

Rossendale Valley Sailing Club: Minutes of the Meeting held at the clubhouse and via zoom on the 15th of November 2022 at 1930

Apologies from: Nick Antrobus and Mike Morgan

Present: Steven Booth, Marty Casey, Mark Barrowcliffe, Tom Nimmo, Bob Glover, Eric Davis, Brian Youlden, David Hudson (chair) and Joan Forbes.

Observers: Gary Unsworth Jamie McIlroy and Adrian MacNeelance.

Minutes of the last meeting: The Minutes of the 18th of October 22 meeting were read and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Steve. Seconded by Marty, passed by the meeting

Matters Arising: Steve presented the action log to the meeting Dave read out the list of items for action deleting the ones which have been completed so that the action log could be brought up to date. Tom volunteered to look into reviewing the security system for the club.

Commodore's Report: there was no report as the club is still without a Commodore

Treasurers Report: Steve had distributed the month transaction report prior to the meeting. He commented that there was nothing remarkable on the report. He said that the club is now with British Gas for its electricity supply having taken the advice of a 'power broker', we were previously with Scottish Electric and are still with them for the gas supply.

The 100 Club draw for October and was won by Gillian Garner the 100 Club draw for November was won by John O'Malley. David enquired of the visitors if they knew about the 100 Club and explained what it was and invited them to join.

Membership Secretary's Report: Tom reported that since the AGM there had been one new member. He said that we were still getting lots of inquiries about sup boarding, including one from Accrington Sea Cadets. A potential new member had made enquiries about joining and learning to sail. He is only available on Mondays and Tuesdays and at present the club is not yet in a position to hold mid-week courses.

Training Principal's Report: Unfortunately, Nick was not able to be present at the meeting and had sent his apologies.

Secretary's Report: Joan said she had nothing to report and had not received any correspondence. I was mentioned that there was some post from the RYA in the galley, possibly certificates.

Council: Steve had sent a list of items for consideration by the new council.

- 1) **Council teams.** Steve thought that there should be two members of the Council on each team plus club members, which could comprise of Grounds, Sailing/on the Water Activities, Buildings, Racing, Club Development, Fleet Maintenance and Social.

David asked Mick if he was still ok with looking after the racing, which he was. Brian said that he could do Club Development, Bob said he would do Fleet Maintenance in conjunction with Nick Antrobus. On the Water Activities – Mark volunteered Mike and himself. Leaving Grounds/Buildings and Social yet to be filled.

Mark wondered if to procedure for passing the minutes could be escalated so they could be published sooner. It was agreed that the current process is standard procedure and would continue. Joan added that anything that was agreed at a meeting could go ahead without the minutes being ratified.

- 2) **Power Use Audit.** Steve had previously asked if somebody could be responsible for all matters to do with the electricity and gas consumption, meters, readings, suppliers etc to ensure that the club was not wasting any money. David volunteered to take on the task.
- 3) **Dutyman.** Steve wanted to promote the use of Dutyman for volunteers to fill duties. There was some query about the actual duties involved in each role. Joan said she would send a copy of the list, already on the notice board, for Steve to add to the website.

- 4) **Rossendale Running Group.** Steve read out a list of proposed dates which the running group would like to use the club. Apart from the 1st January they were all on a Thursday. The group is self-sufficient. It was agreed to accept the dates. Steve said he would reply to the group.
David proposed a Social Sail on the 1st January followed by a Jacob's Join at about 3pm., maybe with the running group. This was thought to be a very good idea.
- 5) **Pendle Community High School plans;** Steve said that the school were in the process of getting their powerboat useable. Steve explained that the school were previously at Burwain SC and they now had an agreement with RVSC which would continue for 2023. They hoped to sail on Thursdays from April to September hopefully with help and support from club members. They have their own SI. Bryan said that he and Calum hoped to continue to support the school in the coming year. In preparation for the future season the school had said that it would like a further power boat course for future staff.
- 6) **Sea Cadet Plans and Boat Insurance:** Steve wondered if the Quests could go on the club insurance for teaching activities. They are insured by Cadets for their use but as yet there is nothing on their insurance indemnifying the Club for using the Quests for tuition at RVSC. Joan said that she would contact the C.O. again about insurance and ask what their plans were for 2023. Steve said that he would leave the Quests off till later.
- 7) **SUP Integration:** As of 1st January SUP membership will become normal adult membership. There is still the possibility that UU could remove SUP sailing from the reservoir. The Club has complied with UU's conditions for the trial run and Mark Girven has recently sent the final details and a copy of the risk assessments to UU. It was agreed to accept SUP members from the 1st January with the caveats that SUP boarding might not be able to continue. Steve said that he would ring Dan Fowler to seek his opinions even though Dan wasn't dealing with the SUP issue directly he might possibly know how the land lay.
- 8) **Annual Programme of Events:** This will be discussed at the December meeting and cover social events and training including On Board. David said that the club needs more SI and Instructors. On Board needs an SI, instructors and volunteers each time it is run. Adrian wondered if outside training could be publicised at the club if no training was available at RVSC. There is an upcoming SI Course at Elton which, if any Instructor was interested, the Club could possibly fund.

The lists on the notice boards asking for names of people interested in various courses were now out of date due to members leaving the club or already completing courses. It was agreed to scrap the lists and start again.

AOB. Joan suggested that the next meeting be brought forward to the 13th December (four weeks hence) as the 20th December was very near Christmas. This was agreed.

David asked the visitors what they thought of the meeting and whether they might join the Council. He invited them to attend another meeting anytime they wished.

Mark asked for a photo list of Council members to be reinstated. This was agreed.

He also said that the Council should accept members at meetings without prior notice. David said the Council could follow the requirement to the letter or 'turn a blind eye' but if the visitor had a point to raise this should be notified in advance. Steve proposed that we suspend the requirement for twelve months, Marty seconded the proposal and it was passed.

Meeting closed at 2110.

Next Meeting 13th December 1930 at the clubhouse.