

Minutes of the RTYC General Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 26 April 2017

Present:

Commodore	Andrew Beaumont-Hope
Hon Secretary	Elizabeth Anderson
Hon Treasurer	John Adkin
House Officer	Judy Pearson

Dave Parish, Frank Martin, Karen Cox, Anne Peers

Apologies: D Smith, N Collingwood, M Green, S Stokes, S Jacob, A Ketteringham

Incorporation of the RTYC: RTYC Articles of Association/ RTYC Rules and Byelaws

1) Anne Peers had one question regarding the wide powers given to the Directors, particularly in respect of disposal of assets, granted in cl 4.1.9 of the Articles.

Would it possible to restrict these powers as follows:

4.1.9: Let or dispose of property in the normal course of business except where such let or disposal is in respect of freehold property, silverware, paintings, historic photographs, historic documents or historic furniture. The letting or disposal of freehold property, paintings, historic photographs, historic documents and historic furniture shall require prior approval by means of an Ordinary Resolution of Members at General Meeting.

AP also suggested that the inventories are updated on a regular basis. The Committee agreed with this suggestion.

2) With regard to Rules Cl 6.5 it was suggested that we should amend to:

“To be eligible candidates shall be domiciled outside the County of Kent, and if they are boat owners, the permanent berth of their boat(s) shall be outside the County of Kent. Associate Members shall not be entitled to vote at meetings, nor take part in the management of the Club.”

3) The HS asked if it was necessary for the Club to use proxy votes at the AGM as this could add another layer of complication in the running of the meeting other Committee members agreed with this question. Following discussion Frank Martin was requested to ask the Lawyers if it was permitted under company law for the Club to retain the current procedure under which only proprietary (Company) members attending in person may vote at General Meeting.

Dudley Gore - HMRC

Dudley Gore have confirmed that there will be no tax liability arising out of the transfer of assets but have written to Frank Martin stating that they require a letter from the Honorary Secretary authorising them to confirm this with HMRC. The General Committee agreed to this letter being written. Proposed by the Commodore Andy Beaumont-Hope, Seconded by Dave Parish and carried unanimously.

The Commodore then requested the General Committee to confirm that they fully agree with the constitutional changes proposed subject to the query regarding proxy voting being raised with Lawyers and that now move this forward to the next stage.

Proposed Commodore Andy Beaumont-Hope, Seconded by HT John Adkin and carried unanimously.

AoB

The General Committee were aware that Carol Stokes, Club Manager had tendered her resignation from the Club. The Hon Secretary advised that the Commodore and Hon Secretary have met with Carol and now agreed a leaving date with her. We are sorry to see her go but understand her reasons for this decision. Discussions will now take place on the best way forward with regard to the employment of a new member of staff and the committee will be kept updated on developments.

The HO has been contacted by JJ UK who are in the process of having a security check carried out on all their clients. This apparently has flagged up that the Club had gone into liquidation, on further discussion it was found that this was probably to do with the Academy and as far as the Club is concerned the HO confirmed with the company that all is fine.

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 10 May General Committee meeting at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies: D Smith, K Cox, N Collingwood, S Carter

Meeting finished: 20.50