

Rossendale Valley Sailing Club. Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th of September 2023 at the clubhouse and via zoom.

Apologies from: David Hudson. Mark Barrowcliffe, Brian Youlden and Eric Davis.

Present: Nick Antrobus (Chair), Tom Nimmo, Bob Glowa, Louise Howarth and Mike Morgan at the clubhouse. Mick Green, Steve Booth, and Joan Forbes via Zoom.

Minutes of the last meeting. 18th of September, read an accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mike, Seconded by Tom and passed by the meeting.

Matters Arising. Nick went through the minutes of the last meeting and dealt with the matters arising from that meeting. The first item was insurance cover which Tom said had been dealt with and would be talked about later in the meeting. Brian said that the report about the recent grant, will be completed and sent by the end of the month.

The incidents mentioned in the minutes. Had been partially dealt with. David had spoken to the sailing member involved but, as yet, has not spoken to the other member about club security.

Mike is still dealing with the RNLI donation/membership.

Nick, Mike and Bob are to discuss replacing the radios and buying a charging station. They will report back to the next meeting.

Nick mentioned that the engine on the rib had developed a fault during the last level one course. Steve Cann, the engineer, had been to the club to assess the engine. He has ordered the new parts to fix it. Probable cost will be around £500.

Commodores Report: David away.

Treasurer's Report and 100 Club draw for September: Steve said there was nothing unusual to report in the accounts, everything seemed to be ticking away normally. The 100 Club draw winner for September was Martin Lewis.

Membership Secretary's Report: Members linked to the club now stand at 178. Up from 174. At present we are still on half price membership. Louise has requested a list of prices for 2023 to go on the board.

The GDPR sensitive material has been removed from Web Collect.

Tom is still chasing up the locksmiths about electronic access to the rear door. A case in point being that there was a member rejoining as a paddle boarder and when Tom asked about keys. He said 'it's all right. I've still got my old one'. A member has joined to do foiling but the bulk of emails enquiries are for paddle boarding. Two members have joined solely for SUP. On a fishing membership, one member has paid for two licenses. Tom will send them out and see what the reaction is.

Principal's Report: August Principal Report via email from Nick.

Key Activities this Month

A: Nationally Together on the Water: *An addition to current RYA Support - A five-year RYA Strategy aimed squarely at opening up inclusion in water sports to a more diverse community. Exact support initiatives are still being formulated and yet be clarified. A series of Connected Conferences in November and December will bring full details.*

B: Regionally Sailability:

Met James Wheeldon RYA North Sailability with Bryan Youlden.

Good feedback and advice received on PCHS. Positive action plan to cement and promote a Sailability Presence. There is a one day Disability Awareness Course on offer to Council and Members – TBA Club Assessment to be done by NAA in Off-Season

C: RYA Support RYA Survey was completed as per email from RYA Programme Manager Michelle Ghent. Meeting Friday 22 September, purpose: Improving engagement with and utilise support from RYA

Club Report. Sailability Figures are Static pending Pendle's return (Pete Robinson has confirmed).

Onboard Figures high ranging from 19-24 Peak with Sea Cadets

Ops Manual update remains CRITICAL. COPIES REQUIRED. RTC Status is at risk without updated Ops Manual prior to next inspection

PB Skills Matrix and availability update needed to reduce volunteer fatigue.

Strategy Review urgently needed off-season for 2024

Training Season Review

Instructors

SI's – 3 new, DI's – 3 new

Safeguarding: Team of 5 no Assembled and Trained

DBS: Louise to confirm numbers

Dinghy Courses

Level 1 2 no Level 1's Completed: 9 no Passes

Level 2 Dinghy Courses postponed accommodating L1 re-sits

OnBoard September closed the season with peak numbers of 19 and 24 on the water in September

Sailability PCHS completed their first season in July

Power Boating

PB2's: MM will confirm no of Courses and Passes

New Safety Boats: MM will confirm no of Courses and Passes

PB Refreshers: MM will confirm no of Courses and Passes

Secretary's Report. Joan said she had nothing to report, no correspondence.

Council: Tom - Sub protocols. Tom distributed the BCU Association guidelines to the Council. He has been in touch with United Utilities but has had no response about what is required from the club to allow SUP boarding to continue. He said it is a contradiction to let windsurfers out as individuals, but not paddle boarders. The UU trial had the buddy system and a power boat on the water when the club was open. There were no incidents reported. Other clubs have no restrictions on paddle boarders. The question of insurance was raised and it was pointed out that to be a member, you have to be insured. It was suggested again that now the trial has finished the club writes to United Utilities to ask them what restrictions, if any, should be placed upon paddle boarders. There are no guidelines from the RYA. Paddle boarders should have a board that's in good condition, it should be tethered, they should wear a buoyancy aid, a wetsuit and be insured. Tom to put together a list of dos and don'ts and review the risk assessments, he said that once done, he would email the proposed guidelines to the Council.

Insurance schedule and policy clarification: Tom said that even though the insurance schedule says that the age for hiring boats is twelve there is actually no age limit, and any member is covered. This has

been confirmed by Val Spruce from Gallaghers Insurance. The club's personal accident insurance does not cover any member over 65 years old for any activity including work parties without a letter from their GP to say that they are fit for club activities.

Tom said that he would write to Val Spruce for further clarification for members over 65, especially on the boat hire question. Nick said that he would contact the RYA as the club's insurance is a standard RYA policy.

AGM Schedule- sent out.

AOB: Steve put forward a proposal to increase the fees at the AGM to cover a potential shortfall next year. This was discussed and it was decided not to increase the fees but to cover any shortfall by increased membership and income from courses.

There was a short discussion about the continued inclusion of Life Membership concessions, but no decision was made.

There was a query about how many OnBoard sessions had been paid for, and if they had been paid via SumUp. It was agreed that OnBoard payments should be made through WebCollect for 2024.

Meeting Closed: 2118

Next meeting: 16th October 2023