

Rossendale Valley Sailing Club: Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th of February 2024 at the clubhouse

Apologies:No apologies received.

Present: Tom Nimmo, David Hudson, Eric Davis, Louise Howarth, Mike Morgan, Mark Barrowcliffe, Bob Glowa, Stephen Booth, Joan Forbes, Bryan Youlden.

Minutes of the last meeting: 15th of January 2024 read and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mike Morgan, seconded by David Hudson and passed by the meeting.

Matters Arising: No matters arising.

Commodore's Report: No Commodores report.

Hon Treasurer's Report and 100 Club Draw for December, January and February.

The winner of December's 100 Club was number 1, Joan Forbes, the winner of January's 100 Club draw was number 45 Martin Lewis, and the winner of February's 100 Club draw was number 59 Bob Glowa.

Louise had sent out the transaction report for January, via email, The majority of receipts being membership subscriptions and the major payments out for insurance, gas and electricity. Joan queried whether British Gas and the SSE Energy accounts were based on meter readings or were estimated accounts David and Steven said that at present there was no regular submission of meter readings and the Club doesn't have Smart Meters. David thought it might be an idea to read the meters on the days that we have Council meetings.

Membership Secretary's Report: Tom reported that there were 230 names linked to RVSC WebCollect. At present we have 70 memberships renewed totaling 126 members. There have been 10 non-renewals but nothing untowards in the reasons for leaving the club. Tom will confirm renewals and non-payers at the beginning of March and send out reminders to those who have yet to pay. People who are paying by direct debits have auto renewal of their membership.

Tom has been in touch with the fishing bailiffs and they have been very helpful over a few queries.

Tom broached up the subject of family membership fees and queried certain cases the fee could be perceived as being iniquitous. He said he will look further into this prior to the new fees being set at the AGM.

Training Principal's Report: No report.

Hon Secretary's Report: Joan told the meeting that she had received an email from Burnley Borough Council's Environmental Health Department informing the club that the SFBB booklet has been updated mainly for opening and closing checks. At present the club is not registered as trading with Burnley Borough Council but she said she will look into the implications of the email.

Council: Resignation of the Commodore and Principal. David summarised Nick's email and as Nick was not available for comment he thought it would be advisable to accept Nick's resignation. He asked for an email to be sent to Nick accepting his resignation and thanking him for his service. Joan said that she would do that.

As the RTC/Club is without a Principal there cannot be any training. Tom offered to help with the admin side of Principal. David offered to act as Commodore in the meantime. It was agreed that Tom should write an email letter to members informing them of Nick's resignation and seeking candidates for Commodore and Principal from the membership within a two week time frame. David said he will contact Adam McGovern for advice on replacing the Principal and also looking for an instructor for a First Aid Course as several instructor's First Aid qualifications expire in May. One alternative could be to join another course at a different venue. David said he would ring Adam McGovern.

Mike said that he was hoping to run a Safeguarding and Planning meeting on Saturday the 2nd March. It was agreed that members who are interested in the role of Principal be invited to this meeting from 12:30 onwards, when training will be discussed.

Steve said he had downloaded a folder with Nick's data onto the club's Hidrive but was unsure of the exact content of the folders

As Mike and Dave were unavailable for the scheduled meeting on the 18th of March and the current situation needing to be expedited as soon as possible, it was agreed to change the date of the next meeting to the 11th of March. Any replies received by Tom re;Commodore and Principal, will be distributed to the Council.

Steve said that Nick had been removed from the group Council email and that he had changed the passwords for the Commodore/Principal emails.

Brian: PCHS. The school would like to continue at the club for the current year. Brian thought that we should clarify their expectations for 2024. Due to the lack of Principal David wondered whether it would be advisable to leave contact with them until March. Brian thought the issue needed dealing with asap as it had dragged on last year. Steve has forwarded a draft agreement by email to Council which runs from Easter.

Lancashire Council require Form 7 to be completed in order for schools and youth groups to continue to train and visit the club. However this is based on the Club being an RTC. When the new Principal is appointed then the form can be submitted to LCC.

Brian asked about recruiting volunteers to help with PCHS and it was agreed that a letter to members be sent out requesting volunteers after the Principal has been appointed and a successful inspection has been carried out by the RYA.

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Steve had been contacted by Gallaghers, the club's insurers, regarding changes in cover. They queried the rebuilding valuation of the clubhouse. After a short discussion it was agreed to leave the cover figure as it is at the moment. Steve also wondered whether the club wanted the new radios included on the schedule but this was also decided against as previously no radios have been lost and it will increase the premium.

Bob brought up the subject of the back door sometimes not closing properly as there is a slight warp in the frame which needs some remedial work. Tom suggested maybe a buzzer or a light could be fitted to remind members when it's not closed.

Steve also said that the insurance company could offer Council cover indemnifying Council members when taking decisions on behalf of the club and the membership. This would offer additional indemnity if a claim was made against the club and the Council. It was agreed that Steve should ask for forms to see what is offered and how much it will cost on application.

David said that instead of the survey which Nick had proposed it might be an idea to invite members to fact finding sessions with Council members to see how they would like the club running and what activities they would like to see on the agenda.

Eric asked advice about allowing non- members into the club, especially those who are expressing an interest in joining. This matter has been discussed previously and it had been agreed that if people showed a genuine interest in joining the club then they should be shown round and given as much information as possible, using the 'play it by ear' principle.

Meeting closed: at 20 45

Next meeting 11th of March 2024 1930.