

Royal Temple Yacht Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7 December 2014 @ 11.30 a.m.

The Commodore Frank Martin~~Mike Brand~~ welcomed all those who attended.

1. Apologies

John Hurn, Brian and Betty Martin, Peter and Elaine Mair, Keith Harding, Hugh and Brenda Cripps, Jeff and Rosemarie Horton, Chris Cox, Josh Lidstone, Chris Denby, Lana and Him Humphris, Chris Brearley, Sue and Tommy Foster, Stuart Carter, Ron and Diane Harmer, Ellen Barrett, Bob Knight, Tessa Holmes, Roy Fomison, Martine Boorman, Jo and Derek Mallett, Tony Peers, Sally Ball, Greta Goodall, Terrie Booth, Valerie Oates, Richard Oates, M Roberts, B Irvine, M Pell, Peter Thomas, Michael Moore, Madeleine Duffield

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 1 December 2013

The Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 1 December 2013 were agreed. **Proposed I Braithwaite and Seconded by D Smith.**

3. To consider matters arising therefrom. None

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

5. Election of Officers for the 2014/2015 year.

The following Officers were elected unopposed:

Commodore, Frank Martin; Vice Commodore, Andrew Beaumont-Hope; Honorary Secretary, John Barrett; Rear Commodore Sail, Steve Stokes; Rear Commodore Cruise, Stan Jacob; Honorary Treasurer, Nicholas Irwin; Honorary House Officer, Judy Pearson.

6. Election of General Committee for the 2013/2014 year.

The following were elected unopposed:

Terry Adams, John Adkin, Elizabeth Anderson, Karen Cox, Andrew Ketteringham, David Parish, John Stoneley, Paul Woodward.

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

7. To receive the Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30th September 2014 together with the Report of the Honorary Treasurer and to approve the same.

The Honorary Treasurer gave a verbal update on the accounts.

There is a typographic error in the profit and loss account, the bar surplus of £91420 is correct.

Thanks are extended to back office and Elizabeth Anderson for all their hard work and support at all times.

The Honorary Treasurer requested that this meeting give the General Committee discretionary authority to raise the 2015/2016 membership subscriptions in line with RPI as at 31 July 2015 if, at the time, such an increase is deemed necessary. **Proposed by R Oates and Seconded by D Crampton. Carried Unanimously.**

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

Questions were invited. None received.

9. 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 under AOB.

Denys Tweddell wished to congratulate the Committee and Officers for their efforts in running the Club it is well organised and has withstood very difficult problems. He also stated that it worries him that some members of the committee do not attend meetings on a regular basis after they have been appointed, of particular concern are the ex officio members. The Commodore responded that ex officio members are available at all times to support the General Committee and Officers when requested and are very keen to fulfil that role. They are always welcome to attend meetings but the running of the Club is for the elected Officers and General Committee ~~only~~.

The Commodore wished to clarify the promotion of Club rooms through Booking.com and the Club's Royal status. Under no circumstances would the Club lose its Royal Warrant because of the promotion of the Club rooms; this is a different situation to the ~~however the~~ Royal Warrant extended to qualifying Club members to fly the Blue Ensign on their boats. This permission may be withdrawn by the Club if Boats can be withdrawn at the discretion of the Club if thought appropriate.

The Commodore stated that during the Club's social evenings the level of noise from music in the bar is sometimes too high and may beis an a Health and Safety issue for Bar staff and Members. This is something for the Entertainments Committee to review with members on how we can address the noise level during social evenings. Ian Braithwaite stated that on occasions the noise from the music from the Club can be heard in his house. Malcolm Hasler advised that it is possible to manage this with a traffic light box system which is relatively cheap to purchase and would assist in the control of the noise from the music. The Commodore thanked him for this information and stated that this option would be considered.

The Commodore stated that recently he had attended a Thanet Sports Award 2014 Ceremony at the Winter Gardens with Dick Smith, Head of the Academy and Principal of the Navigation School who had been nominated for this Award by the Club. It is with great pleasure that the Commodore advised the meeting that Dick Smith received a Highly Commended from the Community Sport Matters Award. This is a great honour for Dick and also the Club.

The Commodore also advised the meeting that he had received an email from a parent of an Academy student giving special thanks to Dick Smith and others ~~Steve Stokes~~ for all their efforts for the Academy Students and the difference it had made to her son. A vote of thanks was extended to Dick and his Team. Dick Smith responded that he was very proud to accept the Award on behalf of the Academy and Club which is testament to the efforts of all involved ~~his team~~.

John Barrett advised the meeting that for the last two years the property next door has had considerable renovation work carried out and this is now nearing completion. The owner and her extended family are moving in this coming Wednesday and parking outside their property will no longer be available to Club members. Members are therefore requested not to park beyond the Club's boundary.

The Commodore stated that in closing he would like to extend his thanks to Officers and Committee members who are standing down this year:

Mike Brand who served for 5 years as Commodore and left the Club in great shape.

Peter Mair who has served previously as Vice Commodore and Chair of the Elective Committee.

Nigel Collingwood who served previously as Rear Commodore Cruising.

Rob Booth who has served many years on the Committee, as RCS, Ramsgate Week and Chair of the Entertainment Committee.

Paul Russell the outgoing Rear Commodore Cruise who served part of the year and did a great job before setting sail for a year.

The Commodore declared the meeting closed.

Meeting closed at 11.51 p.m.

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