

Present:

Tony Baker  
Rachelle Turk  
Jeremy Wilson  
Mike Wheeler  
Nicola Morrow  
John Lagdon  
Karen McDermott

**1. Introductions**

1. Tony Baker opened the meeting by introducing everyone present, and welcoming new and returning committee members

**2. Future Club Management Strategy**

1. The committee again hold an integral part in the overall management of the club and will support Nicola in the operation of the club.
2. The committee will aim to secure and promote the long term future of the club, and move on from a current firefighting period of keeping the club going.
3. Gareth and Nicola have had a handover session
  1. Nicola is now setup and able to manage the club social media accounts
4. Queries for water sports and activities offered by the club to be looked after by the relevant Rear Commodore
  1. There are current vacancies for Rear Commodore Hospitality and Rear Commodore Sailing
  2. Require an individual to manage and own the powerboat section of the club
  3. All Powerboats require servicing
    1. Norman Brown is sourcing appropriate quotes for this
    2. Lillibet also has a steering issue
5. Tony will contact Gareth to find out where he envisages himself within the club structure, and where he will continue support of the club.
6. All club documents are currently stored in Box
  1. Access rights are to be reviewed as there are a large number of legacy users that can now be removed

**3. Paddlesports**

1. Karen reported she is pleased with how Paddlesports is running and they have a busy calendar of events planned for 2025
2. There was a near miss in 2024 on the river
  1. Harbour master has suggested members should be updated how paddle boards are used

**4. Club House**

1. Top Floor Flat
2. There are two tenants now in the top floor flat for a minimum of 12 months
  1. All issues in the flat have been fixed
3. Rear Lease Flats
  1. Issue with rendering on flat has been fixed
  2. Cost for this has been split three ways equally between the two flats and the club.
4. Middle floor function room/members lounge
  1. Nicola is investigating the use of this space for the next few months as it needs to make an income for the club.
  2. A number of popup events are in the initial planning stages to take place between now and Q4
5. Ground floor
  1. Refurbishment of the Gun Room has taken place with lots of positive feedback on how this now looks
    1. Multiple enquiries for hiring space in the club house and each enquiry so far has materialised into a booking
  2. New furniture will be purchased to replace through the ground floor
  3. Function rates to be reviewed for the start of 2026
    1. Enquiries already for 2026
    2. Needs confirming soon

6. Main bar
  1. Leak in the bar floor has been assessed and it is not unsafe and is ground water
    1. The repair will require the ground floor bar to be out of action for a week while it takes place
  2. Bar refit
    1. The current bar is too narrow for two members of staff to pass by each other. The bar will be refitted in Jan/Feb 2026. A Plymouth based company have quoted for the work
7. KP Kitchen
  1. Floor is being replaced as it is currently not non-slip and we have had a near miss while using the area
8. Main Kitchen
  1. Kitchen is currently not used as Bushell's use their Kitchen for fulfilling food orders to the club. Bushell's will need to use the DYC kitchen for a time in Summer 2025 as their current kitchen will be refitted.
  2. Nicola is reviewing the food offering from Bushell's
  3. Feedback from club members has been positive about the most recent menu update from Bushell's
9. Sound System
  1. The club will install a new sound system that allows the Gun Room and Main Bar areas to operate separately
10. Staffing
  1. The current staff are good and efforts are being taken to retain them
  2. Mark has been carrying out maintenance activities in the club

## **5. Membership and Annual subscriptions**

1. The committee agreed to an 8% increase to membership fees for 2025/26 for all except Overseas Members
2. Overseas memberships will rise to £70 for the year 2025/26
3. Rachelle will contact all on the Club database to encourage them to retain current or regain lapsed memberships
4. After this there will be a purge from the system of all members that have not renewed for the 2025/26 year
5. Rachelle is investigating changing membership system from WebCollect and will present a proposal to the committee at a later meeting
6. A Royal Mail leaflet drop to the TQ6 9 and TQ6 0 postcode areas will cost £260 ex VAT plus the cost of the leaflets

## **6. Company Directors**

1. In line with the A of A the below individuals have been appointed directors to both Dartmouth Sail Club (Holdings) Ltd. and DYC (Trading) Ltd.
  1. Anthony Baker
  2. Michael Wheeler
  3. Jeremy Wilson
  4. Rachelle Turk
2. John Lagdon has been appointed as Company Secretary for both

## **7. Bank signatories**

1. It was agreed that all directors would be added as signatories for the bank accounts of both companies

## **8. Paddlesports Review**

1. Report attached
2. Proposal for how to reorganise space to get best use of CP space to be brought to next meeting

## **9. AOB**

1. Directors liability Insurance
  1. Currently the directors liability insurance sits at £250000. It was felt this is too low and should be increased to £1000000.
2. Frequency of meetings
  1. Committee meetings will continue to be held on a monthly basis, with the exception of missing August
3. Election of committee members and officers

1. John Lagdon to investigate through the A of A the possibility of changing election periods from annual to a triennium, and any process this must follow
4. Budgeting
  1. Membership numbers are static currently for the proposed budgets from 2025/26

**10. Date of next meeting**

1. Tuesday 25th February 17:30
2. Last Tuesday of the month