

Royal Temple Yacht Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4 December 2016 @ 11.30 a.m.

The Commodore Frank Martin welcomed all those who attended.

1. Apologies

Peter and Elaine Mair, Mr & Mrs D Watson, Mr & Mrs J Humphris, Mark & Nicky Andrews, Darren and Natalie Rayner, Kathleen Blackburn, Terrie Booth, Wallace Rennie, Anne Diack, David & Carol Say, David Ralls, Andrew & Paula Walkling, Maura & Rodney Pell, Polly Coburn, Ann Payne, Pauline Adkin, Julian & Sheila Poupard, Chris Cox, Brenda Cripps

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 6 December 2015

The Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 6 December 2015 were agreed. **Proposed by John Barrett and Seconded by Dick Smith**

3. To consider matters arising therefrom. None

4. The Commodore introduced the Officers and Committee Members standing for election.

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5. To elect in accordance with Rule 6 the Officers of the Club, as enumerated in Rule 3, to serve for the coming year

The following Officers were elected unopposed:

Commodore, Andrew Beaumont-Hope; Honorary Secretary, Elizabeth Anderson; Rear Commodore Sail, Matt Green; Rear Commodore Cruise, Stan Jacob; Honorary Treasurer, John Adkin; Honorary House Officer, Judy Pearson.

There were two contenders standing for the position of Vice Commodore; Dick Smith and Steve Stokes. Both candidates submitted their Curriculum Vitae. A ballot of members present was taken.

Steve Stokes was elected for the position of Vice Commodore. Dick Smith extended his congratulations to Steve Stokes.

6. To elect in accordance with Rule 6 a General Committee to serve for the coming year.

The following were elected unopposed:

Stuart Carter, Karen Cox, Malcolm Hasler, Andy Ketteringham, Dave Parish, Anne Peers, Paul Russell

The Commodore thanked the Officers and Committee members for being prepared to stand for appointment.

7. To receive the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th September 2016 together with the Treasury Report and to approve the same.

The Commodore referred to the Treasury Report within the AGM booklet. The Commodore advised that he had received a written request for the reason why a caveat had been placed on the detail of the prior year figures.

The Commodore reported that following the resignation of the Honorary Treasurer in February 2016 it emerged that the Honorary Treasurer had omitted to seek the opinion of Dudley Gore the Club Accountants before providing the 2014/15 accounts for inclusion in the AGM booklet.

The Commodore reported that a thorough investigation had since been carried out with the conclusion that whilst the figures in the individual income and expense categories for 2014/15 cannot all be substantiated, the overall result for that year is correct and that the Club has not suffered financial loss as a result of the failure to have the figures checked independently.

The Commodore assured Members that the accounts for 2015/16 have been prepared transparently and properly, and have been scrutinised and signed by Dudley Gore as Independent Accountants.

There were no further questions on this matter, the accounts were received, **Proposed by Stuart Carter and Seconded by Denys Tweddell**

The Commodore then requested that this meeting give the General Committee discretionary authority to raise the 2017/2018 membership subscription by an amount deemed by the Committee to be appropriate to secure the continued financial security of the Club, if such an increase is deemed necessary. **Proposed by Paul Russell and Seconded by Dave Parish. Carried Unanimously**

8 To receive reports from the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore Sail, Rear Commodore Cruising, Honorary Secretary, House Officer, Chairman Entertainment Committee, Navigation School and Academy

Questions were invited. None received.

9 Club Constitution: The following Resolution will be put to members at the AGM:

“Whereas Royal Temple Yacht Club is currently an unincorporated body, this Meeting resolves in principle to constitute the Club as a company limited by guarantee controlled by current and future Proprietary members. To this end the Meeting instructs the General Committee, following receipt of appropriate professional advice, to establish or acquire a new company limited by guarantee, to draw up and/or revise as required the Memorandum and Articles of Association of that company and to draw up the necessary documents for the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Royal Temple Yacht Club to that new company. The final authority to make this transfer will be sought from Members at a future general meeting.”

Notes to resolution:

- 1) Following the receipt of appropriate advice and the formation or acquisition of a Company Limited by Guarantee for the purpose of the transfer of the assets and liabilities of RTYC to that Company, a General Meeting of the Club will be called on a date to be fixed, during 2017. At that General meeting resolutions will be put to the meeting to effect the transfer of the assets and liabilities of the Royal Temple Yacht Club to the new Company and to adopt the Company's Memorandum and Articles of association as the new Constitution of the Royal Temple Yacht Club.
- 2) The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the new Company, together with explanatory notes will be circulated to members in advance of the General Meeting for their consideration. It is intended that the current Club rules will form the basis of the Memorandum and Articles. Further briefing meetings will be offered prior to the General Meeting so that Members may raise any questions they may have, prior to the General Meeting.

The Commodore extended thanks to Des Crampton for the part he played in this work and requested the meeting to approve the proposal. **Proposed Denys Tweddell and Seconded by Nigel Collingwood.**

Denys Tweddell stated that having attended the two briefing sessions he is absolutely certain that this is the way the Club must go forward and he had no hesitation in proposing the Resolution. **The meeting carried the proposal unanimously.**

The Commodore thanked the meeting for their confidence in the Officers and General Committee in moving this forward and advised that we will return to this hopefully in the first half of the forthcoming year.

10 Any Other Business allowed by the Chair

There being no written AOB received, the Commodore asked the members if they had any questions they wished to raise. None were raised.

Andy Beaumont-Hope then presented a Decanter to Frank Martin on behalf of the Members and those attending this meeting to thank him for all his efforts during his tenure as Commodore. Frank Martin thanked everyone for his gift and stated that it was an honour to serve the Club. Denys Tweddell welcomed Frank Martin to the group of Past Commodores and also thanked him for all he has done over the past 3 years.

The Commodore declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.

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