

## **MINUTES OF NAUTICAL INSTITUTE COMMITTEE MEETING SOUTH EAST ENGLAND BRANCH**

**Held at 1900 hours on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011 at  
Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club Dover**

Those present: - D Webb (DPW), C Renault (CR), J Else (JE), I Irving (II), G Irvine (GI), D Wilkinson (DW), A Minns (AM), J Harrison-Nayes (JHN), S Richardson (SR), S Moore (SM), P Russell (PR), G Peto (GP)

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies received from: E Meare

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

### **3. Matters arising**

CR had contacted all the branch secretaries in the UK - most of who had replied. All the replies had been circulated to the members of the committee.

CR had produced a questionnaire and an information update form that had been posted to all members and he said he would give the results at the AGM.

JE had supplied all the meeting dates for the 2011 - 2012 season and these had been circulated.

SM had made efforts to source speakers on the subject of the fragility of GPS and ECDIS. Unfortunately, the possible speakers he had contacted had been unwilling to commit to giving a presentation due to their present heavy workloads.

SR said that he believed he might know a person who might be approached to give a presentation – Paul Halewood – SR undertook to contact him and check his availability

**ACTION – SR to contact Paul Halewood to ask if he would be prepared to give a branch presentation.**

CR informed the meeting that he had made no progress with arranging a joint meeting with IMarEST on the subject of Azipods. This was mainly due to the difficulty contacting their new Branch Secretary. He had the matter in hand and was still in contact with IMarEST branch members.

DPW informed those present that John Garner had asked if he could give a technical presentation to a joint meeting with IMarEST on the subject of the Spirit of Britain. There had already been correspondence between John and Albert Rose from IMarEST and so they were aware of John's wish to give a presentation. CR said he would raise the subject with their Secretary as soon as contact had been made.

**ACTION – CR to arrange with IMarEST Secretary for a joint meeting on the subject of the Spirit of Britain**

CR said he had been in contact with someone from London Gateway and they said they would be happy to give a presentation.

**ACTION – CR to arrange for London Gateway presentation in November 2011**

The subject of a social event in July hosted by GI had been placed on the agenda

The e-mail mentioned in the last minutes had been circulated to all members

**4. New Business**

**a. Social Event to be held in July 2011.**

GI stated that he was prepared to host a social event at his house in July – subject to a suitable date being found. It was agreed that the second part of July would be best in order to avoid the time when the Open Golf Championships were being held in Sandwich. CR said he would liaise with GI and fix a date and circulate this to all members.

**ACTION – CR to fix date for social event and circulate to all members**

**b. Response from other Branch Secretaries**

The responses from all the branch secretaries had been circulated to all members of the committee. It would appear that all branches have at least some of the concerns of the South East England Branch. It was felt that an effort should be made to contact other organisations to advertise the Nautical Institute and these are listed below.

**ACTION – CR to contact the RYA**

**ACTION – CR to contact Greenwich Maritime Museum**

**ACTION – CR to contact Canterbury University**

**ACTION – CR to contact North West Kent College**

**c. Matters to be raised at the AGM**

At around this time members started arriving for the AGM and so it was decided to conclude the committee meeting and commence the AGM

**5. Any other business**

DPW said that he had a list of slide presentations from Ken Larwood which he gave to CR. CR said he would contact Ken and arrange a date for him to give a presentation to the branch. The date would probably be early 2012.

**ACTION – CR to contact Ken Larwood to arrange a suitable date for a presentation**

**6. Date of next meeting**

CR said he would inform the committee at a later date about the date of the next meeting. He thought it likely that it would be in late May or early June 2011.

There being no other business the committee meeting closed at 1945.