

Rossendale Valley Sailing Club. Minutes of the meeting. Held on the. 16th of October, at the clubhouse and via zoom.

Apologies: None

Present: Eric Davies. Louise Haworth. Byan Youlden, Tom Nimmo. Mike Morgan. Mark Barrowcliffe. Bob Glowa, Nick Antrobus and David Hudson (Chair) at the clubhouse and Steve Booth, Mick Green and Joan Forbes via zoom.

Minutes of the last meeting 18th of September read and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Steve Booth. Seconded by Mick Green and passed by the meeting.

Matters Arising. Bryan mentioned the report about the grant asking for input about impact benefits that the club has received from it.

The engine has been repaired. There will be a discussion about the radios later in the meeting, and Tom is still chasing the locksmith about the electronic access.

Commodores Report: David said that there was nothing major to report but did say that he would be unavailable for the AGM. Mike Morgan volunteered to chair that meeting on the 5th of November.

Treasurers Report on 100 Club draw for October. Steve said that he was introducing his last Treasurer's Report. He had been coordinating with Louise, and hopefully she will be able to take over the role smoothly. The AGM reports had been posted on the web page. All the data held, some going back to Derek Spedding, had now been transferred to Louise. Items in the transaction report show a figure of. £630 for the engine repair, a payment and refund from Cathedral Hygiene, due to their accounting system. The new insurance premium is now £405 a month due to adding the Quest dinghies to the schedule. The 100 Club draw winner was number 45, Martin Lewis.

Steve said he had received an e-mail from James McIlvenny from the running group. who had paid a sum of £920 to the club for the number of runners who participated in their races. The group was proposing to run the usual race on January the 1st followed by four races in April and four races in September. Steve asked the meeting if everybody was happy with that arrangement, everyone agreed. Steve had also received a request from United Utilities for the second-half year rent of £2280, he said he had requested a rent review from United Utilities, but nothing has yet happened.

Steve will be sending out an emailed letter to members, via Web Collect, reminding them about the AGM. There will be a link on the letter, which will take members to the information and reports for the 2023 AGM. Steve's reports include the 2023 Treasurer's Report, Fees and Budget's proposals, Income and Expenditure and Cost Centre Reports and the Formal Report.

Tom thought it would be wise to put a message on Facebook and WhatsApp groups to say that the E-mail had been sent and asking members to check their junk folders in case it had landed there. Joan said she would do that after the email had been sent.

Membership Report: Tom reported that the membership was now 179 individuals, an increase of one since last month. There are two families totaling nine people waiting to pay. The bulk of new membership is for paddleboarding and there is an increased interest in fishing permits. At the moment, Membership is at full price with three months free.

Tom said that Bev was perturbed when she was out paddle boarding and David sailing and there were people swimming in the res. She went over to enquire and received lots of abuse. Steve said that he would let UU know about the incident.

Tom has received an email from a member who has not sailed since before Covid and had now decided to cancel his membership. He offered his dinghy (a GP14) to be passed on for free to a new member who might make a small donation to the club.

Tom said that there is no age limit on the use of Club dinghies, powerboats, paddleboards, and windsurfing kit, by members, anything that is included in the policy schedule. Any member is also covered for damage and injury caused to vessels/equipment and other members under the Marine Third-Party Liability Sub-Section of that cover.

There was a long discussion about personal accident insurance ceasing when a member gets to 65, especially when it comes to work parties and the definition of what is classed as an official work party, which has a maximum of 15 members taking part at any one time. Members 65-70 years old can be covered if their name, age and role is specified and an annual letter of fitness obtained from their GP. This would incur an additional premium. Members over 70s can be covered but each person is subject to the Insurers' approval on a case-by-case basis.

Nick said he had received emails from the RYA on this subject but said he would query about what health information is required from members over 65, and whether it should be sent directly to the insurance company and if it would have an impact on the club's premium. Tom did not think that general maintenance on boats or around the grounds was an issue. Tom was thinking of putting a note on the adult membership section on Web Collect to say that members 65 plus were not covered by the club's personal accident insurance. Tom also wondered whether we should reinstate the Senior Membership category to deal with this issue. It was agreed that more information was required, and Tom should make further enquiries.

Tom said he was in the process of producing the SUP document but thought that there needed to be a comprehensive Risk Assessment Matrix, primarily for SUPs on the water.

There was a discussion about which documents should be available for members on the website and whether the new documents should incorporate or supersede the existing folders.

Tom again brought up the subject of Life members, which could run up to 5% of the club membership. And therefore could fluctuate with the membership. David said that, ideally, this is down to the new Council, elected at the AGM, to look at the Constitution and iron out any anomalies.

Tom mentioned an item from the (at present) unsigned lease stating the Club's responsibilities for on water activities, safety for sailing members and visitors and to regulate the activities within the guidelines of the RYA while remaining an Affiliated member of the RYA. throughout the term of the lease.

Tom finished his report by extolling the virtues of paddleboarding taken from an RYA Blog.

Training Principal's Report. Nick opened his report by proposing a vote of thanks to Mick Green for all the service that he has done for the club over his many years membership. He has given up his time willingly to help with instructing, as a dingy instructor, senior instructor, and chief instructor,

Ops'n'Tops, racing and Council duties. He wished him all the best for his ventures in the future. Mick replied that he would like to be kept on the list of instructors and was available to be called upon if Nick was ever stuck.

Nick again made an appeal for the documents to go into the OPS manual to be sent to him as it is a matter of urgency that this is finished prior to the next RYA inspection.

Nick thought that there should be an action plan for safeguarding, but he was very pleased with the progress that the club had made this year and was looking forward to next year. He said he would like an off-season planning meeting.

David suggested a meeting on a Saturday to pull all the documents together. This was agreed.

Secretary's Report Joan said she'd had an e-mail from the parent asking about volunteering opportunities for their son for his Duke of Edinburgh's Award. It was agreed that there are very few opportunities for volunteering at this time of year. Joan said that she would reply in the negative.

Any Other Business. Steve said that he had been having problems with the club cameras. He said he tried a new feed with one of the cameras and wondered if somebody could check whether it was working or not.

Resmix: Bob has put some orange boys round the Resmix to make it more visible for the Topper Open next weekend. Steve said he would send another reminder to UU about making the Resmix more visible.

David said that there was a Topper Open Meeting this weekend. Bob and David will be there. He'd had a letter from the organisers asking if the club would supply a race officer, Mick said he was not available and in previous years they've brought their own. The club's buoys could be moved to form the required course. The Club will supply its two power boats and anchor the fishing boat as a Committee boat. David said that volunteers were needed for the galley and shore crew from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday. David said he would put a note on Facebook asking for volunteers. Joan said that she would buy tea, coffee, sugar, milk and biscuits for the galley. David will also send a note to Tom to be sent out via Web Collect.

Bob mentioned that when he came to use the First Aid box recently, there were some bits missing. He wondered whose responsibility it was to keep the boxes replenished. Mike said that they are checked every month. Bob did say that Karen would be willing to take on the job of replenishing the First Aid boxes.

There was a discussion about replacing/refurbishing or buying new radios with a charging station. A budget of £1000 pounds was proposed by David, this was seconded by Tom and passed by the meeting. Joan asked whether the old radios could be sold but it was agreed that they could still be used at the club, and we should investigate getting them serviced.

Steve asked what was happening with the cladding around the building, he had noticed that around the launch store some of the cladding was loose. It was agreed that the whole building's cladding needs looking at professionally.

Meeting closed. 2051.

Next meeting. 20th of November.