

**Rossendale Valley Sailing Club. Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st of August at the Sailing Club and via Zoom.**

**Apologies:** Louise Howarth and Bob Glowa.

**Present.** Mark Barrowcliffe, Mike Morgan. David Hudson, Nick Antrobus and Eric Davis at the club with Brian Youlden, Joan Forbes, Steve Booth and Mick Green via Zoom. Brian joined at 1940 and Mick at 1956.

**Matters Arising.** No matters arising.

**Commodore's Report.** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report and 100 Club draw for August.** Steve said that there was nothing significant in the accounts for July. He has cancelled the insurance on the Fireflies, but the insurance premium would be increased due to adding the SUP boards and Quests to the schedule. The September 100 Club draw was won by Nigel Platt.

**Membership Secretary's Report:** Tom reported the number of names linked to the club on WebCollect had been reduced from 278 to 190. The club now has a total of 174 members up from 165 in the previous month. There have been six fishing permits issued. Tom would like to remove excess information from WebCollect for events including Taster Sessions. Steve advised not to lose the latest Taster Session information. Tom said he would remove any information prior to 2022. Steve and Tom are arranging to meet over Zoom to sort out Taster Sessions. Tom is still chasing up the quote for the back door. Tom also noted that there is nothing in the insurance documents that denies a member access to the clubhouse.

Tom said he still hadn't received any reply from Tor View School and thought it may be September before he heard anything.

Mike asked about which route the new members used to join the club, whether it was from Taster Sessions or another way. Tom said he wasn't privy to that source.

**Training Principal's Report: Right.** Sailability was static pending PCHS return.

On Board figures sent to RYA. It has been cancelled a few times due to bad weather.

The RYA have requested an update on Adult Safeguarding.

The club is now two thirds of the way through its training season, but the season has stalled due to volunteer fatigue which Nick said he would address.

Level 1 still to finish, date set for the 2nd and 3rd of September. Not considering level 2 as yet, there is still a demand for level 1.

Nick made a request that anybody who has any OPS manuals to please send them to him so he can bring it into one manual to go on the website. This is critical as it needs to be updated prior to the next RYA inspection.

Resources are stretched thin with the growth of training particularly DIs and AIs which is the current focus.

Three new DIs soon to be available and two members to train as AIs.

The RYA is issuing certificates and books for PCHS Sailability training which was completed in July.

**Secretary's Report:** Joan said she had nothing to report.

**Council:** Bob Glowa (in absentia) Quotes for replacement floor in the gents.

After a short discussion it was agreed that we should accept the quote of £1476 for the floor in the changing room. Proposed by David. Seconded by Mark and passed by the meeting.

Tom: 1) SUP Rules. Tom brought up the subject of restrictions on SUP users. He said that Windsurfers were able to sail by themselves but there were restrictions on SUP boarders using the water. Mike said that UU had required certain steps to be put in place before we got permission to have paddle boarders at the club. This meant certain restrictions on SUP boarding ie a buddy system/ powerboat on the water. Tom thought this unfair as there are no such restrictions for windsurfers or dinghy sailing and other clubs allowed SUP use while following best practice guidelines from the BCU. There was a counter argument that windsurfers and dingy sailors have experience due to training and therefore have a level of competence, where at present there is no such training available for paddle boarders. Tom said he would email a link to the best practice guidelines to Council members. Steve suggested that Tom looked into revising the Risk Assessments for all sailors and paddleboarders along with the H&S policy.

2) Insurance Cover: Tom mentioned that the insurance states that the minimum age for hiring a boat is 12 years old and he thought that there needed clarification for boats being used for Onboard. Steve said that there were parents on site but Tom said that often they are Social Members. Steve and Tom and to work together to try and sort out anomalies in the Club's insurance, including that the Club's Public Liability Insurance not covering personal accident for members over 65 unless my prior arrangement with the insurer.

**AOB** Brian said that he was being chased again for a report on how the grant money had been used and the benefits the club had gained from the grant.

There was a discussion about two incidents which had occurred on the weekend of the 19/20th August. After due consideration it was agreed that David would speak to the sailing member involved about doing a personal risk assessment, and that would also speak to another member about club security when the club isn't manned.

Mike had made inquiries with the RNLI asking whether the club could be a member. The RNLI requires figurehead from the club to be named. Mike said that he would make the club a member of the RNLI Offshore in the name of The Commodore and would promote such appropriately.

Mike mentioned that there are still only three radios viable for use on the water. David suggested labelling the fourth one, which has lost its waterproof cap, as shore use only. Mike said that at times there is a need for more than the four radios and he volunteered to get prices for extra ones.

The club has had an offer from a member volunteering to help with grass cutting etc. It was agreed to leave the situation as it is but to ask Bob to liaise with the member to see what he can offer.

Eric Davis left the meeting at 2030.

Meeting closed. 2055.

Next meeting, 18th of September.