

Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on Wednesday 16 October 2019

Present:

Commodore	Andrew Beaumont-Hope
Vice Commodore	David Parish
Rear Commodore Cruisers	Martin Morgans
Rear Commodore Sail	Matt Green
Hon Secretary	Elizabeth Anderson
House Officer	Judy Pearson

Terry Adams, Karen Cox, Anne Peers, Nigel Collingwood, J Rook; T Sperry, S Carter

Apologies: HT John Adkin; Frank Martin

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 and Confidential Minutes of the last meeting 28 August 2019

The minutes of the meeting were approved. Proposed by Anne Peers; Seconded by Karen Cox and carried.

Matters Arising:

AP advised the Committee that the Valuation Day raised £115 which will go towards the roof fund. This event wasn't really successful but Canterbury Auctions have said that we may need to offer this on a more regular basis to get more people attending.

Correspondence: Thank you card received from the Ramsgate Week competition winners David and Rose Francis. They enjoyed the Club and crewing on the Commodore's yacht Principessa and were very impressed with the accommodation and had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Hon Secretary: Report Submitted

Subscription letters were sent out and payments are now coming in.

There will be Staff changes over the next few months, the patience of the committee would be appreciated.

Hon Treasurer: Finance previous month and YTD Report Submitted

Hon. Treasurer's Report September 2019 (accounts to end of August 2019, 11 months)

Bank Accounts July and August 2019

	12 September 2019	5 September 2018	June 2017
Current Account	£14796	£7915	£8810
Savings Account	£112672	£117533	£135209
Roof Fund	£1445		
Sum	£128913	£125448	£144019
Cumulative 11 months (figures in brackets for same period last year)			
Overall Turnover	£284218	(£299012)	
Direct Expenditure	£100684	(£104533)	
Operating Expenditure	£167432	(£201825)	
Surplus	£16103	(-£7346)	

Note: A better situation than last year.

Bar previous month and YTD plus stock:

The Stock take has taken place and all is good. There is still some wine left over from when the Club changed over wines. These will be offered at a discounted rate at functions starting with the cruising social.

Rear Commodore Sail:

The sailing section is preparing for the next two events, the racing crews' lunch and the prize giving, There are still two marks off station, we are not aware why but will continue to put them back where they should be.

The Dragon Class Association have asked us to host their event next year in September. MG will report back with more information.

Rear Commodore Cruisers: Reports Submitted

It is hoped to have one last cruise before the cruisers are laid up for the winter. The Cruising Supper and Prize Giving is next Saturday.

The Club has received money from the RTC as sponsorship for the Illuminations, this will cover trophies, leaflets and printing, extra lights etc. MM is hoping to have a meeting with Rebekah Smith to move this forward although we are

only focussing on the berth holders. The RNLI have also indicated that they may be able to bring an extra lifeboat in for the Illuminations. Father Christmas may also appear. AP stated that the poster for the Cruising Supper had conflicting wording regarding the dress for the evening. AP stated that a Supper is always reefers not smart casual. After discussion the Committee agreed that this event should be left with whatever the members wished to wear but going forward a Supper would be reefers.

Hon House Officer:

JJ's have come in to look at the accommodation and the flat with a view to having areas refurbished, redecorated. We are waiting for estimates, but some of this work is urgent so will go ahead asap. The HO and Commodore were able to access the roof through the flat; where it was noted that repairs are needed to the roof at a modest expense which might tide us over before major works are required.

Events:

Cruising Prize Giving – Saturday 19 October

Racing Crews Lunch – Sunday 20 October

Halloween Party – Saturday 26 October - Pumpkin carving will take place in the Club from 3.00 p.m. plus decoration of the Club. There will be a gin raffle, more donations would be appreciated. Raffle tickets will be sold after sailing on Sunday which Julie Rook stated will hopefully raise enough to pay for the disco.

Racing Prize Giving – Saturday 2 November: MG agreed the ticket price and menu. This will now be advertised. Invitations to be sent to paying guests for the RW Race Officer's table. Glassware and Plaques will be charged to Sailing budget.

Quiz Night – Thursday 21 November: Depending on numbers this may be held in the main bar.

Decoration of the Club – Thursday 12 December: JR asked if £100 could be made available for the purchase of some new decorations, some decorations are looking a bit tired now. The Committee agreed this request.

Children's Christmas Party Sunday 15 December: 3.00 to 5.00 p.m. Practically all arranged. 4 helpers will be required.

New Year's Eve: This event is problematic in providing a dinner as catering and waiting staff do not want to work. Last year it was not easy to arrange and numbers were low. The Committee agreed that the Club will not offer a dinner this year. A band has been booked for NYE and there will be Cava to toast the New Year in. Consideration re a late buffet and perhaps nibbles on the bar early evening were considered. The details for the evening to be further considered outside of the meeting and approval sought before it is advertised to the members.

RTYC Service: Gordon Warren advised that the RTYC will not be able to hold the Carol Service in the Sailor's Church this Christmas. It was agreed that the Club would join the RNLI at their Carol Service held in St George's Church on Saturday 14 December at 2.00 p.m.

Ramsgate Week: Report submitted

Dates for Committee diary: Ramsgate Week 26 July to 31 July 2020.

KC and DP met with Euromarine regarding sponsorship of Ramsgate Week. They will confirm soon.

IRC Spinlock Championship will be with us for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of RW.

MG asked what the position is with BSC. KC responded that this is in hand.

Navigation School:

Approval has been received from the RYA for the Club to run a Navigation School and we now have a new Principal and Chief Instructor, Simon Gasston. Day Skipper and Yacht Master Courses have been advertised and we have received a number of enquiries and bookings. The start date is Wednesday 23 October 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Nigel Collingwood suggested that we also run a Diesel course and Radar Course. This will be considered for the future.

Academy:

Emails have been sent out to Club members regarding Keel Boats, but no response has been received. NC and TA will now approach skippers directly and contact past Academy students. It is hoped that a presentation will be made to this year's Academy Student at the Racing Prize Giving.

Social Media: Report submitted.

The Club have a very successful Facebook page which is open to all. KC stated that it has been suggested that the club should have a closed RTYC Facebook Group where private information and personal contact details can be made available if the members wish. Stuart Carter stated that he would like to take responsibility for this facebook group. The Committee accepted his offer with thanks.

Martin Morgans stated that the work Karen Cox does on the RTYC Facebook page is invaluable in raising the profile of the Club and she should be congratulated for her efforts..

Membership Applications/Resignations/Deaths:

Resignations:

Andrew and Paula Walking	David Walters
Adrian Smith	Sheila and Ken Milner
Paul and Yvonne Addington	John and Caroline Vincett
Robert Fryars	Graham Eggleton
Gary Lewis	

The Hon Sec talked through the reasons for the resignations as concern was raised at the number who had resigned although the number of resignations at this time of the year is what is expected. It was felt that we should be doing something to reverse the resignations. With particular reference to Adrian Smith's email and what the club could offer for the subscriptions paid it was agreed more could be done.

Matt Green stated that we should consider opening the club for longer hours, provide food on a regular basis if not all the time and make an investment in turning the Club around.

MM stated that the membership categories and fees should be reviewed. The Commodore responded that the HT and HS have been working through the categories and fees but it is difficult to make adjustments without a knock on effect. MM will be brought into the discussions on the HT's return. At the next AGM the meeting will be requested to devolve responsibility to the General Committee to update the membership categories and subscriptions as it thinks fit.

KC stated that we will have the Commodore of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club staying here soon. This club has made radical changes which have been a success so perhaps we should discuss this with him.

It is agreed that we should have a discussion regarding putting on more food particularly on Sunday after racing and also consider having bands on a regular basis. Talks could be held in December/January. After Dinner Speakers could also be arranged.

A new pool table is arriving soon which will be put in the tv room so hopefully this will prove a success with members. MM asked whether the mechanics on the table should be left in place so that there would be a 50p charge to use the table. Money made would go to the roof fund. It was agreed that we could keep the mechanics in the first instance and see if this was popular with the members. Proposed by Stuart Carter; Seconded by Tim Sperryn

Death: Sir Donald Gosling 7 October 2019

AOB:

- AP asked if we could set up a page on the club's website for members personal contact details. AP said it was a shame that we could not produce the Club Directory anymore. Following discussion AP and the Committee were advised that details could be requested from the office. Committee members can request contact details from the office with reference to their role on Committee or the Administrator will forward any emails on to the recipient if so requested. Tim Sperryn stated that he was happy with anyone having is personal information; he was advised that that was his decision, other members may not feel the same. If he wished to do so he could put this information on the Facebook Group to be set up by Stuart Carter. We already have WhatsApp where members can opt in if they wish.
- SC stated that in certain areas of the Club where he sits the music is too loud and asked if the speakers were zoned. SC was advised they were not and he stated that he will look into a way of zoning the speakers and the cost and report back to Committee.
- The HS advised that the 2020 function sheet dates were being worked on. There are a number of important dates already added and she asked for dates from committee members that they wished to have added to ensure there isn't a clash.

Meeting finished 22.11

Dates of next meeting:

Wednesday 13 November 2019

Monday 16 December 2019 - Single Agenda Item: Review of Year End Accounts.