

MEETING MINUTES

STILLWATER BOATING CLUB COMMITTEE

Date:	18 th May 2026
Time:	18:30 pm
Location	Stillwater Boat Club

IN ATTENDANCE:

Thomas Evans (TE), Stephanie Clayden (SC), Fiona Haylock (FH), Gordon Welch (GW), Arlis Borckelmans (AB), Ian Dorward (ID), Ryan Barnett (RB), Jake Wilkinson (JW),

APOLOGIES:

Steve Sharp (SS), Daniel Upperton (DU), Warren Hedley (WH),

MEMBERS & VISITORS:

Aaron Fitness (AF), Toni Fitness (TF), Adam Fielding

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were read from the February's meeting and approved.

Moved: SC ; Seconded: TE ; Carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- NIL

Adam presented to the committee banned member be able to use the wharf/yard for 6-12-18 months with the eventual outcome to be able to use the yard & jetty. Feels life ban is too much and in hospitality normally it is 2 years. He just wants to be able to service his boat in the yard and use the wharf. Not wanting this to go round in circles at the AGM regarding this issue.

Discussion after & decision to go back to Adam to ask banned member to officially request what he wants in writing and then this to be taken back to disciplinary committee for review as agreed by the committee.

INWARDS/OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

- Club Flags requested to fly on boats to promote the club. JW to look into this and feedback to the committee.

- Suggestion that Bar Draw to be drawn on site every week - to commence this Friday live every week on the TV screen.
- Complaint of fishing off the wharf taking all the smaller fish from the river and a lot of people now fishing off the wharf. Survey to go out to members to ask if gate on wharf - TE to set this up and email out to members.

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Financial Sub-Committee Report

As over previous years trading conditions have continued to be a challenge for the clubhouse, it is clear there needs to be change to meet the needs of the community. It is interesting to reflect that a decade or so ago the club was very much seen as a community hub in an area where there was alternatives, this is not the case now as Silverdale and surrounding areas have developed. Additionally, attitudes towards drinking have also changed significantly, likely customers of the club now expect a quality food offering along with non-alcoholic alternatives and entertainment. The committee is very aware of this and will be making changes to help reverse the cash drawdown.

Winter we need to look at hours and be realistic to better utilise the clubhouse. GW to get proposal from TF to present to committee.

Proposed Yard prices reviewed by committee. Adjustment in prices suggested for non-members.

Shifting of members rates as follows:

- Haul out each way – currently \$175 to increase to \$200
- Haul out for 24 hours – currently \$350 to increase to \$400
- Hardstand Fees:
 - 0-3 months was \$12.50 to increase to \$25/day
 - 3-6 months was \$30 to increase to \$50/day
 - 6-9 months was \$40 to increase to \$60/day
 - 9-12 months was \$50 to increase to \$70/day

Proposed by: GW; **Seconded:** JW

Voted on: 6 in favour: 2 against

Carried

Introducing non-members fees to allow yard use for short term use only through recommended marine specialists and must be approved prior by yard manager:

Fees:

Haul out fee as per members - \$200 each way

Admin one off fee \$50

Hardstand Fee of \$35/day

Voted on:

Carried non contested

Net Profit (Loss) Club House	\$ (4460.35)
Net Profit (Loss) H/Stand &Yard	\$ 1667.89
Memberships	\$ 563.07
Net Profit (Loss) Summary	\$ (4856.37)

Bank Accounts as of 30th April 2026

Society Cash	\$ 1167.85
Accelerator Savings	\$ 4677.67
Total Reserves	\$ 5845.52

Building & Facilities Sub-Committee Report

Yard Manager Report:

- Yard is a bit quiet but do have a few due to come out and boat on the grid currently.
- Few things that need looking at in the near future within the yard.
- Smart Marine wanting to offer members VIP card with club memberships to offer better discounts. Works out at Smart Marine VIP price + 10%. For committee to look at this sponsorship to finalise to present to members. Smart Marine have also offered to supply spot prizes to the club, to reflect spending of members as well. - Currently under consideration by the Committee.
- A general reminder that if a member needs to engage over yard activities it should be directed to AF directly and not bypassing the process going direct to committee members. Individual committee members do not have the authority to make decisions.

Work In Progress:

- Installing of gate on Jetty is being investigated for security and trespass concerns from members. – on hold for now.
- Update pricing on Ramp Notice board – prices to be changed.
- Look into getting a new tractor/telehandler. Can look at pricing. Budget given to look around for a new one. Research is underway, looking at a slightly better option to provide the club with a more suitable, longer-term solution for the yard.

Club House report:

- Alcohol and food license renewed.
- Kitchen has been cleared out; dilapidated appliances have been removed. Kitchen has been fully cleaned, painted and splash backs fitted.
- New food control plan created and approved. Grade A certification has been retained.
- Employee contracts have all been issued and signed.
- Loft has been entirely cleared out, new supports put in voluntarily by new member so storage more effective. Big purge of items up there and remainder items organised and stored.
- Post mix has been removed - cost analysis did take place, and this was the most cost-effective way forward.
- Glass fronted fridge being donated by Coke and to be delivered next week. Discussed with Coke what we need as a club, we need to apply for, and they will supply us new two door fridge for the kitchen.
- First catering event for Fulton Hogan - went very well.
- Kitchen event and catering assistant hired and has done cost analysis on current menu showing a deficit with each meal. Menu is currently in process of being tweaked. Pricing needs working on. New pizza oven purchased and being trialled. Trialling tacos as well.
- Wage costs have decreased.
- Events calendar has been created and awaiting feedback from committee. All committee members to review and feedback.

Work In Progress:

- Overall plan for the maintenance and upgrades to all club facilities, including:

- Working bees
- Deck Quote
- Upgrades to the inside
- Removing of excess freezers
- Looking into option to advertise club activities on the TV screens
- Membership list in the till needs to be looked at so we can tell which members are valid, the current system doesn't provide an up to date list.
- DU to assist with marketing and be available to assist with this. TE to discuss further with DU to get up to speed on systems we have.

Health & Safety:

- Nil

Work In Progress:

- Chair/bench on Jetty requires some work. – Being looked into WH/AF
- Yard needs a walk about and clean up.
- Two new hazard signs need to be put up. WH to discuss with AF.
- Awaiting to hear if grant for Defib has been approved.
- Google document with QR code for any contractors coming into the yard. JW & WH to set up and investigate for the yard and liase with AF. WIP ongoing.

Fishing Sub-Committee Report:

- Done for the season.

Event Sub-Committee Report:

- SS stepped up to run events over the coming months. Committee to look at ideas and feedback.

Boating Sub Committee Report:

- Dinghy run mid-winter to be looked at. DU to communicate to committee before the next meeting. – email Dan

Sponsorship & Fundraising Committee Report:

- Insurance update - can do all forms of insurance. Look at getting applications in by end of May as expression of interest, as a bulk application, no need for uptake straight away. Contract received and to be sent to executive committee for review.
- ID & RB to present tiers to committee at the next meeting for approval.

Club Captain:

- Next working bee Sat 25th July 8.30am. To ensure skips in yard are empty prior.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

IT: Review of the IT infrastructure at the club and the associated costs is ongoing.

Council: Nothing new at present.

Marina Development: Still no further updates. SS to obtain update.

CCTV upgrading:

Staying with current provider and will move to quarterly billing. Two remote cameras obtained to trial at the moment.

Cost analysis to be looked at by JW & GW for recycling vs rubbish options.

NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be held on the 15th June 2026

Motion to adjourn was made at 2113 p.m. and was passed unanimously.