

Rossendale Valley Sailing Club: Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st of February 2023, 1930 at the clubhouse.

Apologies from: Tom Nimmo and Eric Davis

Present: Nick Antrobus, Mark Barrowcliffe, Mike Morgan, David Hudson (chair), Steve Booth, Bob Glowa, Joan Forbes, Mick Green, Bryan Youlden.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Read and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Nick, seconded by David and passed by the meeting.

Matters arising: Action Log, Steve went through the action log and updated it including Wednesday Wayfarer sessions, Joan to contact Nigel. The Sport England Grant has been passed to accounts for payment. Nick said that he would like to review the duties on the Dutyman system. Conversion of the Rigiflex is on hold. Nick is to contact somebody to come up and do an inspection on the cladding. Steve mentioned that there were some pieces of cladding in the roof space. Bob said he would look for them on a Wednesday.

Commodores Report: David again added but there had been a fruitful planning meeting held on the 4th of February with the plans being brought to this meeting.

Treasurers Report and 100 Club Draw: Steve said that the transactions for January were standard and nothing remarkable to report. David queried the 100 club payments which Steve said are paid out of the 100 club accounts. Steve was not able to draw the 100 club for February as he didn't have the bag of tiles with him. It was thought not many members knew about the 100 club and Nick wondered if it should be included in a proposed new member PDF PowerPoint **[action point 210]**, along with information from opening the gate at the bottom of the hill to accessing the clubhouse and getting on the water. Steve said he could also put a video/PDF presentation on the website.

The Club's insurance renewal becomes due in March, a 3 year fixed contract. The new premium will be £18.74 per month extra. The insurance is a standard policy for RYA Affiliated sailing clubs and administered by Gallaghers. Acceptance of the renewal quote was proposed by Steve, seconded by David, and passed by the meeting. **[action point 211]**

Membership Report: Tom was unable to attend the meeting but send his report by e-mail on the 18th of February. As of the 18th of February there are 65 valid membership subscriptions covering 113 individuals. Tom intends to send out chase up letters/emails in due course. He has requested that if a boat returns to the boat park somebody could e-mail him with the details.

A query was raised about unaccounted for Council Member keys. It was noted that only one set of keys has not been returned by a retiring Council Member but that was 20 years ago. The meeting took the view that as far as we know all keys have been accounted for.

Training Principal's Report: Nick has produced a training plan for 2023. Course dates will be emailed to members, put on Facebook and on the Club's website. It was agreed that dinghy courses and power boat courses would be £120. Mike Morgan proposed a separate L2 PB course for club volunteers, with the fee of £50. This was seconded by Mark and passed by the meeting. Safety Boat courses would also be £50. Bryan wondered if there was going to be a review of member's power boat and other qualifications, Nick said he had already done a lot of this for the RYA Inspection. Nick said that he would like to train some ADI's to help with courses and taster sessions.

The safeguarding team will be up and running from May. There will be some training needed at an approximate cost of £80.

There had been a discussion at the last planning meeting that the club might buy three paddleboards and a compressor for use in taster sessions and club activities. The tasters would be supervised by a suitably qualified instructor. Paddleboards are covered by the RYA's PWC section.

The possibility of selling the two Firefly dinghies was discussed as they are not currently used and haven't been for some time. The club also needs a heavy-duty strimmer/brush cutter which would only be used by a suitably trained person.

A work party is needed to tidy up, do extra maintenance on the boat park and also to identify some of the dinghies on there. The work party was proposed for the weekend of the 25th and 26th of March, the club will need a skip delivering before this date.

Along with the introduction to the club video the planning meeting also said that the club needs extra notice boards to provide more information to members. Mike said he would have a word with Martin Ashby-Smith who provided the existing boards.

There is an On Board development day at the end of March which is open for interested people to attend.

The jetty has a gap, this was remarked on at the inspection, which needs a means of being closed. Bob will investigate a viable way of closing the gap.

Nick proposes to have a Wayfarer rigged and ready at the top of the slipway on Saturday afternoons for people who want to sail and any potential taster candidates who arrive at the club. He also wants to promote the club's boats which are available to hire. He intends to have a separate meeting about the RYA inspection report. The club has passed the Inspection on the 16th February, with provisions, and is now an RTE for Dinghy, Windsurfing and Powerboat Courses. One provision is updating the power boats with the throw lines, fire extinguishers and toolkits which is being done by Bob.

Mike Morgan proposed that the club purchase 3 paddle boards and compressor for use in club organised activities with a budget of £1200. This was seconded by Mark and passed by the meeting.

A budget of up to £500 was proposed by David for the purchase all a heavy duty strimmer/ brush cutter, this was seconded by Nick and passed by the meeting. Bryan did say that he had a strimmer which he would be willing to donate to the club and a new brush cutter that might be available for sale depending on circumstances.

Secretary's Report; Joan asked Steve if he had received the contract from Burnley Washrooms. Steve said he had received it, signed it and sent it back. The contract will run from the 27th February for three years.

Joan said she had had an e-mail from Marty who, sadly, wished to stand down from the council with immediate effect. This was reluctantly accepted by the meeting and David asked Joan to write a letter to Marty thanking him for his time on the Council.

Council: Mark, speaking on Toms behalf, talked about access via the back door of the club. Over the years many gate keys have not been returned. Tom suggested access by the back door, electronically, with a fob. It would be possible to see who uses the door and, if they are no longer a current member, deactivate the fob if necessary. Tom will present the next meeting with more details. Mark also wondered whether Council Members keys could be issued on a number basis, sign out and sign back in when no longer required.

AOB: Bryan mentioned that the Sport England small grants facility is now up and running, and he will look into the possibility of the club applying for a grant

Firefly Dinghies: David asked Joan if she would look at the best ways to sell the Fireflies to realise the greatest amount of money for the club.

David also asked Mike to take the lead on reviewing the club's fleet of boats for training.

Bryan said he had been in recent contract with PCHS and found it very positive that they don't need as much support from the club as was originally thought. Any help from club volunteers would be a bonus. They will be coming up to the club from the 27th of April, weekly on Thursdays, until the 15th of June. They will also be bringing up a team to clean the boats in preparation for sailing. Mike would like to invite their power boat drivers to a refresher day, as they might have not been on the water since passing their course last year. It was unsure what access and facilities PCHS would need. Eric and Kath had volunteered to come up to help. Steve said that the school, so far, had only opted for access to the changing rooms. Any fees they had paid for 2022, Steve said he would transfer to 2023, and adjust for any additional requirements.

Meeting Closed 2102.

Next Meeting 21st of March 2023, 1930, at the clubhouse.