

Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on Wednesday 28 August 2019

Present:

Commodore Andrew Beaumont-Hope
Hon Secretary Elizabeth Anderson

Terry Adams, Karen Cox, Anne Peers, Frank Martin, John Barrett, Nigel Collingwood

Apologies: VC D Parish; RCS M Green; RCC M Morgans; HO J Pearson; J Rook; T Sperryn, S Carter

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 3 July 2019

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

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence:

The RYA have sent in an invitation asking if the Club wished to submit a bid for the Princess Royal to visit. The Committee agreed that we didn't have a suitable event planned for next year but would consider 2021 should the request come though again.

The Commodore has received a letter from Jim and Lana Humphries thanking all the staff and team for an excellent Ramsgate Week.

Hon Secretary: Report Submitted

Details of the report noted and accepted.

The Committee agreed the new pricing for rooms planned for special events being held over the next couple of years and confirmed that the Club needs to have more dynamic pricing for the rooms depending on the time of the year. It was proposed that the members' rates for the rooms are too low and should be reviewed to fall in line with non-members' rates but with a percentage discount for members. The HS and HT to review and agree the discount to be used.

At this point the Commodore informed the committee that yet again he must request Committee members to leave the staff to get on with their jobs and not get involved when visitors come into the Clubhouse. The staff deal very well with visitors and members interrupting staff and shouting at visitors regarding the wearing of hats and bringing dogs into the Clubhouse is not acceptable. This recent behaviour resulted in the loss of two potential new members and visitors and their guests leaving. The Committee agreed that notices regarding dogs will be displayed. Regarding the wearing of hats, there has been a general relaxation within the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the wearing of hats and it is also recognised that some people wear them for health reasons, it was agreed that members and/or visitors can now wear hats in the bar if they so wish. The Committee were advised of the names of the members involved and it was agreed that should this behaviour continue a letter will be sent advising that their behaviour is not acceptable.

Hon Treasurer: Finance previous month and YTD Report Submitted

Bank Accounts July and August 2019

	July 2019	August 2019
Current Account	£22292	£9970
Savings Account	£112589	£112585
Roof Fund	£1121	£1444
Sum	£134881	£122555

Cumulative 10 months (figures in brackets for same period last year)

Overall Turnover	£263623	(£280163)
Direct Expenditure	£90799	(£94661)
Operating Expenditure	£152624	(£184913)
Surplus	£20182	(£589)

Note: A better situation than last year. Excellent control of Operating costs, less Repairs and Maintenance and a great Ramsgate Week.

The Commodore thanked the HT, HS and staff for all their efforts in controlling the operating costs.

Bar previous month and YTD plus stock:

A stocktake was undertaken on Tuesday 27 August and all is satisfactory.

Rear Commodore Sail: No Report

A Race Mark is off station, a decision will be made whether it is worth recovering at this stage.

Rear Commodore Cruisers: Reports Submitted

Hon House Officer: No Report

AP asked what the position was with the binnacles; the idea of repairing them is a good one but it would be better not to have them relocated to the balcony, concern was also expressed about the cost of renovation. It was agreed that AP would ask the Repair Shop to see if they would be interested in taking on the repair. The tables that replaced them were proving very popular.

It was suggested that if we need to raise money for repairs, we could sell the gun carriage in the TV room which has no relevance to the Club and perhaps put some of the money towards the repair of the binnacles. It was agreed that it would certainly be a good idea to sell the gun carriage and AP was requested to ask the advice of Canterbury Auctions regarding a valuation. What to do with the money would have to be agreed by the Committee.

KC asked if there could be more chairs on the Terrace and was advised that the Club is looking to purchase two more benches as they are proving popular, however the member who was going to pay for one is unable to do so now. John Barrett agreed to fund one bench.

Events:

7 September at 12.30 – Celebration for Stan Jacob

3 October at 8.00 p.m. Frontier Engagement Presentation

11 October RNLI Supper

12 October Antiques Valuation Day in the Club with Canterbury Auction Galleries 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.

12 October Peter Giffen's Party 7.30 – midnight

Ramsgate Week: Report submitted

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

KC stated that she had not received confirmation of this but understood that Peter and Kay Rumbelow are now retiring and wondered how to deal with a thank you letter. She was advised that there will be an event held in November.

Euromarine are planning to sponsor RW 2020 with hopefully a 3 year tie in of £7500 per year. This is to be confirmed. AP will now replace the racing pictures in the bar with 2019 pictures. A request for winner pictures is requested.

Navigation School:

We now have a Chief Instructor in place, once the paperwork is sent off and approved the school will be put in place.

Academy:

One Academy student will be signed up soon.

NC and TA had a meeting regarding Keel Boats. An email will be sent out to encourage Academy Members to get involved. TA updated the committee on what was available and has already entered the Club as a potential participant in the event. NC will now take a lead on this and send information out to Academy Members to encourage them to sign up to this event. The cost per Team is £300 with expenses.

Social Media: Verbal Report

Membership Applications/Resignations/Deaths:

Applications:

Kirk Pickering	Confirmed Full Membership
Steve Coombes	Confirmed Full Membership
Carol Kelly/Peter Giffen	Confirmed Change of Joint Membership
Anthony Smyth	Confirmed Rejoining Full Member

Stephen and Carol Stokes Rejoining from Full to Joint Member

As some of the Committee were not in post at the time of Steve Stokes' resignation the Commodore provided background information on documentation received from the applicant between May 2017 to the resignation letter of the 21 September 2017. The resignation letter of the 21 September 2017 was circulated to all the General Committee at that time and read out to the Committee at the request of Stephen Stokes. The Commodore then requested Frank Martin to take the Chair to consider this application in order to avoid a conflict of interest. Due to the sensitive nature for all parties the discussion was deemed confidential.

Further discussion and consideration of the application continued; the Committee agreed that it was inappropriate to consider this application at this time and under the circumstances a letter should be sent referring Stephen Stokes back to his previous letter. Proposed: T Adams, Seconded by A Peers and Carried.

AOB: None

Meeting finished 21.55

Dates of next meeting:

**Wednesday 16 October 2019
Wednesday 13 November 2019
Monday 16 December 2019**