

CLEVEDON PILOT GIG CLUB
MINUTES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES MEETING
26th September 2024

1.	Present: Chris Hastings (CH); Gary Jones (GJ); Carolyn Watson (CW); Neil Wilson. Apologies from Denise Jones.	
2.	The Meeting was called to review and comment upon the Club's activities in the year since the last Trustees' Meeting (11 th October 2023), to prepare the annual report for submission to the Charity Commission by 30 th October 2024.	
3.	<p>Review of year since October 2023:</p> <p>Trustee Richard James has stepped down and the Trustees, on behalf of themselves and the club, expressed their immense gratitude to Richard for his tireless efforts in this role and other significant roles within the club.</p> <p>Plenty of activity took place over the period including participation in other Club's Regattas during the rowing season, although there was some disruption and cancellations due to bad weather, this was less of a problem than the previous year.</p> <p>The World Championships at the Isles of Scilly were well attended, and good results were attained. Congratulations were expressed for the ladies A team who achieved the highest ever placing for a Clevedon team at the County Championship in Newquay.</p> <p>18 Rowers and Coxes attended the Great River Race on the Thames, London. It was a brilliant event enjoyed by all. Huge thanks go to Kay Hamilton for the extraordinary effort, as highlighted by NW, she put into coordinating the event.</p> <p>The Clevedon Regatta was a resounding success with a great day had by Clevedon members and visiting teams alike. Many positive comments were received from visiting teams regarding the organisation, the overall great atmosphere experienced, and the enjoyment of the event.</p> <p>Minimal maintenance has been required to the two traditional racing gigs, training gigs and associated equipment and well within the set annual contingency budget. It has been expressed that new oars are required, and these will be acquired in the coming months.</p>	
4.	<p>Membership</p> <p>The Committee agreed to retain the annual Membership Fee unchanged for 2024/25 (Single £150, Dual/Family £225, Student/Junior Free).</p> <p>Membership numbers have remained stable. Several Learn to Row courses were run this year producing a good amount of interest and subsequent membership uptake for the club including 3 under 20s, two of which are juniors.</p> <p>There has been an encouraging increase in interest from individuals in younger age groups, and this will hopefully continue to be the trend. Membership generally is across a wide age spectrum and quite evenly divided between male and female.</p> <p>In common with the majority of Gig Rowing Clubs, there is a shortage of Junior Rowers aged 13-16. The club has taken steps to engage this age group into the sport through continued interactions with Clevedon School to run events to promote the sport. An event to generate interest and provide a rowing experience was held at the school with a good show of club volunteers helping with the event. It is hoped that more of these events can be arranged with the school.</p>	
5.	<p>Committee/Volunteers</p> <p>At the 2023 AGM, the Membership were asked to consider volunteering and becoming more involved with the day-to-day running and management of the Club, to help share the workload on various individuals. This has been widely taken on board with more volunteer roles and more volunteers coming forward. It is expected that going forward more volunteers will be forthcoming with co-ordinators for all chosen regattas to be agreed in advance at the start of the season.</p>	
6.	<p>Finance</p> <p>The audited Accounts for the full year to June 2024 show a credit balance of £22,552.17. There was good support from club members for two fund raising events that generated a good boost to the club's income.</p>	

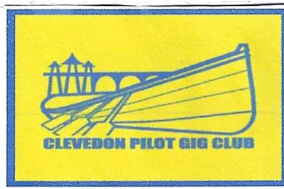
7.	Community Planning permission has now been granted for a new Gig Storage Shed. The Trustees are glad to hear this but acknowledge that this remains work-in-progress due to there still being some obstacles to be worked around but they remain optimistic for the club's future Gig Storage Shed.	
8.	Review of 5-Year Plan Permanent Base. As outlined above (7), the Club has come close to achieving its target. Permanent Usable Slipway. World Championship Rankings. The Club made a great improvement on its performance at this year's World Championships event. School Links / Junior Rowers. See comments in (4). Fully supported by the Cornish Pilot Gig Association, all Clubs are involved in a campaign to promote and attract young rowers, particularly under-16, into the Sport. It is recognised that this is all important in securing Gig Rowing for future generations. Regular Social Rowing. The Club is committed to promote social rowing to its Membership purely for fitness and enjoyment in addition to the competitive element. Regular weekday events have been well supported, particularly Early Bird rows in Bristol Harbour.	
9.	Club Trustees After three years in the role, Gary Jones and Denise Jones will now be stepping down as Trustees with two further Trustees being appointed. Thanks is extended to Gary and Denise for the work they have carried out in this role. As previously mentioned, with Richard James also standing down, a further Trustee role will be vacant meaning three vacant Trustees roles are waiting to be filled.	
10.	Trustees' Comments CH expressed that the Club's Website has had a major update and is now a positive representation of the club to the Public and prospective members.	
11.	The Trustees are in full agreement that Clevedon Pilot Gig Club remains fully committed to the aims and requirements of its Charitable status. Whilst Membership numbers have remained stable with annual losses normally more than off-set by new recruits, the Club has to continue to work hard to attract the younger generation, i.e. under-16's and those in the 20-30 age range.	
12.	The Trustees agreed the next meeting will take place in 2025 at a time to be arranged prior to the deadline for submission.	

Carolyn Watson

Trustee

Clevedon Pilot Gig Club

27th September 2024



CLEVEDON PILOT GIG CLUB

Income and Expenditure Account for period 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

Income (£)

Expenditure (£)

Balance at bank b/f	15040.14		
Membership Subscriptions	10956.50	Rents	2883.32
Donation	3829.17	Insurances	1811.84
Regatta Receipts	2704.87	CPGA Regular Fees	35.00
N Somerset Planning Refund	1220.00	Regatta Expenses	1143.13
HMRC credit	839.00	Website Upgrade	500.00
Clothing Receipts	1306.70	Miscellaneous	575.00
Club Party Receptits	120.00	Maintenance	3533.80
Savings account Interest	271.88	Planning for Gig shed	1220.00
		Clothing Purchses	2034.0

TOTALS

21248.12

13736.09

Balance bank c/f	1280.29
Saving account Balance c/f	21271.88

Notes

1. The Clubs assets as at 30th June 2024 are 5 gigs (Watch and Pray, Blackbird, Churngold, Finzel and Ladye Bay) together with a flash boat. The club also has 9 sets of Oars and 3 main Trailers. .
2. The club has an interest free loan with Churngold Construction Ltd for the Metal Container provided at Clevedon School. The club owes £2,000 as at 30.6.24 and will repay later in 2024.

Signed M A Brown
Club Treasurer

Signed Mrs D Giddens MAAT
Independent Examiner