

**MINUTES OF A ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 22ND MAY 2024 AT 1600 HOURS**

Present:

Susie Breare
Catherine Holmes
Helen Le Gassicke
Caroline Norris

Apologies:

John Poyner, Rear Commodore House
Sarah Davey

In Attendance:

Claire Hallett, Secretary
Lucy Case, Events Manager

35/24 Apologies As listed above.

36/24 Approval of 22nd April 2024 Minutes The minutes were approved as a true record.

37/24 Matter Arising from Minutes

Future Talks. Motivational speaker, Kate Taylor, responded to the Events Manager that her fee is £250, which is outside our budget. Future talks could be given by Talan Skeels-Piggins following his round Britain charity sail or by the Seelys following their world cruising trip. Catherine suggested that members Didi Nicholson and Susannah Seely could give a talk on their round Britain trip at a Ladies' Lunch. The Sailing Secretary has emailed her contact regarding a talk by the 'Maiden' crew – no response yet.

Light Bites. It was still felt by all that at £6 each or 2 for £9.99 for members the light bites on Wednesday evenings are too expensive for the portion size. Should dirty/cheesy fries be promoted instead? Could the offering be refreshed more often? Scampi, jalapeno bites, halloumi fries. Could a jacket potato option also be added to the Wednesday supper menu? (Which received good feedback especially today's ploughmans). [The Secretary and Events Manager will talk to the Second Chef.](#)

NYE Brunch. It would be difficult to move this to New Year's Day rather than New Year's Eve due to low staffing levels on New Year's Day. Caroline suggested a 'pick me up' promotion on New Year's Day on Bloody Marys and Bucks Fizz and easy to make carbs, such as chips. The Events Manager suggested a special offer for those members who attend the NYE brunch of 10% off NYE party tickets next year, which all thought to be a good idea. The NYE Brunch menu needs to be different from the Christmas Eve brunch menu so the Head Chef will be asked for ideas. It was felt it should be kept simple in terms of having no dress code, theme or different décor and not too expensive. The Secretary suggested a special offer on Champagne (Taittinger Nocturne?) and it was felt this should be extended to Prosecco too. It was felt that the NYE party next year should be relaxed and cheaper and Helen suggested karaoke, which all thought would work well in conjunction with a DJ for dancing later on.

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38/24 Points from Rear Commodore House

Commodore's Party. Sixty-two now signed up, which is good. Susie had heard some negative feedback about the buffet menu including meatballs which some see as quite basic – it is hoped that the Head Chef's Italian version will be well received on the night. Alternatives such as cured meats would prove more expensive and increase the ticket price. £29.50 per person includes a glass of Italian wine on arrival. The tables will be decked with red and white check serviettes, red table runners, green ribbon, red or white flowers with Italian flags. Members have been requesting tracks for the play list when they sign up.

Summer Party. Scheduled for Saturday 3rd August. No theme, Wight Hot Pipes to play 2 sets from 9 – 9:45pm and 10 – 10:45pm. Location of the band will depend on numbers, but preferred upstairs. Summer buffet menu suggested, possibly seafood if not too expensive.

39/24 Past Events

A large number of outside and private member events have taken place in the last month in addition to the successful Open Day on 4th May:

- 20th April – Needles Masonic Lodge Dinner, 99 attendees
- 27th April – Halberg Rassey Dinner, 46 (rebooked next year)
- 2nd May – Member lunch, 18
- 3rd May – RNVR YC Dinner, 42
- 4th May – Moody Owners Dinner, 33

- 5th May – Member lunch, 47
- 9th May – Probus Talk & Lunch, 15
- 11th May – RNLI Gala Ball, 143 (it was commented that the décor by the Events Manager was brilliant & the food was delicious).
- 14th May – Charity BBQ, 23
- 16th May – Bembridge SC Lunch, 20
- 18th May – Southerly Owners Dinner, 21

Helen commented that her friends from Australia had visited the Club with her recently and were amazed at the standard and price of the food on offer, which was much better than at the Freshwater Bay YC in Perth, and were also impressed with the flexibility of the staff who accommodated them at short notice.

40/24 Upcoming Events

- 25th May – Commodore's Party (62)
- 26th May – Member 100th birthday lunch (50)
- 31st May to 2nd June – Contessa Regatta (25 entries). Opening up Friday supper, band and hog roast to members.
- 6th June – Scrabble & Backgammon
- 7th to 9th June – Robin McInnes Picture Sale
- 7th June – Recently Joined Members' Evening
- 8th June – Gin Tasting & Talk
- 15th June – RTI Breakfast (served 7am – 9am)

Plus many more outside events.

41/24 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 26th June at 1200 hours (change of date due to festival)