

## Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on Wednesday 29 May 2019

### Present:

Commodore	Andrew Beaumont-Hope
Vice Commodore	David Parish
Rear Commodore Cruisers	Martin Morgans
Hon Secretary	Elizabeth Anderson
Hon Treasurer	John Adkin
Hon House Officer	Judy Pearson

Terry Adams, Stuart Carter, Karen Cox, Nigel Collingwood, Anne Peers, Tim Sperryn, John Barrett

**Apologies:** RCS Matt Green, Julie Rook

**Standing Item:** the Committee agreed at its meeting held on 31 January 2019 that the Non-Executive Directors are not required to attend as they have taken over the position previously held by the Trustees.

### Approval of Minutes of the last meeting 2 April 2019

The minutes of the meeting were approved. Proposed by Martin Morgans, Seconded by Stuart Carter and carried.

**Matters Arising:** None

### Correspondence:

Email received from Trevor Drummond thanking the staff for excellent service and brilliant food on his birthday party. Email of thanks to the RTYC team were received from Charles Arbuthnot on his Lunch. Email of thanks received from Matt Sperryn regarding a birthday an event held at the RTYC.

### Hon Secretary:

Staff are working well as always.

The Club will have to re-register the staff pensions with HMRC. This will have to be done every 3 years now and I have requested that Dudley Gore deal with this on the Club's behalf.

Uniware back office has now been transferred to a cloud system which will hopefully ease our reliance on the club's old server. The next step is to review Club Minder as this cannot be saved to the Cloud and will not automatically link to Uniware. Paxton Access, the door access system is almost redundant, out of over 500 users, only 33 use this system so at the next upgrade we will discontinue its use but have a door entry system as now where the staff give access.

### Hon Treasurer: Finance previous month and YTD Report Submitted

Bank Accounts as at 21 May 2019

Current Account	£8812.19	last year	£13497 (24 <sup>th</sup> April 2018)
Savings Account	£117500.00	last year	£140398
Roof Fund	£571.54		
Sum	£126883.73	last year	£153877

At the last AGM responsibility was devolved to the General Committee to review the membership fees for the 2019/2020 year. Following discussion, it was agreed that the subscriptions should be increased by £15.00 per person. This increase does not include Academy Members which will stay at £20.00 per annum. Proposed by John Barrett, seconded by Anne Peers and carried unanimously.

Concern was expressed about declining membership and questions asked on how we can turn this around. The Commodore stated that he has been working on a draft 5-year plan with the Honorary Secretary and this will be made available for Officers' input and then Committee after which time when all information is collected together the membership will be surveyed with questions agreed by the General Committee.

The Committee recognised that the membership categories are now outdated and do not necessarily encourage younger and more diverse members into the Club. It was agreed that a temporary Membership Committee be set up involving the Commodore, Hon Treasurer and Rear Commodore Cruisers who will review the categories and financial implications of changing/updating the categories. This temporary committee will come back to the next meeting of the general committee with any recommendations for consideration and acceptance by the Annual General Meeting arranged for the 29 January 2020. Martin Morgans had submitted his suggestions for new categories, this will be reviewed within the temporary membership committee. **Action HT**

Anne Peers suggested that we hold a Valuation Day in the Club, funds for which would go to the Roof Fund.

Canterbury Auctions will come in at no cost to us, but we can advertise and make a charge per item, if we wish. The Committee thought this was a good idea and it was agreed that AP would action this for some time in September/October 2019.

## **Bar previous month and YTD plus stock:**

The Bar is going well, however some promotions are not selling as much as had been hoped and part barrels are going off therefore this promotion will be put on hold and offered again at a later time.  
The Gin promotion is proving very popular.

## **Rear Commodore Sail:**

TA reported on behalf of the RCS. Sailing going ok and the buoys are staying in place.

## **Rear Commodore Cruisers:** Reports Submitted

The cruisers are looking forward to the Dutch trip. The Commodore congratulated the RCC on arranging for 10 boats to go to the Little Ship Club rally in Calais.

## **Hon House Officer:**

Nothing to report.

## **Events:** Report submitted

Summer Ball has 54 booked at present.

KC requested that the Committee agree to pay for the cost of £150.00 towards a band on Halloween Night

DP stated that from the snooker competition monies it is proposed to buy a snooker cue and some games for Games Night. Tim Sperry won the snooker competition this year.

## **Ramsgate Week:** Report submitted

We have several entries from France, Belgium and Holland including our own club.

KS asked if the Harbour Office and Port Office could display the RW posters. The HS to ask at her meeting with the Harbour Office.

## **Navigation School:** Report submitted

The Commodore advised that Dick Smith has resigned from the Club and RYA as Principal and Chief Instructor of the Navigation School which has resulted in Recognition of the Navigation School with the RYA being suspended. Mike Greenstreet has also resigned as Instructor. We are actively looking for a replacement Chief Instructor, however from the 1 March 2019 the RYA has changed the rules on qualifying Instructors who may need to undertake a "teaching in the classroom course and then complete online validation every 5 years. The Chief Instructor course involves 2 days at the RYA. It will be necessary therefore for our present Instructors to be take the necessary classroom course and then take the online validation course every 5 years. It was agreed that should an Instructor need to take a course, the Club, until the Navigation School is up and running, will cover this cost where appropriate. The Committee extended their thanks for all Dick Smith's and Mike Greenstreet's commitment and efforts over the past years and it is proposed to have a thank you reception when both Dick and Mike and the Committee are available.

## **Academy:**

Four Academy members went out on the water a couple of weeks ago. Josh Levy has been assisting and was very helpful.

## **Social Media:**

## **Membership Applications/Resignations/Deaths:**

### **Applications:**

Mr & Mrs K Finn	Confirmed Joint Membership
Mr Michael Heyward	Confirmed Full Membership
Miss Danielle Juden	Confirmed Affiliate Membership

### **Resignations:** Dr Crawford

### **AOB:**

At the last meeting it was suggested that the Committee come up with 5 ideas to assist in promoting the Club. These ideas will form part of the 5-year plan and are noted separately.

JP advised that Martin Burt Davies passed away yesterday.

Meeting finished 22.30

**Dates of next meeting:** Wednesday 3 July 2019