

**Rossendale Valley Sailing Club** minutes of the meeting held on the 20th of May 2024 at the clubhouse.

**Apologies:** from Steve Booth, David Hudson, Mark Barrowcliffe, Eric Davies.

**Present:** Tom Nimmo, Mike Morgan, Bob Glowa, Eric Hughes, Louise Howarth, and Joan Forbes (chair).

**Minutes the last Meeting** held on the 8th of April, read and accepted as a true record. Proposed by Tom, Seconded by Bob and passed by the meeting.

**Matters Arising:** These will be dealt with in the body of the meeting.

There was a discussion around the Grand Prix running race which was held at the reservoir on the 15th of May. Eric had cleaned the lavatory at the back of the building and opened it up for the runners as the changing rooms were being used by club members. This is an annual event but Tom only received a notification on the Sunday prior to it taking place. Tom said he would email the organizers asking for more notice to be given for such future events.

Eric Hughes had expressed an interest in joining the Club Council. Bob proposed Eric as a Council member, seconded by Mike and passed by the meeting.

**Commodore's Report:** David was unable to attend.

**Hon Treasurer's Report and 100 Club draw for May:** Louise said April has been an expensive month. Major expenditure was the six-month rent payment to United Utilities and also RYA Affiliation fee. Louise has now received the login in details for the gas, electricity and water accounts and their monitoring is ongoing.

The 100 Club draw for May was made and the winner for May was Martin Lewis.

Louise has said that she will now try to promote the 100 Club to members now the membership payments have been received. Tom said he would see if he could include details of the 100 Club in the joining section on WebCollect.

**Membership Secretary's Report;** Tom said that there are now 212 names linked to the club on WebCollect with 167 members which he said is similar to 2023. Letters have been sent out for late payments and as a result there were only a few members who had not renewed. Tom said that he would contact the non-renewers.

He said that we have new members joining and many enquiries about membership.

Tom raised the subject of a member who had recently resigned from the club and had stopped paying their membership via monthly direct debit. After a short discussion it was agreed that Tom should email the member and remind them of their agreement when they requested to pay their subscription by monthly Direct Debit. Tom also said that he would reword the agreement on WebCollect.

Tom has had an email from the mother of a young lady staying in Rossendale who would like to gain the prerequisite qualifications to become an instructor and was inquiring whether the club would be able to facilitate this. Tom said he would forward the email to Mike.

Tom also received an email from Terry Warburton of U.U. about the gate key and access to the water. As Terry has already misplaced keys and padlocks from the main gate it was agreed that he should email the club with details of his requirements. The club will provide access but we need to know exactly what is required.

An oversized boat has appeared on the Boat Park but, as there is no impact on other boat park users, it was agreed that the member could continue to use the space.

A black canoe has also appeared on the Boat Park. Nobody has any no idea who the owner is so for security it will be put in the Windsurfing Container and hopefully the owner will contact the club and a Boat Park fee payment can be arranged.

Tom raised the subject of the key fob access to the back door. There has been a suggestion made of using something similar to a push bar type opening on the same side as the electronic switch. This would be stronger and more efficient than a key fob lock alone. Tom said he would ask for a quote which should contain more details of this system.

**Principal's Report:** Tom said that Julie had sent through an Equality Policy for the Operating Manual. Tom now thought that all items had been covered for the Inspection, the proposed date being the 3rd June from 6pm. The change of Principal paperwork to be formalised at the inspection. Tom said though he would not be involved in the planning of courses or their delivery he would still do any documentation that was required.

**Hon Secretary's Report:** Joan said that she had not received any correspondence.

**Council:** Steve had requested that the meeting should resolve the club's support for PCHS for 2024. Due to unfortunate circumstances both PCHS and RVSC have not been able to facilitate the school's sailing programme. It was agreed that a partial refund be sent to PCHS with the club retaining the fee for the standing charges-boat storage, equipment storage and insurance. Joan said that she would ask Steve to inform the school.

**AOB.** Tom proposed that the club bought a shredder. It was agreed to purchase one from Amazon for £60. Mike seconded the proposal and it was passed by the meeting. Mike proposed that the club reduce the hire fees for club equipment. He suggested that the new rates should be £5 for a single handed dinghy, £5 for a paddle board and £10 for a double handed dinghy. Other fees and conditions of hire, to stay the same. Seconded by Eric and passed by the meeting.

Bob said that the new hand dryer in the gents was up and running and that he had ordered two new propellers at £79. He also said that the blue Wayfarer had a small hole which he and Eric would be able to repair. Geordie Lass would be going to Woodwind.

Bob also said the recent work party had been a success.

**Meeting Closed:** 2025.

**Next meeting:** 17th June 2024 1900.