

Rossendale Valley Sailing Club. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 6th of November 2022

Present: Mark Girven, Norah Girven, Martin Lewis, Joan Forbes, Steve Booth, David Hudson, Mark Barrowcliffe, Mike Morgan, Julie Morgan, Leanne Townley, Eric Hughes, Kath Hughes, Marty Casey, Rachel Allen, Eric Davis, Adrian McNee, Gary Unsworth, Mick Green, Nick Antrobus, James Wadden, Jamie McIlroy, Geoff Stones, Tom Nimmo.

- 1) **Welcome:** Mark welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2) **Apologies from:** Bryan Youlden, Nigel Platt, Bob Glowa, Derek Spedding, Tricia Spedding.
- 3) **Minutes of the last meeting:** Tom mentioned that a point of action which he had wanted to raise at the 2021 AGM had not been put forward by the Council to be included at the meeting. Tom brought the matter up at the meeting but it had not been included in the minutes. The minutes were accepted as a true record with the amendment. Proposed by Martin Lewis, seconded by Mick Green and passed by the meeting.
- 4) **Commodore's Report:** Mark read out his final report as Commodore as he stood down after four years in the role. Report available on the AGM 2022 page of the website.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Report available on the AGM 2022 page of the website. Steve also thanked Mike Morgan and his team of volunteers for all his help with the Taster Sessions which resulted in ten new members. Steve proposed that the report be accepted, Mick Green seconded the proposal. Passed by the meeting.
- 6) **Membership Report:** Report available on the AGM 2022 page of the website.
- 7) **Proposal of Council - To elect Mark and Norah Girven as Life Members.** Steve detailed the rationale behind this proposal by detailing some of the service which both Mark and Norah had given the club over recent decades and put the proposal to the meeting. It was seconded by Marty and passed.
- 8) **Proposal of Council- Fees.** Steve showed the meeting the proposed new fees for 2023. There was a discussion about what benefits a social member gets when they join the club and also what is available for a full member of the club. Mark urged members to get more involved with all activities at the club. He mentioned that Nick was looking to increase the number of instructors and training courses available in the future. Tom said that now the Senior membership fees had been brought into line with adult membership fees it would be appropriate to remove the Senior membership category from the list. Tom proposed this move which was seconded by Mark Barrowcliffe and passed by the meeting. Tom seconded the Council proposal for the new fees which was also passed by the meeting.
- 9) **Proposal of Council-Budget.** Steve mentioned that even though this item didn't really need a vote it was prudent to bring it up for the meeting to scrutinise. Steve thanked Martin Lewis for all his efforts in obtaining grants for the club. There was a discussion about the budget for repair and maintenance and renewal of the club's dinghy fleet. Steve said that some of this might be possible with grant funding. Nick is in the process of reviewing the training fleet and the provision of instructors. The club will have the use of the Sea Cadet Quest dinghies for training. It was mentioned that RVSC is a Club not a sailing school.
- 10) **Proposal of Council- Council Meeting Procedure Document.** Steve presented the document to the meeting which had been previously agreed by Council. Mark Barrowcliffe noted the part of the document that asked any Club members who wished to observe at a meeting to submit a request to the Secretary by the Friday before the meeting. He said that he objected to this as previously meetings had been open to all members. It was explained that all meetings are still open but due to the mixed nature of meetings (Zoom and in person at the club) this request was so that observers could be informed if the meeting was

cancelled, or the format was changed. After a long discussion acceptance of the document was seconded by Martin Lewis. The vote was carried: 7 for, 6 against with 4 abstentions.

- 11) Council Stands Down.** The existing members of the Council and Flag officers formally stood down.
- 12) Election of Flag Officers:** David Hudson, Vice Commodore. Joan Forbes, Secretary. Steve Booth, Treasurer. Passed by the meeting.
- 13) Election of Council Members:** Bob Glowa, Mick Green and Eric Davis (existing Council members). Bryan Youlden, Tom Nimmo, Nick Antrobus and Marty Casey (co-opted Council members). Mike Morgan and Mark Barrowcliffe (proposed and seconded for election at this meeting). Passed by the meeting.
- 14) Closure of Meeting:** Mark handed the closure of the meeting over to David Hudson. David thanked Mark on behalf of the Council and Members for all his hard work as Commodore over the previous four years. He formally closed the meeting and invited members to partake in the refreshments provided.

Meeting Closed 1555.

Next meeting: 5th November 2023