***Minutes for SS-SGM at HISC at 11-30am on Friday April 19th2024***

The SS-Captain welcomed the 45 members present. 5 more joined later in the meeting Apologies for Absence were received from: Lyn Smith, the Ripleys, John Cook, Roger Vickers and Paul Gaunce

Gary apologised for the rather crowded agenda for a tight schedule, which he thought could best be dealt with by dealing speedily with all items except 2d and e and 3. (This is reflected by the recording of the minutes)

**1. Where we are now and where we are aiming to be.** Gary said he hoped he had judged correctly, that thanks to a very strong Team, most of our activities are going well.
The exception was at Club level with the problematic operation of the Ferry Service.
Recent events had shown that what distinguished SS from other grouping was its **robust structure**, which had stood the test of time. We have an **annual subscription** which defines our membership: it also means we have funds when needed. We also have recorded meetings which are a means of holding those making decisions to account.

**2. Updates from our SS Team on:**
 **a) Solent Sailing. David Dodgson** described the 3 main events scheduled for the Solent Sailing season. They follow the pattern of last year which proved very successful. The first will be a visit to Bembridge which is already set to equal last year with 15 boats from SS and 25 boats in all, underlining the progress made in uniting all HISC cruising.
Pop-up rallies are an innovation and the first one will be on either June 3rd or June 17th possibly to Newtown Creek and Gins Farm.
Flexibility is available for us to pick the better weather!

 **b) Treasurer and Membership. Jane Blaydes** announced that we had 113 paid-up members, in line with the numbers in recent years. SS presently has over £1000 which is anticipated to be about £500 by the end of the season. In response to a question from Toni Durrant about the amount of money carried forward, Jane said that operating with reserves equal to the annual turnover followed recommended accountancy practice

**c) One day outside events. Terry McMahon** and his helpers continue to arrange excellent visits thoughtfully spaced between in-house and sailing trips.
Candice is organising a Wine Tasting & Tour of Tinwood Vineyard which produces award-winning English sparkling wines made in Sussex. Last week in May for this one.
Terry described his next planned outing which is to the Weald & Downland open air museum He has mid-June in mind.
Terry said he is always pleased to hear of ideas for future outside events.

**d) Third Friday Dining and Talks. *Delia reported as follows:***Thank you all for continued good communication – that makes my task much easier!
I also want to thank Nick and the crew at HISC.
I think you will all agree that we have enjoyed a series of good winter lunches at HISC,
SS numbers averaging 30.
The variety and food quality has improved –and I hope today is no exception.
The numbers for lunch have been boosted by LWL joining – on one occasion there were 60 diners in total – both groups attracted by Frank’s talk.
The club is not usually open for lunch on Friday, so our bookings are “special events”
 I am told that the numbers should be 40 to be profitable, so we need your support every 3rd Friday of the month. Our home club is the best venue for all sea loving SS!
In the past year LWL have organised a varied range of speakers.
These sessions have a big added interest – we have worked hard to try to keep all punters happy – sometimes more successfully than others.

I would like to thank Angie Driscoll for organising speakers and Gusti Taylor Benz for good communication in dovetailing the preparations for these events.

I am hoping to hear from LWL in the next few weeks as to whether their group will continue next winter.

In the meantime I am asking for suggestions for speakers so we can plan a program that will appeal to all diners. I will send an email with my contact details so you can let me know of your ideas how to improve planning of these events.

There are also a number of events in the pipeline for the summer months- so you will hear from me and other members of our team in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continuing support

**e) SS-week,** Delia has taken over the HGC-lunch-event on Monday 8th July from Peter Wareham who made the initial contact. Sue Bannister confirmed her willingness to host the BBQ on the 12th supported by verbal affirmation from some of the usual volunteers.

Gary and Delia will organise the traditional events for the Tuesday-Thursday but suggestions for alternatives are welcome.

**3. The moorings tender and pontoon access.** David reported on his meeting with Rod Carr regarding the future of the pontoon, the present Selene and the replacement Bulldog-made ferry costing about £90k as announced at the recent Club-SGM. David said he expected a definitive statement to be made by the Club following a meeting of the General Committee which we eagerly await.

**4. The Team Structure (Club membership rep?) and Leadership ahead.**
Gary reported that the Team appeared to have lost a Team member in Steve Bannister who had not renewed his membership of SS. Clarification is needed.
Gary said that his wish was to step down at the October AGM and continued his search for a replacement preferably someone who had significant experience of the way SS operates.

**5. Return to item 1 as summary.** Satisfactory, but hopefully temporary, Beach to Boat arrangements are the major concern for some SS members.
Otherwise, we are doing rather well. Team and SS-members take a bow! Gary

**AoB** There was nothing to report. *The meeting finished at 12-09 pm.*

***AGENDA for SS-SGM to be held at HISC at 11-30am on Friday April 19th‘24***

 Welcome from SS- Captain,  Apologies for Absence

1. Where we are now and where we are aiming to be. *Captain*

2. Updates from our SS Team on: a) Solent Sailing, *David D*

  b) Treasurer and membership, *Jane B*

  c) One day outside events, *Terry M*

d) Third Friday Dining and Talks, *Delia C*

e) SS-week, *Delia, Gary, Sue B*

3. The moorings tender and pontoon access. Team+CC members

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5. Return to item 1 as summary
AoB (*There were no items submitted by members in advance)*