

Minutes of the RTYC General Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 June 2017

Present:

Commodore	Andrew Beaumont-Hope
Rear Commodore Cruisers	Stan Jacob
Hon Secretary	Elizabeth Anderson
Hon Treasurer	John Adkin
Principal of Navigation School	Dick Smith

Karen Cox, Andy Ketteringham, Dave Parish, Frank Martin, Anne Peers, Stuart Carter, Nigel Collingwood

Apologies: RCS M Green, VC S Stokes, HO J Pearson

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the General Committee meeting held on 10 May 2017 were read and agreed.

Proposed by S Carter and Seconded by A Ketteringham

Subject to the amendment under HT report of six months to seven months.

OGM Minutes of the 9 June 2017 were circulated to the Committee.

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence:

- An email has been received from Dick Smith regarding the behaviour of a past member of the Club when requested not to use his mobile in the club. As this person is no longer a member it is difficult to deal with but should the person come in again his attitude will be addressed by the Commodore.
- An email has been received of sincere appreciation and thanks for the outstanding welcome and customer service provided by staff when Dominic Budd, owner of sailing yacht Tiffany visited the Club recently.
- Letter of resignation as Vice Commodore of the Club had been received from the Vice Commodore, Steve Stokes. The resignation will take effect after Ramsgate Week. The Commodore stated that after careful consideration this post will be filled by Dick Smith for the interim period until the next AGM as he was the most appropriate and well deserved candidate and had stood for election at the December 2016 AGM. The Committee showed their appreciation of this decision in the usual way. Dick Smith stated that he was very pleased to be offered this interim position and will continue to do everything he can to support Ramsgate Week and the Club.

Hon Secretary:

Barry Stone has been off sick on sick leave but has now returned on light duties.

Carol is away on holiday, returns Monday she will then work her notice for the end of July. There have also been pre-agreed holidays for other staff, but where possible they have moved these around to help out, they have been very supportive and gone over and above in their duties to support the club.

I would also like to thank the staff for their support and those club members who have helped out, particularly Bob Fryars and Dave Peters who have come in and assisted whenever I have called on them.

We are in the process of appointing a new member of staff who will take on the role of Administrator, it is hope she will commence her duties just before Ramsgate Week. It is a part time position as we will be considering appointing a further person to cover club functions/marketing etc.

Hon Treasurer: Finance previous month and YTD:

Bank Balances for June 2017 stand at C/A £6569 and £130209k in savings making a total of £136776 against June 2016 of C/A £9938 and £135892k in savings making a total of £145830. The Club has paid £5000 towards the Incorporation work and also paid £350.00 to BSC for their support in RW 2016.

The HT also stated that recently a number of local organisations booked the dining room at no cost and then added additional requests which had a cost impact to the Club. This committee were advised that should not continue.

Subscriptions

At the meeting of the AGM held on Sunday 4 December 2016 responsibility was devolved to the General Committee to review the annual subscription. Following discussion the Committee authorised an increase of £10 per category from 1 October 2017. Proposed S Carter and Seconded by A Ketteringham.

There was also a discussion regarding the pricing of rooms, maintaining the facilities and bar pricing for members and non-members. It was generally agreed that these should be reviewed in the near future. Action DP, HS and HT.

Bar previous month & YTD plus stock:

DP stated that we need to look at the bar pricing overall and discounts on gold cards. DP agreed to do a report on this for the next meeting.

Staff have been really supportive on the bar in Barry's absence and at short notice John from the Bellevue has been looking after the cellar. DP would like to ask the Committee's permission for authority to continue using John's services until Barry returns full time and he feels able to take up his duties in the cellar. John is very good and is known to some of our members which works very well.

DP would also like to extend a thank you to the bar staff because they have been absolutely amazing and suggests at the end of this difficult period we should extend a thank you gift. The Committee agreed that this was absolutely the right thing to do.

The recent stock take was really good due to the efforts of the bar staff and wastage has been kept down.

Rear Commodore Sail: Report Submitted

An email has been received from Gary Lewis who is unhappy with the length of the race for class 3 and 4, on a number of Sundays they have been out a long time. The RCS has responded saying that he understands his concerns and will be reviewing the length of the race.

The HT has also received an email regarding the affect the long races must have on bar takings. The HT stated that it is difficult to calculate the affect but obviously there must be some. The HT has responded to Garry's concerns.

Rear Commodore Cruisers:

9 boats went to Brightlingsea the May Bank Holiday

Dutch Cruise with 9 boats so far is arranged for 24 June to 9 July 2017. It is proposed to hold a Skippers meeting Thursday night.

There is an East Coast cruise organised for the 16 August.

Hon House Officer's update

Clive Nicholls is working in the Club one morning a week on any repairs that need to be done.

The HO would like to thank the Navigation School for paying for the work completed in the Hold Bar.

Entertainments:

Ron Cannon has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2017. A letter of congratulation has been sent to him from the Club. It would also be nice to invite him and the RNLI Crew to the Club for a celebration of this honour. The Officers agreed to put some money behind the bar for this and an invitation will be sent to him and the lifeboat crew. Date to be agreed. **Action HS**

A discussion was held regarding the Summer Ball, it was a lot of hard work getting everybody to attend and BSC were very low on numbers. It was agreed that should we hold further joint functions a new venue and format needs to be considered with perhaps the BSC running this instead of RTYC or we hold it just for RTYC members. The combined summer ball with 4 clubs attending has worked out at a loss for the RTYC for the last 2 to 3 years therefore the whole function needs to be reviewed. A decision was not made but will be reviewed at a future committee meeting.

Andy Ketteringham stated that there should be music in the Club once a month to encourage members to come in. He has said that he will take this on and organise the event.

Ramsgate Week: Report submitted

44 boats have entered to date.

KC said that she went to a Ramsgate Festival event held at the Club. They have also emailed out a crowd funding email asking for sponsorship from the Club and or members. The Committee agreed that we support the town organising Ramsgate Week, letting them use our facilities for advertising etc and feel that we have done enough.

Navigation School: Report submitted

At present there is a lot of interest.

Chilton School have asked for theory and practical courses again this year. The theory is now taking place and it is proposed to get out on the water with Torbellin 10/11/12 July.

The Navigation School are delighted with the Hold Bar. Anne Peers is putting up the pictures which is making it look nicer. Thanks were extended to Anne Peers for her efforts.

It is hoped that the Club may have its own coded boat as Michael Bennett has agreed to fund bringing her up to RYA/MCA coding standard, this will be at no cost to the Navigation School or the Club. DS will report back on this at a future meeting. The Committee commended DS on his efforts.

Academy:

4 to 6 Academy students are sailing on a regular basis now. A meeting will be held soon to look at the possibility of recruiting during the year, not just at the beginning of the year.

Incorporation of the RTYC:

The minutes of the OGM meeting held on 9 June 2017 were circulated to the committee for reference. The resolutions had been passed unanimously giving the go ahead to the Solicitors to Incorporate RTYCL and draw up the transfer documentation. One minor issue is the licence for use of the Race Hut. The HS will deal with this with the Solicitors.

The next steps will include the appointment of the existing officers and trustees as Directors at the point when the new RTYCL is incorporated. Once the transfer of assets and liabilities has taken place, all remaining Committee members will be invited to become Directors of RTYCL.

An invitation will then be sent out to Proprietary members inviting them to become Members of RTYCL. The final target for completion of all of the above is the end of September.

Social Media Report submitted

Membership Applications/Resignations/Deaths

Applications: Timothy & Melissa Sperryn Confirmed Joint Membership
Reg Walker & Jacinta Elliott Confirmed Joint Probationary Membership

Resignations: None

Deaths: Ian Braithwaite – The HS has been in contact with the family, five club members attended the funeral and the club will be represented at the scattering of the Ashes at the end of July.

AoB

The HS advised the Committee that the flags on the terrace have been replaced.

AP turned the attention of the Committee to the oil painting that has just returned from cleaning. It is much improved. The cork boards for the Navigation School will be ordered and the inventory of pictures in the building will be updated.

The Ramsgate Society expressed their thanks to the club for the use of the dining room.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 1 August 2017 @ 8.00 p.m.

Apologies: Frank Martin

Meeting finished: 9.44 p.m.