

Rossendale Valley Sailing Club Minutes of the meeting held on the 19th of July 2022, 1930 at the clubhouse.

Apologies from: Martin Lewis, David Hudson, Nora Girven, Eric Davis.

Present: Stephen Booth, Mark Girven, Bryan Youlden, Joan Forbes, Mick Green

Minutes of the last meeting: Read and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Stephen Booth seconded by Bob Glowa. Passed by the meeting.

Commodore and Training Principal's Report: Pendle High School update. There's going to be a zoom meeting at 4:00 PM on Thursday 21st, Bryan will liaise with the school Steve Booth will attend the meeting. New proposals have been drafted and we need dates in the diary from September to October.

It was agreed to accept wind foiling as a form of windsurfing.

Rossendale Mountain Rescue have used the reservoir for training as pre-agreed.

An e-mail has been received from Mike Morgan, the defibrillator needs a new battery and first aid kits need replenishing with up to date stuff, Mark said that there are new dressings in the classroom and Steve Booth will contact Fire Pro about a new battery for the defibrillator.

Martin Lewis has sourced a grant from Alan Clarke for £1000 to help with restarting activities at the club after COVID.

New Principal: There have been offers from Nick Antrobus and Tom Nimmo to take over the role of Training Principal. Tom has also offered to take over as Membership Secretary.

The Principal's role is looking after RYA documentation, courses, craft and instructors. Nick also wants to be an instructor.

The Membership Secretary's role is self-regulating mainly updating WebCollect dealing with enquiries from the general public, issuing monthly reports and, if the Membership Secretary wishes, looking after the boat park.

After a short discussion it was proposed that club asks Nick to take on the role of Principal and Tom the role of Membership Secretary. Proposed by Steve, seconded by Bryan. Passed by the meeting.

There is a level 1 dinghy course on the 30th and 31st of July. Mick Green will run the course, There are three maybe four interested candidates. There are other people interested but unfortunately they have yet to join the club. It was agreed that we could offer them in depth taster sessions on a Saturday morning, when they have joined, and carry out assessments to see if they were up to level 1 standard. Each taster session to be charged at £20.

During the United utilities trial for paddleboarding it was agreed to charge new members a fee of £25 per person, per month till 30th September, with no joining fee. This was proposed by Mark, seconded by Stephen, passed by the meeting.

Treasurers Report: Stephen had sent out the bank balance sheet by e-mail prior to the meeting.

The winner of the 100-club draw for July was John O'Malley.

The rent review is due the rent having stayed the same since 2017 the rent is usually increased using the RPI which Stephen calculates the rent should increase from £4,560 to approximately £5,658.

Annual renting creases were waived for installing the Resmix and the work on the new spillway.

Due to proposed increases in gas and electricity charges Stephen wants to review the membership fees for presentation at the AGM.

The jetty risk assessment has been sent to United Utilities. Steve has also sent a list of SUP members who have had refunds has been sent to Mark.

Council: Items from Mark:

1) Dutyman job descriptions. Mark has made a list of roles on Dutyman and their job descriptions. the meeting was happy to accept the list. Joan volunteered to tidy up the notice boards, redo out of date notices and make new ones. Mark wondered whether a link to Dutyman could be put on the website's member's page.

2) Temporary membership for SUP borders, already dealt with.

3) Out of date notices, already dealt with.

Item from Mick:

4) Mick enquired about the possibility of having mixed zoom and in person council meetings. It was agreed that during winter there might be a probability that council meetings would be held over zoom if the weather was bad. During the meeting Mick was trailing a notebook connected to the WiFi to see if screening was possible. There are devices available, e.g. one from Logitech, to enable an in-person and electronic meeting. Mark pointed out that there is also Facebook Portal. It will be possible to run a laptop through the large television screen using a conference device or an LG app but we would need a laptop or similar. Mick proposed that we investigate these devices with a view to holding mixed meetings this was seconded by Mark and passed by the meeting.

Items from Stephen:

5) Dutyman progress, already dealt with.

6) Defibrillator parts, already dealt with.

7) Taster Session Process. At the moment Steve creates lists of people and invites them to taster sessions organised by Mike Morgan. Some people are not responding to emails. It will be better if candidates for taster sessions were directed to WebCollect to book a date and pay. This would hopefully help with people not booking or turning up people could also pay through SumUp. It will probably be better to just have a one day taster sessions instead of a full weekend.

8) Fire management plan. The plan has now been updated to include the new kitchen at the rear of the building. Bob said that there are regular checks that need to be done and documented. Joan said she would produce a list for Bob.

9) Council Meeting Policy. Steve presented his document detailing the management of Council meetings. Mick queried about mentioning the venue but it was agreed that could be decided nearer the Council meeting date. Proposed by Mick seconded by Mark passed by the meeting.

10) SUP boarding trial. The first report has been sent to U.U. It includes sailing times. The risk assessments have already been already sent and a buddy system is being considered which can be added to the policy document.

AOB. Bob wondered if United Utilities might make a new slipway, as the water level was low, from the right-hand gate in the boat park as discussed previously.

Mark showed the meeting some draft signs regarding safety on the water and jetty. It was decided that they should be printed and installed.

Meeting Closed 2127.

Next meeting 16th of August 2022, 1930.