

RVSC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 20TH JULY 2021 BY ZOOM VIDEO LINK AT 7.30PM

The Chairman Mark Girven welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending on such a hot evening and it was a bonus not having to drive up to the clubhouse.

Members Present

M Girven, N Girven, M Lewis, S Booth, Ste Gratton, R Glowa, M Green, Mike Morgan, N Platt, A Drabble.

Apologies for absence

Dave Hudson and Chris Ball sent their apologies for absence.

Minutes of the last meeting

These were proposed as a correct record by M Morgan, seconded by A Drabble and at the vote 6 were in favour with one abstention.

Matters Arising

There weren't any matters arising

Action log

M Girven informed everyone that he hadn't had time to update it.

Secretary's Report

N Platt asked if members could get their agenda items in on time.

100 club

This was drawn by S Booth and was Number 66, Gill Garner.

Treasurer's Report

S Booth presented a very comprehensive Transaction report for June.

Totals in the bank as below

£30,956.87 in the current account

£2,031.48 in the 100 club account

£6,024.20 in the reserve account

He then went on to inform members that he had received the rent arrears payment from UU. This amounted to £4,560.00 and will be shown in the July accounts. We are up to date with United Utilities and Stephen is trying to resolve the lease issue. The card reader is working well and it is ideal for general payments. Guidance notes on the card reader have been sent to those who need them. There followed general discussion about the card reader.

Membership Secretary's Report

Ste Gratton produced a breakdown of his comprehensive report saying that we had 217 members and 9 out of 10 new enquiries were for SUPS memberships. Stephen Booth suggested that we send guidance notes on SUPS to see if UU had any objections to the use of SUPS on the reservoir. We need to ask them questions.

Commodore's Report

The powerboats have been serviced. The Mercury engine has been repaired with a new flywheel. The total cost for both engines was £1,235.

The wetsuits have all arrived except for the XL. All buoyancy aids and spray tops have arrived. We need new hangers for them, 120 in total. R Glowa has ordered 20 to see what they are like. £100 has been allowed for hangers etc.

Mark then went on to explain that we weren't ready for Taster sessions on the 24th/25th July. We need documentation for the Covid situation etc.

Proposed Paddleboard guidelines have been sent to all Council members and some of it may or may not be applicable. The definition of a 3.5m and longer paddleboard is one that is not allowed in beach swimming areas. There was then general discussion about Paddleboarders. Martin Lewis thought they posed a danger and the club would need some sort of supervisory control. Stephen Booth thought we should look at the rules in the constitution and that SUPS should have 3rd party insurance. Mark will review the guidelines. There was further general discussion about SUPS. Mark Girven will send guidance notes to UU to include avoiding anglers. It was mentioned that some insurance companies offer a bolt on insurance for SUPS to existing dinghy insurance.

On the question of the Ofcom requirements for the radio licence, Mark Girven will seek further advice from the RYA.

Mark then went on to state that UU doesn't allow swimming in the reservoir and he suggested that persons in charge of activities should halt any swimming during an activity as it could jeopardise our relationship with UU. Stephen Booth thought that a quiet word with parents would suffice and that parents need to be aware of the dangers.

Mark then brought to the meeting's notice that it was only 3 months to the date when Mark's tenure as Commodore ends. He wanted to know how we are going to resolve the issue. Stephen Booth thought about a supportive role and Mark thought a full Council membership would help.

Training Principal's Report

Another Power boat course had been completed making 3 in the past month. Mark explained that some more members were wanting courses and some wanted refreshers.

Property

Norah and Bob reported that the jetty needed finishing and R Glowa proposed with N Girven seconding that we spend £1500 to finish the jetty . They also proposed and seconded that we spend £750 on new gates to the slipway. All were in favour.

Andy Mackrill has offered to adapt a trailer for the orange Rigiflex which has been repaired. M Girven proposed a budget of £300 to get it on the water seconded by R Glowa. All were in favour.

Activities

Adam thought everything was going well. Mark wanted more Activities at the weekend but there weren't any real plans at the moment.

Development

Martin Lewis gave his apologies for producing his report late this month. He went on to say that he hadn't heard about the £25,000 grant. Mark Girven mentioned that there were grants from the RYA for new boats.

Mark Girven will set up a call with Martin and Adam McGovern of the RYA.

The planned Taster Session will not go ahead due to the club not being ready. A sub committee of 4 people, M Green, M Morgan, M Lewis and S Booth would decide on a new date and arrange Taster sessions. M Lewis explained that the Member of Parliament for Burnley is visiting the club on the 7th of August so proposed dates would be 7/8th August and 28th/29th August. There was then discussion about weekday Taster sessions.

There was discussion about the siting of boats owned by older members as older members find it difficult to launch them. There would be further discussed next month.

Meeting closed at 9.34pm

Next meeting is August 10th at 7.30pm.