Bowmoor Sailing Club Zoom Exec Meeting 3rd Aug

Agenda

Minutes

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

Apologies:

Agenda

Blue Green Algae query as some reported in other lakes. But no evidence of any in the Bowmoor lake

Covid alert in Oxford and also in Iceland factory in Swindon (made the news tonight) No talk of anything getting away out of that contained area. Swindon is currently in the top 5 worst areas of covid

We don't need to flag this – but it is an opportunity to remind about social distancing

Need to mention driving speeds on the site – there is some high speed driving that needs to be addressed

Facilities

There are adequate bookings available at 15 per night. No need to change this

There are some extra vacancies during the week – so proposal that the 8 days per month limit is removed. But retain 4 days in one period limit in place as there are still not showers available

Vote – everyone is happy with this. 4 day duration, But removal of 8 days per month

Suggest that we offer anti-bacterial hand santiniser at the gate as an alternative option to having to wear gloves when opening gate – vote approved

Option on opening changing rooms – discussion around this

General agreement that we align with when gyms and swimming pools offer the additional facilities

For now – agree that we continue to only offer toilets.

Hacketts opened on Sunday for the first time – kitchen has also been cleaned down. The leak on the dishwasher has also been fixed

Pod rental – the pod has been rented out for the first time. Charlie has set up the option to book the club pod now. This has now also been included in the weekly cleaning routine.

There is likely to be a slight cost increase in cleaning due to spray with the chemical. Current cleaning is just under£1k / month

Sailing

Racing seems to be going well – good numbers and pursuit racing format is working well. We are not going back to dutyman – we are asking for volunteers. Harry doing next week and Dave L the week after

Aero are making use of Thursday night for a race

Lasers are racing on Wednesday and Saturday

Nigel is going to give the powerboats a run out to make sure they are in good order

Fabiana is doing basic youth coaching and racing on Tuesday and Friday – this is another opportunity to use power boats

Weed is a bit of an issue across the lake – proposal to pursue a cut using the YOO kit. John to follow up with YOO

Rescue boat cover for racing – there is a boat on the water, but only for last resort use. By signing up for racing you are signing to say you are sailing within your capabilities. This boat is only manned by volunteers not dutyman

John to do a note for Bowsprit – to explain dutyman.

Finance

Net position is up £3k vs LY

We are £35 - £40k better off than we could have been – largely due to grant and recovery of water costs as a result of leaks in YOO yard

Yet to add Capex – there is room to consider some Capex. John and David to work on 5yr plan to justify Capex. Next FY the mortgage will be paid off and that will leave more capacity for Capex next year. Still need to wait to see how membership renewals come round

Membership

No new members until we can remove the booking restrictions – to be discussed further

There are 14 sailing members on the waiting list – offer membership to these only

Training committee meeting this week, Minutes shared

Positive feedback from club members regarding steps taken by exec to get and keep club open

No AOB