

**Newhaven Gig Rowing Club Committee Meeting
Sunday 6th September 2020 at Phil's House**



Minutes

Attendees: Rachel Beardsworth, Jayne Collins, Tracy Day, Caroline Dean, Mark Syrett, Phil Thompson

Apologies

Christina Cosgrove, Jane Masey, Kate Masey, David Swann, Dan Wittenberg

Minutes

August's minutes have been agreed.

Minutes have come off the website and need to be put back on by David or Christina.

Clubhouse

Platinum Gym, no space available.

Dock

If we return to the Marina, Lewes are interested in renting a dock from us, so possibility of 3 docks, 2 ours and 1 theirs, with a canopy to cover all boats, with open ends so it doesn't act as a sail. We would be able to use their boat when they are not using it and they would be able to use Aurora when we aren't using her. We would have to work with Lewes to ensure rows don't clash.

Boat Cover, due in the next few weeks

Fort

We need to know when we have to move the boat, we would like to leave it there as long as possible.

Trailer, we would like a double trailer, possibly by adding one on top of our current trailer, we need to put a bid in for this.

University Technical College

Have told us we can use the pontoon, but issues such as ladder to pontoon need to be addressed. High tide would be ok but could be an issue for some at low tide. We would need to do a bid to provide a gangway. We could also use a dock here. Lewes District Council who currently own the building know there is a need for a water sports centre and this could be it.

Simpsons

We can launch and recover at Simpsons Slipway, 2 hours either side of the tide, so 4-hour windows of rowing. When it is free, we can keep the gig on the visitor's pontoon. This is £2000 a year, we need to ascertain whether this is a monthly or yearly commitment.

Return to rowing

Coxes are having a meeting to arrange rows and will provide publicity to members about this.

Row for councillors, Mark is waiting to confirm a date with all councillors that agree to do this, Rachel will arrange publicity

Risk Assessment

Michelle Vardy is looking at Phil's document on this as she is Covid-19 trained, she is happy to help us in this area, answer questions etc. The risk assessment document also needs to be sent out to members by publicity.

Life Jackets

Caroline is sending lifejackets for service which will be £8.50 + VAT (£10.20), we will offer members who have their own lifejackets this for £12.

Website, needs updating urgently, David Swann to prioritise this.

Organisational Chart, needs to be done asap ready for when we have somewhere to put it!

Elm Tree Project, is up and running, Mark is having some trees delivered to start our wood collection for a new gig.

Bids

Sussex Giving, we will bid for £3000 for Nazila payment.

Newhaven Council, Mark spoke to Suzie Mullins, she is excited by our long-term club house plans and will help support us.

World Gig Championships, all committee members at meeting agreed unanimously to attend this if this goes ahead, Rachel Beardsworth will register interest for this when it is confirmed it is going ahead.

Membership postponed until October when Kate is here.

Publicity

Risk assessment and commencement of rowing documents to be sent to members. Article in the Sussex Express and Newhaven Matters. In talks with Seaford Scene, The Deans Magazine and Sussex Life. An article has been sent to The Argus but no response. Advertising costs are very high so we are trying to get as much as we can for free.

Speaking to Peacehaven Council about banner. Lucy to provide banner manufacturing costs and arrange marketing meeting.

Finances

Bank balance (£7100 is loan)	£14664.37
Reserve account (Grant money)	£7570.59
Total of bank balance & reserve	£22234.96
Unused row dough	£2245.00
PayPal balance	£2469.00
Balance to transfer to current account	£224.80