

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

The Chairman Mark Girven welcomed everyone to the meeting and wanted to start quickly as there was a lot to discuss.

Members Present

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

Apologies

M Lewis and C Ball sent their apologies for absence.

Minutes of the last meeting

These were circulated prior to the meeting. They were proposed as a correct record by M Morgan and seconded by N Girven. All members present were in favour.

Matters arising

M Green apologised for missing last month's meeting and for not sending his apologies!

Action log

M Girven decided to read it backwards to save time and stop when he thought it appropriate. When M Girven stopped, S Booth mentioned that we hadn't reached the rent return action. He had had word from UU that we were soon to receive 2 half year rent payments from them totalling £4560. He also told Council that this figure was "cast iron"

Secretary's Report

The Secretary recommended that the windows high up in the changing rooms be repaired instead of being replaced.

Treasurer's Report

S Booth gave his usual comprehensive report and mentioned that Ste Gratton was settling into his position well and mastering all aspects. This made his job much easier and the money from members was flowing in nicely. The report had been circulated to all members earlier and listed all the totals and transactions. The insurance cheque for the water damage to the men's changing rooms had been paid today so he was paying the builder tomorrow.

100 club

The 100 club winner was number 1, Joan Forbes.

Membership Secretary's Report

The membership secretary, Ste Gratton, had circulated his report days earlier as it contained some proposals for council to discuss.

His first proposal was to move the club laser from B16 to D5. This would mean that the club boats would be nearly all together. This was accepted by all.

His next proposal was that all past members named on page 3 of his report who hadn't paid their fees for 2021 should be expelled from the club. As per the constitution as we were at number 3 on the procedure for dealing with past members who hadn't renewed.

This was proposed by Ste Gratton and seconded by S Booth. Voting was unanimously in favour of the proposal. All members agreed that the club does not try to recover unpaid

subscriptions. This was proposed by S Gratton and seconded by N Girven. Mick Green will have a word with Andy Ratcliffe to see if he will relinquish his title as administrator on the club's Facebook site in exchange for clearing his £60 membership fees debt to the club.

The proposal that bye law 25 be changed as per the proposal in the report was seconded by N Girven and all were in favour.

The proposal that bye law 26 be deleted was accepted by all.

The proposal that bye law 6 be reviewed was accepted. After considerable discussion it was decided to review the rule in a couple of months but perhaps the rule might be relaxed unless a particular dog was becoming a nuisance.

On the proposal for clubhouse keys, all members were in favour.

Ste Gratton's proposal for claiming printing costs was seconded by N Girven and accepted by all.

Sts Gratton brought to the members' attention the fact that there had been a request for a new membership and a trimaran boat space. He had noted that last year a catamaran had been denied a boat space so we should consider whether a trimaran fits in with club policy and aims. The club, he noted, doesn't have a multi hull policy. The proposed trimaran is within the club's length limits and only requires one berth space. After considerable discussion, Ste Gratton proposed that we accept the new membership which was seconded by M Green. It was passed 6 to 4 in favour.

Commodore's Report

- 1) M Girven threw the question; do we need to do anything about the recent capsizement incident? M Green wanted to know how likely it was to happen to others, and pointed out that the water temperature is colder than members realise. An incident report had been circulated prior to the meeting and M Girven had had a conversation with the member concerning the mistakes he had made and they had discussed ways to ensure it didn't happen again. There was considerable discussion about the incident and but for the prompt action of 4 members, also on the water at the time, the situation could have been more serious. S Booth explained that the statements in the rules were sufficient and that the member named in the incident was long standing and trained to Level 2 standard. It was decided that the member named had learned his lesson.
- 2) The proposed printed brochure had been circulated to members prior to the meeting by M Girven. There had been some comments from Council members and Mark will make amendments according to the feedback received. It will cost £50 for 500 brochures and they are expected to last a couple of years. All members were in favour and S Booth said he had some better photographs if required.
- 3) Power boat rota; M Green will organise a power boat rota and produce a manual calendar. M Girven said it was a matter of urgency to get it organised for the 24th/25th April. M Girven also wanted to arrange 1 to 1 tuition for the powerboat in return for 4 or 8 powerboat duties. Powerboat duties will be 12 noon until 4pm.
- 4) Hanging Racks; R Glowa said it will cost £100 - £150 to put 2 double racks in the converted room at the back of the building. He will throw away all the old wetsuits.
- 5) M Girven had had a request from Marty Casey to put some racking up in his boat space for his windsurfer boards. R Glowa suggested that we put up some general racking somewhere for everyone to use. After some general discussion from all members, M Girven said he would ask exactly what M Casey required. S Booth

suggested that we site this request near the containers. M Girven suggested that we fence off the triangular area and he would get a quote for doing it.

- 6) We need to get Rotas for every duty at the sailing club including the Galley. Going forward, M Girven suggested that it will probably have to be a condition of membership that members attend to some duties.

Principal's Report

We need to get a First Aid course running.

If we take part in the Onboard event we are entered into a competition for a Topper.

It has been brought to our attention that we are no longer a member of Sailability due to us apparently not replying to an email, although we have a record of a reply. M Girven followed the matter up and he has received an apology from the RYA for missing us off the Sailability register.

D Hudson gave a report on Training based on guidance from the RYA. Going forward we can maybe use SWAB tests, thermometers for checking temperatures, and families can get Lateral Flow Tests from the chemist free of charge, but if the sailing club gets them they will be charged for them.

Fleet

R Glowa said the Oppies need jet washing.

Race

All is well with racing with some great early season races.

Marketing

51 people had been contacted about sailing following interest shown in taster sessions. 27 were interested in booking a session.

We will know in 4 weeks whether we have obtained the £10,000 grant that we have applied for.

We will also know in about 4 weeks whether we have obtained the £20,000 grant. M Girven gave a short resume about details of the third grant and discussed details of work the grant was for. This included a new boiler, furniture repairs, repairs to windows, repairs to water feed pipe etc.

Council Agenda

R Glowa suggested we try to deter people from using the rear of the clubhouse as a toilet due to the outside toilet being closed. The bottom gate will be opening in about 10 weeks along with the outside toilet. Everything had been closed due to undesirable activity in the area and the footpath around the lake was closed for further work on the reservoir wall.

There was general discussion about sailing.

After discussion it was decided that we needed a sign to direct walkers onto their normal path away from the sailing club.

The old Oppie was to be used as a feature, maybe as a flower garden with a direction sign on it.

M Green informed the meeting that the D Zero event was postponed until next year.

The meeting closed at 9.49pm

Next meeting is on May 18th at 7.30pm

Treasurer's Report attached

Membership Secretary's Report attached

Capsize incident report attached

Action log attached