# Bowmoor Sailing Club Zoom Exec Meeting 15th February 2021

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

**Apologies:** Karen Cook,

## Agenda

1. Minutes of last mtg
2. Pod Request
3. SSSI
4. New Boats
5. Facilities

## Minutes

**Matters Arising –** minutes from last meeting were agreed. Outstanding is getting minutes from last meetings to be posted on website

1. **Pod Request**. [Julia Windor-Watkins, joined June 2020 when we opened up membership again].
Policy of 2 year requirement for Pod ownership was to ensure genuine interest in Bowmoor and not just a camping spot in Cotswold. Further family now asking for immediate pod purchase – only members since June 2020. There is some concern regarding setting a precedent in short cutting pod ownership. Original requirement for 2 year membership was approved via EGM.
There are currently 2 bases left available. Further bases would be needed to be built on the other side of the drive once these are used. Costs for previous 15 bases was £7k ish to MW
Do we used the Covid impact of the year to justify the exception to the 2 year rule?
Question – are there other longer standing members who are interested in taking a pod? Should we offer out pod bases that we have to existing members (plus 2 years)

**Action/decision** – Tom to flag in Bowsprit that there are only 2 pods remaining. These bases will then be offered on requested basis. This will also inform business planning going forward. If no one is forthcoming, then the base will be offered to Windor-Watkins

2. **SSSI**. Please see below the response from Natural England. It's a holding reply but i read it as positive. We know they cannot stop us doing what we did before the SSSI was imposed.
Some engagement back form Peter Holmes. Nat England cannot change what we have previously done. Ref response circulated by Tom separately

3. **New Boats**. We have the quote for 2 Zest plus a Neo at £10,500. We have got £1400 coming in from the sale of the RS200 and the maximium grant is £10,000 - do we add in a new Jaffa which will become a replacement for the Dory we need to retire. That would add another £6,000 so we're talking about wanting about £5,100 input from our own funds.
We have circa £10k in the budget already that could be used to purchase the power boat.
Bias from Sport England seems to currently be for single handed boats in current situation.

**Action/decision** - Sport England bid for 3 dinghies. Purchase the Jaffa separately from the Sport England bid using club funds, discussion on detail of powerboat to be dealt with separately at later date.

4. **Facilties**. David and I are meeting the development planner recommended by John on Tuesday (covid separation et al) to explore what might be possible in changing room/clubhouse development, again with an eye on Sport England funding.

Gate – site meeting this week with contractor and David later this week

Tom and David met with planning man (Lee) – to be followed up next week with site meeting. There maybe some opportunities for a Sport England grant towards improved (Covid) changing facilities

David also progressing covered training area between power boat shed and training boat park. This is a better site that the one originally proposed by children's play area.
New site will not obstruct views, from the terrace or the club, over the lake.

AOB

Geoff – we have had a bit extra grant (£10k in total so far) than expected. There may be a little more forthcoming if the lock down continues
Geoff made the point that we do need to continue to invest and develop the club and use the funds we have, Ideally before end of year accounts.

John – looking ahead to Boris announcement ……should we put in a meeting date for the following week to agree next steps.

Jacqui, giving apologies for next 5 weeks due to work commitments.