that members would find it hard to relate to the S theme fancy dress and that a silent disco would work best in the winter with an Après Ski theme as had been held last year. Another low value event would be considered for this evening.
- 14th March, Film Night 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'. An extra Film Night would be scheduled for 11th April using one of the film suggestions made by Anne Vernon.

- 21st March, Wine Society (last of the season).

15/24 Catering Points

Happy Hour Light Bites. These are selling but in low numbers, hopefully demand should increase as the Club gets busier.

16/24 Bar Points None

17/24 Any Additional Points

XOD Dog Show. XOD Class Captain, Mark Lacey, attended the meeting to pitch the idea of a fundraising dog show at the Club from which the XOD Class would split the proceeds from the £5 entry fee 50/50 with the Club. Mark suggested that it might attract up to 100 dogs in up to 6 different classes held at different times so not all the dogs are here at the same time. It was suggested it be held on a Sunday afternoon in August, possibly 25th, on the lawn and dinghy park and that dog owners would be asked to sign a disclaimer with regards to any incidents such as dogs attacking each other or other people.

Those present were concerned by the potential disruption, noise and mess that so many dogs would create in a confined space and about keeping children safe as it'll be the school holidays. The 25th August is a bank holiday weekend so this would not be suitable as the Club will be busy with members and visitors, especially as it's planned to have live music on the lawn on Sunday afternoons in July and August. The Secretary suggested that The Towers might be a more appropriate venue as it has the space and is also enclosed, Mark agreed with this and said that he'd already approached John Caulcutt about the idea. It was also suggested that the boat jumble in March would be a good way for the XOD Class to fund raise and there are alternative fundraising methods which could be a better fit for the Club.

Boat Jumble. To be held on Saturday 30th March, £10 fee for a table, 10:30am – 12:30pm. Promote to non-members with a board at the end of the driveway on the day. [Helen suggested it should be mentioned to the sailing club which all agreed was a good idea.](#)

18/24 Date of Next Meeting: Friday 22nd March 2024 at 1600 hours

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