

Bowmoor Sailing Club Zoom Exec Meeting 8th June

Agenda

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

Minutes

Present: Tom Whittingham, John Banbrook, Geoff Silcock, Doug Roberts, David Fewings, Jacqui Thomas, James Relph, Karen Cook.

Apologies:

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

No changes in the Government guidelines

Big change in the weather though, that has led to a reduction in numbers at the club.

Membership

We have seen a spike in new member applications – discussion as to whether we should now close membership and put all new requests onto a waiting list

Discussion points –

It is not as easy to induct new members during the current Covid restrictions

We have rationed access to the facilities so as to manage numbers on site at any given time. Is it reasonable to ask existing members to continue to pay full membership whilst eroding available sailing slots by adding new members and increasing demand?

Vote on whether to freeze membership – carried

Back to racing RYA Meeting – James to attend Webinar

Informal racing – need to reemphasise requirement to follow **government guidelines** 🚫 No more than 6 in an informal organised group

Safe sailing – we have been communicating the importance of individuals sailing within their own competences, especially as there is currently no safety boat cover. This message needs to be reinforced via Bowsprit as it was evident at the weekend that some were not heeding this

Weed -An application to be done this weekend. This will use the last of the dye – Doug to order some more'

YOO have offered a weed cutting boat we can borrow at weekends – Tom to investigate. Weed levels are not so high we need to cut yet

Facilities

David is looking at options for access gates / knee operated taps for outside camping sinks / costs for 4 day a week cleaning of disabled loo only / costs for scaled up loo opening and cleaning. There is a

grant available from Thames water to support access to activities – Tom to investigate if this is an option to support costs for fob access

Dutyman to be used to support and provide gate cover at weekends as we are still getting chancers at the lake

Some paddle boarders are flouting buoyancy aid rules – David to also look at signage to go on race hut – text to be discussed and agreed – outlining club policy. Especially helpful as we have lots of new members. Also need more signs around the lake to dissuade access from other areas away from clubhouse – Tom to talk with YOO

New rescue boat

We have paid 50%, rest is due soon Tom to confirm when boat will be ready for delivery

RYA training Webinar – James to attend

Hire boats- James to review numbers and establish if it is feasible to allocate boats for the season so they are used by one family. Alternatives would be to have a rota with a 72hour window between different households using boats – but would need to establish and enforce a cleaning protocol

Vulnerable persons sailing slot

We have a number of established members who for one reason or another are not keen to attend the club in open session as they feel vulnerable. Tom is very keen to be and be seen to be inclusive and offer a specific slot with restricted numbers specifically for this cohort.

Vote – carried with 2 abstentions Monday morning identified as slot with least impact overall. Put this in place, but review if not utilised