

**Rossendale Valley Sailing Club.** Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th of July 2023, at the clubhouse and via Zoom

**Apologies from.** Mark Barrowcliffe, Eric Davis, and Mick Green.

**Present:** Louise Haworth, Bob Glowa, Joan Forbes, David Hudson (chair) Nick Antrobus, Tom Nimmo, Mike Morgan with Steve Booth and Bryan Youlden (20.45) via Zoom.

**Minutes of the last Meeting.** Read and accepted as a true record. Proposed by. Bob Glowa. Seconded by David. And passed by the meeting.

**Matters Arising.** Introduction to Council by candidates for the role of Commodore. Tom reported that one candidate had withdrawn but he had invited him to join the council. Nick Antrobus gave a short description of his suitability, experience and vision for the club. He said that he has been a dinghy sailor for 40 years, lives locally so has knowledge and contacts within the area. Through his role as Principal he has knowledge of RYA Admin and structure. He has been in business for 30 years and has a good work life balance with time to give to the club. He would be an inclusive leader as he is at present in his role as Principal. Nick said that he has lots of sailing experience and qualifications both waterborne and land based. He plans to dissipate the roles of the RTE down through the instructors. His vision for the club is both active and passive. He wants to maximize the RYA network and he also wants the club to be welcoming and appealing for new members, as it is now, but would look to other clubs for ideas on how to improve. He wants to encourage non sailing volunteers as a sailing volunteer is one less sailor on the water. He would like to marry volunteers and Council members into appropriate roles. He feels that the Principal role could be more automated and wants to use the technology available, fully. The sailing club is for everyone. Sailing, racing and cruising or just calling in for a brew. He would like more Power boat volunteers and would like the club to be recognized as a racing club as racing hones the skills learnt by doing courses. He would like the volunteers to be recognizable when on duty. So that other volunteers can get on with sailing. He would like to do more marketing of the club and has a rounded vision of the club but he would also like to bring the best in from outside.

David thanked Nick for his talk and added that the idea would be for Nick to shadow David for three months until the AGM.

David proposed Nick as Commodore elect for the next AGM. This was seconded by Steve and passed unanimously.

**Action Log:** David went through the action log removing. Items that had already been completed, which were numerous. Steve will update the action log accordingly.

**Commodore's Report:** David reported that courses were being done. Racing was taking place and the position of Commodore for next year had now been filled.

**Treasurer's Report.** Steve went through the transaction for June saying that they were standard items. New memberships were coming through.

He had removed the Fireflies from the club insurance but included the Quests and the paddle boards which meant an increase of £40 in the premium per month.

The 100 Club draw for June and July took place. The winner for June was Martin Lewis and July was Nigel Platt. It has ten members of present and needs more advertising.

The NatWest mandate has been completed. The signatories are. Steve Booth. Derek Spedding. Joan Forbes and Louise Howarth. Hopefully it has been accepted.

Steve is presently introducing Louise to online banking.

**Membership Secretary's Report.** Tom said he had completed the RYA census. The club at present has 165 members with 20 new members joining for 2023. He has identified members who haven't renewed and written to them. One member has rejoined. At present there are 278 members linked to the club through Web Collect. He's in the process of removing non-members. Fishing permits are being paid. The gentleman who would like to have wheelchair access to sail his model yacht has been written to, but no reply has yet been received.

**Principal's Report.** Nick reported that training is going well and we are halfway through the training season. He is now looking forward to next season. Resources are stretched with the growth and we need to look for DIs and AIs and also rotate SIs to prevent volunteer fatigue. There are additional resources available short term. One L1 candidate needs re-assessing. Latest L1 needs completing. L2 courses advertised for 29/30 July and 2/3 September.

OnBoard 2-3 regular club attendees plus BP&R Sea Cadets. Stats have gone into the RYA.

Sailability PCHS have completed their first season last month, the RYA are issuing books and certificates accordingly.

Compliance: A&B now completed so RVSC can operate as an RTC.

Ops Manual will need updating before the next inspection and the latest version put on the website.

**Honorary Secretary's Report.** Joan said that she had not received any correspondence. Mike said that he had met the postman on Saturday and shown him where the post box was. Mail should now be delivered on Saturdays when he knows people are at the club.

**Council.** Mike Morgan 1) Condition and position of Resmix. It was agreed that at the current position of the Resmix presented a Health and Safety hazard as it is lower in the water and invisible to power boat drivers and windsurfers. Steve said he would write to Dan Fowler and Terry Warburton at UU.

2) Process of Taster Sessions. Several points were raised about the booking and payment process for taster sessions and how much paying on WebCollect might put people off booking a session. It was agreed that Steve, Tom and Mike should get together to discuss the best way to arrange booking and payment for taster sessions.

Steve: Renewal of Dutyman: Steve said the renewal fee of £180 was due in August. Dutyman isn't being used much but is popular in other clubs. It was agreed to renew and promote it next year.

Bryan: Update on PCHS: The school will not be back till Easter. The club should contact the school around Christmas.

The club has received an email enquiry from Tor View School regarding the link they had with the club previously. It was agreed the club should open a dialogue with the school.

AOB: Steve said the club web cameras had technically defeated him and he wondered if we needed somebody to upgrade the system. Mike showed the meeting his security cameras via his phone and explained about the SSL certificate. Tom said that he would look at the system.

Mike wondered about replacing the non-functioning radios. It was agreed to see if there was a grant available to fund this.

Meeting closed 2115.

Next meeting Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 1930.