

Bowmoor Sailing Club Zoom Exec Meeting 1st June

Agenda

- Review of Phase 1 of opening club – response so far and next steps

Minutes

Present: Tom Whittingham, John Banbrook, Geoff Silcock (joined later), Doug Roberts, David Fewings, Jacqui Thomas, James Relph (joined later), Karen Cook (joined later),

Apologies:

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Review of impact and reaction to phased plan to reopen in the light of updated Government guidance

The perfect storm of Half-term, hot weather and the easing of restrictions, has led to a number of breaches in security and guidelines for access to Bowmoor.

YOO patrols over the weekend flushed out group of upto 60 trying to BBQ around the conservation lake

Security at the club is proving difficult – we need to reiterate the messaging in Bowsprit via a vi tailgating and self policing by members. Swimmers are being proactive in this regard.

We need to look at options to improve security – David to look at Fob access / electronic barriers

John has some reservations about locked gates making the club less welcoming. But the current issue of security needs to be reviewed to address this short-term issue.

Options to use Dutyman to support gate management / club security at weekends in lieu of supporting racing. Agreed to implement this. Tom to liaise with Rick to action

Review of numbers of bookable slots:

We need to keep controlled / booked access.

Outside of half -term during the week, there are adequate slots to meet demand. Limitation on the numbers bookable per person at the weekend are helping to keep a reasonable match of supply and demand at the weekends – although there is an increasing demand.

Taking a medical view, Karen does not at this stage support increase in numbers. Agreed no change in numbers of bookable slots

There is an increase in numbers of SUPs. These are currently uncontrolled – Proposed that we move to booked slots of 2 hours for SUP. Agreed. Tom to liaise with Charlie to implement and communicate via Bowsprit

Membership Numbers:

There has been a dramatic increase in swimming number (up 50%) a number of which are family (beach?) members. A cap on swimming numbers has been under discussion for some time – now need to discuss and confirm a limit. In the meantime all new swimming membership requests are to be put on a waiting list.

There have also been a number of requests for inflatable craft memberships.

Proposal that all new membership requests are reviewed to establish activity to be undertaken fits with club core sporting activities, and then accepted or deferred or rejected as appropriate. This is extra work for Doug, but he has confirmed he is happy to undertake this.

Club facilities:

Discussion as to risks and implications of opening additional club facilities to meet extra demand.

This needs to be reviewed by Facilities committee with costings for various stages of opening

Vulnerable members:

Some people, established members, are avoiding the club because of numbers at club. From an inclusivity perspective we need to consider how we include these members and meet their needs – maybe a day or half a day a week for their exclusive use. **For further discussion**

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Back to Racing / Use of Club Boats / management of risk over the summer holidays – All issues raised for further discussion.

Next meeting 8th June 8pm Zoom