

Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on Wednesday 13 November 2019

Present:

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

Karen Cox, Nigel Collingwood, Stuart Carter, John Barrett, Mike Brand, Frank Martin

Apologies: HT John Adkin; Anne Peers, RCC Matt Green, Julie Rook, Terry Adams

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 16 October 2019

The minutes of the meeting were approved. Proposed by RCC M Morgans; Seconded by Stuart Carter and carried.

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence: None

Hon Secretary:

Emma Simpson has resigned from the role of Club Administrator and we now have Kathryn Stephenson who has taken up the post.

Complaint: Addressing Members' attitude to Visitors and Guests in the Club. The Commodore informed the General Committee that there is a review on Booking.com regarding the unwelcoming behaviour of club members to visitors. The Committee were reminded that the bedrooms are a major income stream for the Club, and this bad behaviour from a small number of members is impacting on visitors and potential new members. This issue has been raised several times before; the members involved have been requested not to address visitors in this manner and permit the staff to deal with any visitors to the club in their normal efficient manner. If this behaviour continues a letter will be sent to the members concerned who will be held responsible for their actions.

DP requested that the wording on booking.com be reviewed to make it more welcoming to visitors to the Club but also make it clear that we are a Yacht Club not an Hotel. The HS responded that the office is reviewing the wording on the booking.com website and looking into using a further website who are better set up to promote the Club as a Club rather than an Hotel.

Memorandum of Understanding Update. The Committee is requested to approve the updated wording as the original wording is outdated regarding the dress in the Club and not gender equal. It is proposed to remove the wording regarding the wearing of headgear in the Club as this is now outdated. Concern was expressed regarding the removal of the wording around the wearing of head gear, but this will be kept under review by the HS and the Memorandum of Understanding can be further reviewed should problems arise. The Committee agreed the updated wording, proposed by John Barrett, Seconded by David Parish and carried by the majority.

The Honorary Secretary is in the process of extending the morning opening hours of the club for exceptional world events from mid-day to 9.00 a.m. This will allow the Club to open early for members to view events on the TV, but alcohol will not be permitted to be served before 11.00 a.m.

Hon Treasurer: Finance previous month and YTD Report Submitted

(NOTE: At the time of this report our books are at the Auditors for preparation of the Annual Accounts. The figures below for current year are unaudited although both the bookkeeper and I believe that there will be very little difference between the final audited figures and our working spreadsheet from which the data below is taken.)

Current Account	13228.06
Savings Account	120,000.00
Roof Fund	<u>1444.58</u>
Sum	134667.64

Cumulative 12 months (figures in brackets for same period last year)

Overall Turnover	£299379	(£310519)
Direct Expenditure	£108328	(£109830)
Operating Expenditure	£183225	(£225114)
Surplus	£7712	(-£24425)

(Note: depreciation is not included in these figures.)

Note: A better situation than last year due mainly to lower building maintenance costs and good control of all operating costs by the office.

There are 55 members who have still not paid their subscriptions, these are being followed up. Those who have not paid by the beginning of next week will have their membership card blocked.

Bar previous month and YTD plus stock:

The bar now has a number of different gins which are proving popular. The excess wine stock has nearly gone. For the Games Night on the 29 November it is proposed to give a further 20% off members' gold cards between 6.00 pm and 8.00 p.m.

The Auditor for Shepherd Neame came in to check everything to do with the bar for the sale of their beers. We received 20:20, a good bar line and good quality beer. The General Committee extended their thanks to Barry and his Team; they are doing a great job.

Rear Commodore Sail: No Report

Rear Commodore Cruisers: Reports Submitted

The cruising programme is in place for 2020, all we need now is the weather.

Hon House Officer:

The refurbishment of the accommodation will commence in January 2020.

The doors to the terrace will be replaced within the next couple of weeks. The cost of which will be covered by insurance.

Binnacles: The HO advised the committee that we were going to see if anyone could help to refurbish/repair them. They were valued at c£300 each and it was suggested by the valuers that we perhaps sell one so that we can refurbish the other one. The Committee do not feel that the remaining binnacle should go back on the Terrace but be set on the balcony. It was also agreed that we would sell one and see what we can do with the other one. All agreed.

Events: Report submitted

Quiz Night – Thursday 21 November: Depending on numbers this may be held in the main bar. SC has done the paperwork on the quiz and will send into office for printing.

Decoration of the Club – Thursday 12 December

Pot Black Friday – Friday 29 November with 20% off drinks with the use of gold card from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

First Tuesday of every month commencing Tuesday 3 December at mid-day there will be Coffee and Cake.

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

RTYC Service. The Club will join the RNLI at St George's Church on Saturday 14 December at 2.00 p.m.

Officers' Drinks Tuesday 17 December at 7.30 p.m.

Illuminations – Friday 21 December at 7.30 p.m. in main bar.

Christmas Dinner Saturday 22 December 7.00 – 7.30 p.m.

New Year's Eve – Nibbles on the Bar early evening and then a late buffet and band will be offered.

Rachel Morgans has almost completed the Events List; the cruising programme is added, and we are now awaiting the Sailing programme.

Ramsgate Week: Report submitted

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

Pricing structure is too complicated and will be simplified for 2020. The discounted entry fee will stand at end of May 2020.

Excellent report in Yachts and Yachting which KC would like in a frame. Sue Pelling has done an excellent job.

Euromarine is also advertising Ramsgate Week. KC plans to go to BSC to discuss ribs with Josh Lidstone who is taking over as Commodore. Downs SC were very supportive last year, and KC would like to visit the Club and make arrangements for RW with them.

With regard to the Race Officer, it is hoped that Dr Chris Brearley would take this on, but this will have a knock on affect with the other positions on the Committee boat, especially the time keeper role, so this has some way to go before the position is finalised. We are not permitted to use the guns on the committee boat going forward, it is a safety issue, so we are looking into using air horns.

Navigation School:

Held on Wednesday evenings. 8 Day Skipper students and 5 Yacht Master students. Holding both classes on the same evening is proving successful with both areas of the Hold Bar being used to good effect. Simon Gasston is the Principal and Chief Instructor. Michelle Stoneley and John Adkin teach Day Skipper with the Commodore supporting where necessary.

Academy:

Two Colleges have signed up for a presentation before Christmas then NC plans to go out to schools recruiting for Academy members.

It is hoped to get a team together for the Keel boat entry. NC stated that we really need to ask around to see who is interested, age restriction is 16 to 25. JP said she may have someone who would be interested but the age restriction could be a problem, NC to confirm this with JP.

Social Media: Report submitted.

SC to rename the sailing WhatsApp group to Scuttlebutt and then create a sailing group for Skippers and Navigators only.

SC to also create a closed RTYC Facebook group to enable members to share information for members' eyes only. SC+KC+EA to be moderators.

Ramsgate Illuminations: MM now has administrator rights. MM is now in discussions with Minerva who may have the windcat boats in the harbour over Christmas to see if they are prepared to light up along with the other berth holders.

Membership Applications/Resignations/Deaths:

Applications:

Mark Kingsland	Confirmed Upgrade from Probationary to Full
Jonathan Mount	Confirmed Probationary
Carol Harding	Confirmed Joint Membership with Keith Harding

Resignations:

Russell and Carole Creighton	– Joint Veteran
Bernard Beale	– Full Member
Susan Freeman	– Overseas member
Tim Sperryn	– Was Joint Changed to Full and resigned from Committee

AOB:

NC asked if the Commodore was going to go to the funeral of Sir Donald Gosling on the 11 December. The Commodore is unable to go and requested NC to send his apologies when he attends.

The Commodore asked the committee to indicate their intentions with regard to standing for committee next year. All who attended this meeting stated that they would be standing.

Meeting finished 21.25

Dates of next meeting:

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

Apologies: Judy Pearson, Stuart Carter