

COUNCIL PROPOSALS – AGM 2022

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL

The Council proposes that the Club should recognise the outstanding service that Norah and Mark Girven have provided the club by offering them Life Membership. This is in the gift of the membership at the AGM as set out in the Constitution shown below:

h) LIFE MEMBER. The club, on the recommendation of the Club Council, may in General Meeting elect Life Members as a reward for signal service to the club. The total number of Life Members shall not exceed five per cent of the total members at any one time. A candidate for life membership must be accepted and achieve a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting.

A little background in support of this proposal:

Norah was commodore for a 7-year period during 2004 and 2011 following the redevelopment of the club in 2002 where she oversaw the club from its previous guise as a predominantly windsurfing club by integrating the fledgling RYA training centre, developing dinghy sailing and numerous dinghy instructors, with herself and Mark training as dinghy instructors and Powerboat L2 instructors. Whilst this was nominally Norah as Commodore, I'm sure you will agree that in a couple it is a shared endeavour. Norah has also been a Trustee of the club during Mark's tenure and will continue to be so.

Mark has been Commodore and RTC Principal over the 4-year period incorporating the pandemic and has worked tirelessly during that period to get on top of numerous unexpected issues to keep things ticking over and getting the club up and running again. Again, with Norah by his side throughout.

11 years represents half of the time the club has existed in its current guise, so to say they have put in 11 years' service to the club at the highest level is not an exaggeration.

PRECEDENTS

Norah and Mark have performed their duties as Commodore and Council members out of commitment to the club and with an enthusiasm to improve the club for the benefit of the club and its members. They like others on Council and around the club do this without expectation. However, the facility exists within our Constitution to recognise "signal" service and to show appreciation for members who "go the extra mile".

There are precedents where past Commodores have been made up to Honorary Member where they have carried on their association with the club as Trustees, long standing servants of the club have been made Life members in recognition of their efforts over many years.

Honorary Members are those life members who are no longer active at the club, where Life Members are those life members still active at the club.

VOTE: THAT THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS ARE ACCEPTED

Council has voted by a majority that Norah and Mark are proposed to the Club Members at AGM for Life Membership in recognition and appreciation of their service to the club. This would be as individual Life Members.