

## **RVSC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 16<sup>Th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021 BY ZOOM VIDEO LINK AT 7.30PM**

The Commodore Mark Girven opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

### **Members Present**

M Girven, N Girven, S Booth, R Glowa, A Drabble, Ste Gratton, Mick Green, M Lewis, Mike Morgan, N Platt, S Booth. Tom Nimmo as a visitor.

### **Apologies for absence**

Chris Ball. Dave Hudson who has Covid 19 and recently had a family bereavement. The meeting extended sympathy to Dave and his family.

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

These had been circulated prior to the meeting.

### **Acceptance of minutes.**

N Girven proposed the January minutes as a correct record and Mike Morgan seconded the proposal. All were in favour.

### **Matters arising/ Action log**

The fishing link on the Website is to be updated by S Booth.

The 60 contact names for taster sessions are to be sent to M Lewis.

The Club's own Zoom account is to be set up by S Booth and M Girven.

### **Secretary's Report (see attachment)**

N Platt wondered about having a classified section on the website. S Booth explained that there were various operational difficulties but he would follow the matter up for the next meeting.

N Platt also mentioned that members don't feel Matters Arising is really part of the RVSC, and its importance in the Agenda isn't fully understood. Various members on the Council explained that the Action Log had replaced Matters Arising and it was something that D Hudson had introduced a few years ago. Council members expressed a desire to keep the Action Log alongside Matters Arising. A sample Agenda was emailed to Council members for comparison.

The "Council" email address isn't reliable as it would seem that not every Council member is registered on it.

### **100 Club.**

This was drawn by S Booth and was won by number 6, Sue Allen.

### **Treasurer's Report (See attachment)**

S Booth presented his comprehensive report which had been circulated to all Council members prior to the meeting. The bank totals are as follows.

100 club      2670.73

Reserve	6023.95
Current	25087.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33782.49</b>

The insurers want a letter of acceptance, which they haven't asked for before. S Booth is going to discover whether the Club has business interruption cover.

Ste Gratton asked the Treasurer if the list of club boats on the boat park was the same as the list of insured boats. Also there was a wooden National 12 which was on the Membership Secretary's list but no one knew where it had come from. S Booth would check the lists.

Ste Gratton was asked to send a spreadsheet of the Membership Secretary's list to Stephen Booth.

On the subject of the gas check, S Booth had been in contact with Derek Spedding and it was decided that gas/safety checks could be started anytime soon. S Booth would get Chris Ball's company to do the relevant checks. This was proposed by M Girven and seconded by N Platt. This would also go on the Annual Maintenance list to be overseen by S Booth.

There was discussion about a possible need for new boilers but we could wait for more information after the boiler service and information on grant aid for new boilers.

S Booth had sent a reminder to UU who were looking into the possible rent overpayment

The website still needs updating to cater for the fishermen.

Woodwind had been paid for the repairs to the Wayfarers.

The club webcam was broken again but S Booth had no idea as to the problem. We have now lost the weather station and the camera.

S Booth and M Girven would look at alternative routers etc.

### **Membership Secretary's Report (See 2 attachments)**

Membership is keeping pace with last year if everyone carries on renewing. Ste Gratton questioned whether life members paid boat park fees and the reply was: Yes, they do. Ste also ran through other questions on boat park fees.

Ste then mentioned that he had discovered a problem with the constitution and the Hon Secretary's election (see attachment). S Booth gave a resume of the past wording in the constitution and said that he thought adult meant over 18. S Booth thought that the constitution could be amended .

Ste Gratton proposed the amendments and S Booth seconded them. All Council members were in favour. Council will let membership know of the constitution errors, and the new proposal will be ratified at the AGM along with the new boat park fees. The new proposal was further corrected by Ste Gratton after the meeting as paragraph 21 had been written instead of 22.

### **Commodore's Report**

M Girven had been working on financial/marketing matters today.

There is some free marketing from Onboard for Opps and Topps.

## **Training Principal's Report**

M Girven had spoken to Stuart Lewis about a First Aid course for instructors. Stuart will get back to Mark.

There is no further news on the Affiliation fee.

## **Fleet**

R Glowa didn't have any news but he had ordered a new mainsail for a Wayfarer, and we need a skip ASAP. The buoys and jetty need servicing, probably by way of a Workparty.

## **Estate**

The water to the club was frozen. Any jobs are on hold until Government Covid 19 restrictions are lifted.

We need to mark out boat spaces on the boat park .

## **Race**

Nothing to report. The D Zero event is still on the calendar.

## **Marketing.**

M Lewis gave his report. He stated that there were 2 main aims at present. One was to find funding opportunities and the other was to develop the club. Martin wanted to know if we were going in the right direction so Mick Green volunteered to have a look at a plan for the post Covid era and S Booth will look at Governance. Doing nothing, Martin explained, is not an option. He went on to ask Council what our Club objective was. There was then a general discussion about going forward as a club, including different ways of getting people onto the water. N Platt suggested that hiring a dinghy for the day with an instructor could be an option, or a variation on that theme.

Martin then moved on to his next idea which was to assess Grant funding opportunities :

There are three Grant opportunities but we have to move quickly. He is aware of a professional in the Clitheroe area who applies for Grants on a no win, no fee basis and who takes slightly under 20% commission if he wins.

- 1) There is £10,000 available for training instructors etc
- 2) There is £20,000 available for equipment and infrastructure.
- 3) There is £30,000 available for niche areas where schools, organisations and the disabled are concerned.

Martin proposed that we get in touch with him, and all were in favour. He also thought that we should discover what impact there has been on the club's members, with all the restrictions.

He is now taking discussions to the next stage.

## **AOB / COUNCIL AGENDA**

N Platt mentioned that we hadn't brought the Action Log up to date.

This was revised by Council and the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm by Zoom video link.

There are 2 membership attachments, the constitution ammendment being updated after the meeting. Paragraph 22 was substituted for 21 in the proposal. 1 Treasurer's attachment and 1 from the Secretary which have already been circulated to Council members.