

CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING
06/08/2024 (via Zoom)

The General Committee, chaired by Commodore Simon Benson, met on 6th August and dealt with the following business:

- The solar panels are now making a significant contribution to our power supply. It is hoped to report data to members in due course. From autumn onwards, we will be using electricity only from renewable sources.
- With member spend on bar, catering and events still under-performing due to a reduction in visits to the clubhouse, external events are the main contributor to the bottom line in the hospitality area. The freeze on capital expenditure therefore remains in place.
- There is now a QR code available via the Member Portal for members who forget their membership card. This will not provide access, only discount.
- A claim against the Club under the Disability Discrimination Act has been passed to our insurers. We believe we have done all that is reasonable in the current circumstances to enable access to the Club's facilities.
- A number of GC members will be standing down at the next AGM and a succession plan is being pursued at both GC and Section levels. New GC applicants are always welcome.
- A detailed discussion was held concerning the report on Club Governance and Management compiled by Philip Brown. Areas identified for urgent attention were medium term strategic planning, annual business plan, management information and waterfront management. Management information has already been addressed and the other areas will be pursued.
- We are trying hard to improve the uptake of Club training, both for members and non-members. Marketing and progress mapping seem to be key areas for attention.
- Email security had caused some concerns and it is important that members' email addresses should not be shared outside the Club without specific consent to the purpose.
- A discussion on the administration of WhatsApp groups with respect to data protection, security and reputational issues revealed some concerns although it is not clear how these can be addressed. Further consideration is needed.

The next General Committee meeting will be on 28 September.

David Pearce
Hon. Secretary