

Rossendale Valley Sailing Club: Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th of August 1930 via Zoom.

Apologies from: Mick Green, Eric Davis, Norah Girven, Bryan Youlden.

Attending: Stephen Booth, David Hudson, Mark Girven, Bob Glowa, Joan Forbes, Martin Lewis.

Guests: Nick Antrobus, Tom Nimmo.

Minutes of the previous meeting: Read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Bob. Seconded: Steve. Passed by the meeting.

Matters Arising: Steve mentioned the Zoom meeting with Pendle Community High School was cancelled and arrangements are being made for another meeting.

Steve is still dealing directly with Mike Morgan about taster sessions, they have decided not to use WebCollect for booking and payment. There are no new Sup members, no one has taken up the £25 a month membership which runs through to the 30th of September and the change in membership. Steve has not had any response from United Utilities about the rent review.

Commodore's Report: New battery for the defibrillator is in hand

The AGM is fast approaching in November, Mark asked Joan if they could get together to work out the procedure for the AGM.

Notice now on the wet suit room door with charges for wet suits buoyancy aids and spray tops and how to pay the charges. Mark asked if everybody was OK with introducing a padlock on the wet suit door which was agreed by the meeting. The key will be kept in the key safe in the foyer so that the officer of the day would have access the wet suit room should anybody need one. It was also agreed that any member hiring a club boat the buoyancy aid would be included in the price of hire.

Mark asked Nick about the fees for the scouts on the 17th of September. He wondered if it should be £10 per head which would include wet suit, buoyancy aid and spray top hire along with the club boats. There will be approximately 22 scouts. Nick mentioned that the scouts had talked about £15 per head, which was more realistic. It was agreed that their leaders should keep a close eye on the changing rooms during and after the use.

Martin mentioned that there was a grant available from Tom Bailey for a non-sporting project. Several items were discussed including roof insulation, small stones round the second slipway, tidying up the foreshore, new lounge furniture and the possibility of opening the public toilets at the rear of the building on Wednesday evenings and weekends when the club is open. The possibility forming a group to send suggestions to Martin.

Mark pointed out that the lack of a public toilet was causing problems for the club having witnessed a large family using the rear of the building as a urinal. He has ordered four CCTV signs to be placed on the back of the building in the hope they will act as a deterrent. He asked Bob about putting a camera at the back of the building.

Instructor courses dinghy instructors and senior instructors there is a S I course in October or March but there is also a possibility we could run a dinghy instructor course at the club in November. The Club has four possible candidates and would easily fill the extra places as these courses are scarce. Mark has filled in the RYA Club census and sent it back.

Pendle community high school have two new qualified power boat drivers after a successful course over the last weekend. The head teacher wonders whether there is a possibility of another course. Bob mentioned that Steve Cann is coming to the club to service the High School's power boat engine.

There was a query about whether social members were allowed a key to the club. A small debate ensued about what social membership included but it was agreed that social members do not have a key. Tom said that he would be looking into membership categories.

Mark has had an e-mail from Sport England in the wake of the Commonwealth Games. One of the items was about gender equality in sport and along with this the RYA's push to increase female membership. More women are coming through on taster sessions and Joan pointed out that one of the draws to help retain women is to have female instructors / coaches. Mark is in discussion with a female coach for sub training.

Principals Report: Adam McGovern has asked for dates for the inspection, Nick has said any weekday in October from week commencing the 10th.

He said he's picking things up from Mark. He noted the last date that the operating manual was updated was 2020. Mark said that when Alan Jones did the inspection his only 'To Do' list was to tape up the circlips on the shrouds of the Wayfarers. Nick ideally would like to increase the numbers of SIs and dinghy instructors through training. He can see the progression from taster session to membership and then onto courses. He volunteered to take on the conversion from tasters to members and courses. Nick also thought that ideally there should be three more Senior Instructors (and more dinghy instructors) to reduce the need to 'buy in' an SI. Nick said he was willing to attend meetings and be on the Council. Tom also said that he was willing to join the Council. Mark asked the meeting if they agreed to co-opting Nick and Tom onto the Council. The meeting agreed with this proposal.

Treasurers Report: Steve went through the balance sheet and pointed out one or two items of large expenditure. The main one was the quarterly gas account. Apparently, this has been an estimated reading for some time. Bob said that he had met the meter reader and shown him where the gas meter was situated so we should now get correct accounts. Steve asked if anybody was willing to take on a search for a cheaper gas supplier. Steve said he would give the meter readings from the SSE website to Mark. Another large expenditure was the annual outboard servicing. Tom asked whether this was due to the hours used on the outboards, but Bob told him it was just a regular service. Tom also queried whether they Pendle Community High School will be using the Club's outboards and if a charge was to be levied to them. Steve assured Tom the school were paying sufficient membership to cover any extra outboard maintenance.

Steven has had a letter from Burnley Borough Council about the premises licence. Joan said that she would look into the requirements that we needed along with Mark.

The winner of the 100 club was Mick Green

Membership Secretary's Report: Tom said he was going through the membership documentation and WebCollect. He is retiring in August and will be able to devote time to the membership stuff.

Secretary's Report: Joan said she had had an e-mail from Nigel raising several points about things he wished to do to help the club. Nigel has agreed to the access documents and was willing to be a key holder, he said he was going to hand his keys back to Joan.

It was agreed to acknowledge Nigel's Wednesday Wayfarer sailing as an official club activity. There will be no charge for the Wayfarer, a power boat should be on the water and Nigel can advertise it on the Facebook page as a social sailing skills activity. Joan to write to Nigel and speak to him confirming this and will also thank him for his efforts when he was Secretary.

It was noted that at the moment kayaking is a no-no with United Utilities especially while the SUP boarding trial is in operation. It will be better to use the phrase 'social sailing skills' as opposed to 'coaching' on the Facebook page.

AOB: Mark wondered whether it would be a good idea to buy a trailer and a cheap second hand two stroke engine for the second carrot boat to make it more attractive to sell on. After a short discussion it was agreed but we should maybe get a good cover for the boat and keep it in reserve should one of the other boats become unusable. It was also noted that the engine on the current carrot boat what's showing signs of wear we should in time be unrepairable and eventually the engine will need replacing. There are funds available in the 100 club that could be used for this. Mark pointed out that all the club boats need an audit, the Fireflies very rarely used I maybe could do with moving on, the Toppers are coming to the end of their life a maybe they and an Oppie need replacing. He and Nick agreed to get together to do this audit.

Meeting closed at 2103. Next meeting 20th of September 22 at 1930.