

Rossendale Valley Sailing Club: Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of March 2024 at the clubhouse.

Apologies from: Tom Nimmo, Louise Howarth and Eric Davis.

Present: David Hudson (chair), Bryan Youlden, Mark Barrowcliffe, Mike Morgan, Bob Glowa, Stephen Booth and Joan Forbes.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: held on the 26th February 2024, read and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mike, seconded by Steve and passed by the meeting.

Matters Arising: David reported that as a result of Tom's email asking if any members were interested in the vacant roles of Commodore or Centre Principal, no candidates had come forward for either position. David said that he would be willing to act as Commodore until the AGM in November. Joan proposed that David be accepted as Commodore, the proposal was seconded by Mark and passed by the meeting.

Tom previously said that he would be willing to assist in the administration side of Principal, Mike also offered to act as Principal with Tom's assistance. It was agreed that Tom and Mike should decide between themselves who will be the named individual on the Change of Centre Principal form when it is submitted to the RYA. There was a short discussion about the insurance required for the Center Principal. After agreeing who is going to be named as Principal then the form should be sent as soon as practicable. David thought that AdamMcGovern should be copied into all correspondence with the RYA. Nick had sent the Change of Principal form via email which David read out to the meeting

David proposed that either Tom or Mike act as named Principal, this was seconded by Steve and passed by the meeting.

Commodore's Report: David had emailed the council with the notes of a conversation that he had had with Adam McGovern.

The First Aid Course has provisionally been arranged for the 4th May at the club. It will be run by Adam Savage from Elton SC, at a cost of £500. David and Mike suggested that Instructors, Assistant Instructors and the Safeguarding Welfare Team- providing that they don't have an existing in date First Aid Qualification- could attend this course free of charge. Any other members participating could do so at a cost of £50 per person. David proposed that we book Adam Savage as First Aid Instructor for the instructor for the 4th of May at a fee of £500 with the above provisos. Mike seconded the proposal and it was passed by the meeting

Treasurer's Report and 100 Club Draw: Louise was unavailable this evening but she had sent February's transaction report earlier in the day. The major expense was for the floor in the gents and other floor repairs. Steve said that all the other transactions were standard. The March 100 club draw was deferred until April.

Membership Secretary's Report: Tom was unavailable this evening but had emailed that he had been unable to access Web Collect to get the latest figures and that he had emailed WebCollect them to ascertain the reason why and how long it would be 'down'.

Tom wondered whether we could change the keypad code on the back door and internal door. It was agreed this should be changed at the beginning of April, when hopefully all outstanding membership subscriptions should have been paid.

Tom has also received an email, supposedly from Axiom Law, querying the club's logo. Steve agreed with Tom that it was a phishing email and confirmed that the logo is free from copyright.

Secretary's Report & Correspondence: Joan said that she had received a letter from the Motion Picture Licensing Company Limited which included an application form for Sports and Social clubs in order to enable us to screen films and videos. The meeting discussed the letter and application form and concluded that it was not applicable to RVSC.

Council: Steve had sent a document through to the Council that had previously been presented to the AGM in 2018. He thought that a lot of points raised in it were applicable today, the main one being the non-engagement of members in the running of the club.

David said this was discussed at the planning meeting, which was well attended by 14 members, one idea was to get more people involved as the weather improves.

Many items were discussed at the meeting but the main one was the galley. Three of the attendees volunteered to run the galley at weekends and also to ask other members to help. Other than brews, biscuits and crisps holding a stock of ready frozen meals, frozen pies, pot noodles and similar was discussed.

Joan thought that the club should register the galley with the local authority and said that she would contact the EH Dept. David said that he would contact the volunteers and ask them about doing an on-line food hygiene course. Joan also queried whether the sale of food was covered by the club's insurance as in previous years she had been led to believe that it wasn't included on the schedule.

Other items discussed were whether fishing members could have access to the club toilets, the cost of hiring club kit was thought to be too high with the windsurfing kit also being old as well as expensive to hire.

Bob interjected that the floor in the windsurfing container needs some remedial work with a small work party.

Mike hopes that Windsurfing can be included on the training schedule.

Also discussed was a social side for after racing and also BBQs and Jacob Joins as social events. It was decided to put these ideas out to the membership.

PCHS- Bryan has had an email from the school asking for an invoice for the current year. It was agreed that they could have 12 sessions from Easter to July, access to the lounge, powerboat, changing rooms etc in a modified Affiliation agreement, however the school's attendance is dependent on the club being an RTC and completion of the Form 7 for LCC.

If there is any delay the club can offer PCHS a partial refund or an extended season till September depending on them re-joining.

Mike raised a query about a missing Dinghy Certificate for a David Hartley from a course taken in July 2022 when Mick Green was instructing. He said he would search a bit more in the RTC documents in the classroom.

Meeting Closed 2030

Next Meeting 8th April 2024. 1900.