

Rossendale Valley Sailing Club: Minutes of the meeting held at the clubhouse and via Zoom on the 18th of October 2022 at 1930.

Apologies from: Bryan Youlden, Steve Booth, Nick Antrobus and Nora Girven.

Present: at the Clubhouse: Eric Davis, Tom Nimmo, David Hudson, Bob Glowa, Mark Girven (chair) and Joan Forbes. **Present:** via zoom: Marty Casey and Mick Green.

Minutes of the last meeting: 20th of September 2022, read and accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Martin, seconded Bob and passed by the meeting

Matters Arising: Martin said that he had passed the grant application form over for completion for the £10,000 grant to bring the public toilet back into use and the development, fencing and security at the rear of the clubhouse.

Commodore's Report: Mark went through the list of current and proposed Council Members and Flag Officers for election and re-election at the AGM.

He said he had an e-mail from the running group who said they were happy to continue membership in 2023 on the same basis as the current year. They have several races planned for 2023 the first one being on the 1st of January between the hours of 11am and 12 pm. The other races are on a Thursday evening and are managed by the race organiser who holds an Affiliated membership.

Mark has received an e-mail from 5 Kingdoms Sailing Club offering club RVSC members sailing opportunities through them and the Civil Service Sailing Association. It was agreed that this e-mail should be sent out to the members.

Mark said that he had noticed that the coating on the ends of the club house cladding was failing and there was an ingress of water under the coating. He said that this needs looking into, and Nick has said he has a contact in the cladding industry. It was agreed to ask Nick to investigate this further.

Mark wondered about the status of the defibrillator, whether the battery still needed replacing and the machine servicing. Tom thought that Mike Morgan might be looking into it. It was thought that while the club is quiet this is the best time to get it serviced, as previously it had been away to several months.

Mark's last item was cautionary due to a personal experience. He advised that during taster sessions, dinghy courses, and power boat courses whoever is supervising should be mindful that the candidate might have been taking drugs. He had experienced this at a different centre while running a course and had to advise the candidate that he could not continue that day due to using cannabis.

Treasurers Report: Steve had sent the Transaction Report for September. There was nothing unusual on this statement it was accepted by the meeting.

Membership Report: Tom said that since August we now had one new family membership and one new adult membership. He was still trying to get to grips with extracting figures from Webcollect and while trying to getting up to date number of members and memberships he got a different figure from the previous month. David suggested that Tom speak to Geoff Whalley as he had initially set the system up for the club.

Bob said that a new member had asked for a key, and they arranged this however, this brought Tom onto the subject of keys. Tom said that he was trying to organise which members had keys and what number they were and link the key number with the member on the membership records. Mark said

that he thought Ste Gratton had started to do this had also pointed out but there were a lot of members who had left and not returned their keys. Several systems had been looked into to replace the existing keys system but have proved to be very expensive. Joan said that this is one of the reasons why the keypad numbers were changed so previous members with keys could only get as far as the locked inner door at the back.

Tom is still getting a lot of inquiries by e-mail for SUP and Kayak memberships. He asked what basis new SUP members could join the club and whether we should be taking memberships before getting permission from United Utilities for SUPs. After a long discussion it was decided the best way was probably for SUP members to take out membership on a monthly subscription basis. Joan said that Steve had drawn up a safety policy for SUPs and Kayaks which had already been submitted to United Utilities, this included a buddy system and the support boat on the water. Mark said that he had been in touch with a lady who runs SUP sessions in Thomson's Park, and she was willing to do half day courses at the club. The governing body for SUPs, at the moment, is the BCU. Martin said that we should decide what objectives the club had in mind having SUPs, whether it was as an income stream or to grow the club, and if we were going to hire SUPs out or encourage members with their own. Joan said if the club was going to hire out SUPs the club's insurance would probably require members hiring them to have some form of SUP qualification.

Training Principal's Report: Nick away.

Hon. Secretary's Report: Joan had nothing to report

Council: AGM Proposals:

New members for Council, Mike Morgan, and Mark Barrowcliffe, duly proposed and seconded.

Ratification of co-opted members: Bryan Youlden, Tom Nimmo, Nick Antrobus and Marty Casey.

Re-election of Flag Officers: David Hudson as Vice Commodore, Stephen Booth as Treasurer and Joan Forbes as Secretary.

Re-election of Council Members: Mick Green, Bob Glowa, Eric Davis.

This will make a total of nine council members and three flag officers after the AGM.

Treasurer's Proposals for the AGM:

Budget Proposal for 2021-23, seconded by Eric and passed.

Subscription Proposal for 2020-23, seconded by Eric and passed.

Life Membership Proposal, seconded by Bob and passed.

Management of Council Meetings document, seconded by Joan and passed.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements, seconded by Martin and passed.

Two proposals from Mark Barrowcliffe regarding access to minutes and meetings were discussed. The one regarding minutes, Joan apologised for not putting the minutes from August's meeting in the folder in the foyer said that they were now there and would be joined by September's minutes as they had now been passed. Tom wondered about sending the minutes out to members by email once they've been passed by the Council and he proposed that as well as putting the minutes in the foyer we also endeavour to send them out via e-mail and post on the website. This was seconded by Martin and passed by the meeting. Mark's other proposal regarding access to meetings will be

covered by the Management of Council Meetings document which will be open for discussion at the AGM.

AOB: None. Meeting closed 2102. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 1930.