

**Rossendale Valley Sailing Club: Minutes of the meeting** held on the 21st of March 2023, 1930, at the club house.

**Apologies From:** Bryan Youlden, Eric Davis, MickGreen.

**Present:** David Hudson (chair), Mike Morgan, Mark Barrowcliffe, Bob Glowa, Joan Forbes, Tom Nimmo, Nick Antrobus, Stephen Booth.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Read and accepted as a true record of the meeting held on the 21st of February. Proposed by David, seconded by Mike and passed by the meeting.

**Matters Arising:** Wednesday night social sailing to be added to club events. Nigel has offered to lead the social sailing sessions on Wednesday afternoons, these are not teaching, training or coaching sessions but sailing in company with other members.

**Commodores Report:** David reported that the club now has three newly qualified Senior Dinghy Instructors. The increase in the number SIs will take the pressure off the existing ones when it comes to training courses, taster sessions and On Board

**Treasurers Report:** Stephen again said that the bank transactions for February showed nothing out of the ordinary on the sheet. The £4,200 grant from the RYA would show on the statement for March. The 100 Club draw for February was won Martin Lewis and the 100 Club draw for March was won by Martin Lewis.

**Membership Secretary's Report:** Tom said that he was getting to grips with WebCollect which is full of dross. Letters have been sent out on the 21st of March to members who have not yet renewed this follows a reminder which was sent out on the 6th of March and resulted in six renewals.

The facility to renew membership without paying a joining fee will be removed from WebCollect on the 31st of March with non-payers being removed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April.

Tom proposes to hold a workshop at the club on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March to help members who are having difficulties with logging on WebCollect and other problems with the programme.

He has produced spreadsheets for boat spaces, club keys and membership details. At present six boat park spaces have not been paid for. Tom thinks that he is now making headway with the whole system.

The club is still receiving inquiries for paddle board membership and Tom is continuing to take new memberships whilst advising them that UU may pull the plug. To comply with UU rules there should be a powerboat on the water when paddleboarders are out or, if no powerboat on the water, a buddy system should be in place. Risk assessments are in place. Inquiries are also being made for youth sailing and Tom is telling them about On Board. Tom did advise the Council that it should be aware of the numbers of paddleboarders and maybe look to imposing conditions of membership. It could be that paddle boarders convert to dinghy sailing or windsurfing after a time at the club. There is a paddle board instructor who runs sessions in Thomson's Park. She might be BCU qualified. Mark Girven has spoken to her in the past.

**Training Principal's Report:** Nick apologised for a sluggish month but was pleased to report that the club had three new SIs, David Hudson, Mike Morgan and Mark Barrowcliffe.

He said that the DI training is dragging due to candidates and diary complications. He pointed out that Assistant Dinghy Instructor is a good qualification to have. It would also be advantageous to the

club. Candidates for ADI need to qualify in an advanced dinghy course. Nick said that he was considering this.

At present the early level 1 dinghy course has four candidates. Later courses need advertising. All the power boat courses are filled and there is interest in the PB2 refresher.

Nick thinks that booking courses via WebCollect puts potential candidates off enrolling on courses. He wondered if there could be an extra box for automatic enrolment on courses on WebCollect.

Taster Days should have an SI on site, and this applies for Scouts/Guides taster sessions.

There is a strong demand for taster sessions from the 27<sup>th</sup> of April which has the potential for new members/course candidates.

There hasn't been a strategy meeting recently due to SI course commitments, Nick wondered about resuming these from April.

Training and taster sessions are on target.

**Secretary's Report:** Joan said that she had been in touch with the Sea Cadets and asked Lisa if it was possible to get the third Quest's mast up to the club. She had also sent the Affiliation agreement and asked for a copy of a 'to whom it may concern' letter from Cadet's insurance company, indemnifying the club if the Quests are damaged when sailed by the Cadets. Steve said that he would include the Quests on the Club's insurance for Club training use, the value of the Quests is about £7000 each. Sani bins now installed. Joan said that she has been in touch with Nigel about Wednesday Social Sailing-already discussed. Firefly sale: only three for sale at present, nationwide. They were bought for about £3,000 each, it looks like the optimum price for a Rondar Firefly would be £2,500 price. They need washing and photographing with their sails up then putting on the market.

**AOB:** Bob said that the Fire and PAT tests are due which he was happy to sort out.

Steve mentioned the flyer which Nick wished to send out advertising courses possibly send out as an email or with a newsletter. Nick is waiting for a report about the club cladding.

Steve also mentioned the Google Calendar where he has put a plan of the Club's year on the website.

David said that the North West Topper group had asked if they could use the club on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, this was agreed by the meeting. They would also be bringing an extra power boat which UU would have to be told about. Publicising the event through the local press was also discussed.

Work party weekend- Volunteers would be needed for the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April. A skip would also be needed, Bob to sort. The aim is to complete the boat park.

Extra notice boards, the same colour as the existing ones were also discussed, Nick to get a price.

Mike to price up for a TV, Laptop, Printer and Binder for the training room and send an email to Council with details.

**Meeting Closed:** 9pm.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 1930