

**Rossendale Valley Sailing Club:** Minutes of the AGM held on the 10th of November 2024, 2pm at the clubhouse.

**Present;** Joan Forbes, David Hudson, Mark Barrowcliffe, Leanne Townley, Kathryn Hughes, Eric Hughes, Mike Morgan, Julie Morgan, Laura Howarth, Chris Shaw, Tom Nimmo, Colin Holden, Ruth Holden, David Navin, Joe Kaczmar, Louise Howarth, Victoria, David and Ben Waddington, Adrian McNeelance, Bob Glowa, Karen Glowa, Martin Lewis, Eric Davis, Su Memory, Derek Spedding, Tricia Spedding, Daniel Bravoski and Eric Steer.

**Welcome:** David welcomed everybody to the meeting and asked those present, if they hadn't already done so, to sign the attendance sheet.

**Apologies for absence:** Received from Mark Girven, Nora Girven, Max Derbyshire, Aki Derbyshire and Abi Derbyshire, Jamie McIlroy, Nigel Platt and Daniel Howarth.

**Minutes of the last AGM:** copies of which were available and also shown on the screen. Read and accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Eric Hughes, seconded by Bob Glowa and passed by the meeting.

**Commodore's Report:** - report available on the AGM 2024 page of the website.

**Center Principal's Report:** - report available on the AGM 2024 page of the website.

**Membership Secretary's Report:** - report available on the 2024 page of the website  
In addition to his report Tom said that taster the sessions we're now being managed better as a result of Steve sorting out the procedure, he also added that along with changes to the Family Membership category, Senior Membership was now included for members over 65 comply with the insurance requirement for items like work parties. Tom did say the when they're renewal letter goes out in December it will contain a lot more information including the proposed changes to Family Membership and monthly payments.  
Louise asked for anyone who was willing to help and had experience of Grant Applications or IT to please contact her or any member of Council.

**Honorary Treasurer's Report** - report available on the AGM 2024 page of the website.  
Louise said that she had been gradually taking over as treasurer from Steve over the year and she acknowledged Steve's help with the budget and the cost centre analysis reports.  
Steve reported that the deficits had increased over the Club's last financial year which has resulted in less money being available for capital spending in the forthcoming year.

Steve put forward proposals of Council as discussed and agreed at the Council meeting of the 30th September to:- change to membership fees for 2025 including changes to the Constitution para 3b) regarding revision of Family Membership, a change to para 3d) regarding Student membership, a change to para 56) regarding the monthly membership payments, a change to

para 3e) of the Constitution regarding Senior Membership, for members over 65, to comply with insurance requirements,

Martin asked if there could be a category for SUP boards included in the membership, but Tom said that as water users they were still using the same club facilities as any other member.

Steve also put several proposals of Council to the meeting as also discussed and agreed at the Council meeting of 30th September 2024. Along with the fees and changes to the Constitution previously mentioned he included the budget proposals for 2025, a change to bye-laws and Constitution removing the words Social Members and replacing them with the words Associate Members, proposals to set the guest fees and club equipment hire fees and also changes to bye-laws 2,3,6 and 18.

Tom put all these proposals to the meeting, they were seconded by Eric Hughed and all passed by the meeting.

The Council then stood down to be re-elected.

Election of new Flag Officers : Commodore-Joan Forbes

Vice-Commodore-David Hudson

Treasurer-Louise Howarth

Secretary-Vacant

These were proposed by Mike Morgan, seconded by Bob Glowa and passed by the meeting.

Election of Council Members : Rober Glowa, Eric Davis, Tom Nimmo, Mike Morgan, Mark Barrowcliffe, Eric Hughes.

These were proposed by David Hudson, seconded by Chris Shaw and passed by the meeting.

David invited any members present to get involved with running the club from joining the Council, specialising in Social media communication, IT and the Website of any other field they felt would help.

Eric Hughes then presented the sailing trophies for 2024. The three series were won by Bob Glowa, Simon Ellis and Simon Ellis. The Douglas Forbes memorial Trophy was also won by Simon Ellis. There were thanks to Kath Hughes and Karen Glowa for doing OD and Bob thanked Eric for organising the racing.

David thanked Steve for his 32 years service to the club and presented him with a tankard as he has now retired from Council. Steve responded by saying he had joined Council in 1993. He had overseen the building of the current club house which had taken ten years and had been a twenty year commitment. He thanked the meeting for the recognition.

Steve then presented David with a tankard in recognition of his time as both Commodore and Vice Commodore and stepping into both roles when necessary.

Joan closed the meeting at 1515 and invited everyone to partake of the refreshments provided.

