

# WIVENHOE OCEAN RACING CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting  
Held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 20.00 hrs  
At Royal British Legion Hall Wivenhoe

**Present:** Martyn Carrick, Dilly Meyer, Jayne Morgan (*Chair*), Brian Odell, Gerry Poulson, Kevin Read, Anne Marie Pyett (*Minutes*).

**Apologies** - Laurence Knox

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October were accepted and a copy of these minutes was duly signed.

## **Matters Arising:**

The promised transfer of monies from the old WSFF account to RBL, for ring-fencing for troops parcels, remains outstanding. BOD offered to raise the issue with CB. **Action : BOD**

***Decoration of Hall for Christmas:*** The Chairman asked if any progress had been made on GP's suggestion that a Christmas tree and festive decorations be in place for the Christmas Cocktail Party. KR felt sure that a search of his loft would result in the production of a suitable 6' manufactured tree for this purpose. It was agreed to meet from 10.30hrs on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December to decorate the hall. **Action KR and All**

***New WORC Flag :*** Bill Fallover has been asked to quote for a revamp of the current flag. GP agreed to follow this up but explained that BF is very busy at present. KR is pursuing the acquisition of the necessary artwork which will be sent to BF. DM liaising with KR in relation to logo. **Action: GP/KR/DM**

***Membership Numbers:*** MC reported that the current paid up membership stands at 129 with a further 10 to be added in January. The 10 are recently joined members. As in the past we hold over membership cheques received in the latter part of the year for banking in January of the following year.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

KR apologised that due to sickness and holidays a Treasurer's Report was not available. The outcome of the French Night and Remembrance Sunday events has yet to be finalised. It was agreed that a full report on our financial position would be presented to the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> December in preparation for the AGM at the end of that month. **Action KR/MC**

KR confirmed that the Nottage had been paid for the use of the Street Banner for the Fireworks Display.

BOD asked if a note of condolence had been sent to Peter Chapman's friend whose wife died recently.

### **Future Events :**

#### **Drinks Party - Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 13.00hrs-15.00hrs**

It has been agreed to return to a fee of £5 per head on the door for this event. Attendees will be issued with three tokens on entry which will translate into three drinks of their choice at the bar. Some members of the committee were uncomfortable with this arrangement and felt it would be preferable to stick to a strict 2 hour time limit on the function instead. It was agreed to go ahead with the tokens and revisit this question at the next committee meeting. All were however in agreement with the charge remaining at £5.

(LK sent his apologies for this event)

#### **Christmas Cocktail Party - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 13.00 – 15.00 hrs**

This party celebrates both Christmas and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of WORC. In addition to the bar, cocktails and nibbles will be served. This will be a ticketed event. MC agreed to send out a reminder of the cocktail party and DM will produce a ticket for distribution. **Action: MC/DM**

(Apologies received from GP and JM)

The general clear up of the hall following the Cocktail party and in readiness for the post Christmas AGM will be carried out from 6.30 pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December before/during/ or after the RBL drinks evening! **Action: All**

#### **AGM - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December 11.00hrs**

Annual General Meeting and election of officers. Nominations for officers to be received by 27<sup>th</sup> November and proposals must be to hand by 20<sup>th</sup> December. All present members of the Committee confirmed their willingness to stand for another year.

(Apologies for attendance at AGM received from GP)

#### **Annual Dinner – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

It was agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to oversee the Annual Dinner and GP, BOD and DM kindly agreed to form this party. They will meet at 8 pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 in the WORC Hall of RBL to discuss arrangements to date and future planning, reporting back to the main committee at the February '09 meeting. **Action GP/BOD/DM**

MC confirmed that the venue (Nottage Maritime Institute) and the caterers (Barnards as last year) had been booked for the Annual Dinner on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 09.

## 2009 Events Calendar:

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Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> January	“Survivors” Drinks Party
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Curry Lunch
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	Drinks Party
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> April	WORC Annual Dinner at the Nottage
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> May	Italian Night
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Drinks Party
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Party
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> September	Drinks Party
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> October	French Night
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> November	Drinks Party
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Cocktail Party

#### **Membership:**

MC reported (as previously stated under *matters arising* above) that a true picture of current membership would be best confirmed at the end of January 09. Membership renewals will be sent out to all current members (some 129) during the 1st week of January 2009. The cut off date for renewal of membership will be 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009. By this date remittances from the 10 new members will have been banked and their number added to those renewing for 2009.

It was agreed that accompanying the membership renewal form would be a printed folded card of the 2009 WORC Events Calendar together with the names of the Committee members.

#### **Action: DM/KR/MC**

All membership forms will carry a reminder of the availability of WORC ties and badges and a note that gentlemen are to wear the WORC tie to the Annual Dinner and on Remembrance Day.

#### **RBL Matters**

MC reported that LK had been elected to the post of Chairman, with MC the new Vice-Chairman, of the RBL Wivenhoe Branch. MC would also take on the responsibility for the Poppy Appeal in 2009.

MC said that the exact outcome of the poppy appeal this year had yet to be confirmed; however Roger Belsham (of RBL) believed it to be in excess of £8,700. Particularly high collections were made on Wivenhoe Station, Tescos and The Station Pub – well done all. This sum represents an increase on

2007 of £1,100 and an overall increase of over 30% on previous years. We hope to do even more in 2009.

KR said that the proceeds from the bucket collection at the Fireworks display had amounted to some £1,139 – which sum was now ready to be transferred to the RBL Building Fund. It was agreed that the transfer of these monies would await the Commodore's return. **Action: KR/LK**

MC reported that the RBL Wivenhoe Building a/c was held by RBL headquarters as they could guarantee a minimum of 5% interest on all monies deposited with them. He also pointed out that in normal circumstances money could be requested back from headquarters with 10 days notice.

**RBL/WORC Sign:** Following discussions at the last meeting on the possibility of acquiring and erecting a dual sign to be situated at the entrance of the RBL building, KR reported that the cost of producing an RBL/WORC sign would be between £50-60. Mark Frankland had kindly donated an angle iron swinging pub sign for this purpose.

MC reported that RBL members were in favour of the sign but that Roger Belsham had voiced concern as to whether it would be "legal". Before taking the matter forward it was agreed that MC would investigate further the legality of such a dual sign. **Action: MC**

### **Ties/Clothing/Badges**

A good stock of ties and badges remain "in stock" and will continue to be available for sale (and mention drawn to them) at all functions. All membership forms (and renewals) will point out that ties and badges are worn at all functions – in particular it is more than your life is worth not to sport a WORC tie at the Annual Dinner! **Action: MC**

### **2011 Americas Cup Bid:**

BOD has joined the mailing list of Teamorigin, the "brains" behind the Americas cup bid, and suggested we form part of their "Shore Support Club". To be discussed at our next meeting. To further our interest with Teamorigin and other organisations the possibility of a WORC email address to be further investigated. **Action: AMP/Stuart Allen**

### **AOB**

BOD asked that thanks be passed to MC and LK for their extreme efforts on behalf of RBL and to all those WORC members involved in the Poppy Appeal.

BOD suggested that a "working party" be formed to paint the stairwell and main room of the WORC meeting room. All agreed. Before any painting can be planned we need to find get an idea of when the floor covering will be laid. **Action: AMP**

Further discussion ensued on other possible immediate and affordable improvements (prior to building works). From these discussions the most urgent requirement would be an efficient supply of hot water in the kitchens.

Investigations will be made as to possible cost of installing a “Burco” boiler in the kitchen. **Action KR/DM**

**Dates of next meeting**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

All meetings to be held in the Upper Room of the Royal British Legion building.

Signature of Chairman..... Date.....  
(Jayne Foley)