

Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on Friday 1 April 2022

Present:

Commodore:	Martin Morgans
Vice Commodore	Karen Cox
Rear Commodore Sail	Piers Hodges
Rear Commodore Cruising	Don Gray
Hon. Treasurer	John Stoneley
Hon Secretary	Stuart Carter

Andy Ketteringham; Alan Lucas; Rachel Morgans; Peter Thomas, Frank Martin, Mark Kingsland, Terry Adams, Nigel Collingwood

Apologies: Elizabeth Anderson; Andrew Beaumont-Hope; John Barrett, Mike Brand, Judy Pearson, Dave Parish

Approval of Minutes of the last meeting Friday 4th March 2022

The minutes of the meeting were approved. Proposed by Karen Cox and Seconded by Frank Martin

Matters Arising Therefrom: None

The Commodore talked about the refurbished Hold bar and explained the intended uses as a separate function room, A member's bar when the rest of the club had been let out for a major function, a space for the RTYC navigation school and as an overspill bar.

Correspondence. None

Honorary Secretary None

Hon Treasurer:

Report submitted and distributed—. The new Hon Treasurer asked for suggestions for the format of future reports. PT questioned whether the apportionment of hotel room costs included some element of the bar to accurately reflect that the bar would service the hotel business when the office was not open. He also asked if the report contained a prediction for future Profit and loss, the actual P&L and possibly a comparison between previous and current reports. The Commodore suggested that there should be a periodic target published against which the club would be able measure success or failure. (Action JS.)

Bar previous month and YTD plus stocktake.

The Commodore apologised for the lack of figures for the previous months but there had been a problem with the UPAY system. These would be available for the May meeting.

The Club was still looking for a stocktaker and the Commodore asked if, until one was found, we could continue with a local stock take using the Club Manager and a member.

Rear Commodore Sail

RCS stated that work had been carried out to ensure that the Race Hut was safe and there was ongoing work to ensure that everything was ready for the season. Racing Fees for non-members were being set at £25 per race in the series' and £20 for non-series races. Buoys sponsorship would be £200 for the whole season and £150 for Ramsgate week. Sponsorship was being sought for Check chart and RW publications. VC would publish the Race fees on the RTYC Website with a comparison between those fees and becoming a full member. Prizes for last season's RC laser races will be presented at the 2022 Ramsgate Week prize giving.

EKYA

VC outlined the main points on the distributed report of the East Kent Yachting Association Zoom meeting. Most of the clubs represented at the meeting were having problems and it was beneficial to share problems and solutions. A face-to-face meeting has been organised at the RTYC on 14th November.

Rear Commodore Cruising

The report for the latest meeting will be circulated for the next GCM. The first cruise of the system will be to Dover on 15 April.

House Officer's Update

No report

Entertainments

Friday Evenings in the club are well attended. There will be a quiz on the 5th Friday. The Sunday lunch on the 3rd April has unfortunately had to be cancelled as the Chef and his staff all have tested positive for covid. VC requested some more evening events with live music. AK suggested an Open box raffle

Ramsgate Week

The planning application has been sent in and is being processed by TDC. The Race committee boat has been reinstated and confirmed for this year's RW. VC has placed a banner ad in the yachts and Yachting digital edition which goes out to 3000 subscribers. VC is having a meeting with Rob Brown on Tuesday 5th to ask for more feather flags than we usually have some of which will be for RW sponsors St Lawrence College. Search for sponsors is continuing.

Navigation School.

No report from the principal. Commodore said that everything was going well with 3 weeks left in the courses.

Social Media

Work ongoing. Not much new to report although always looking for new items.

Membership

The Commodore brought up the outcome of the EGM and said that it was time to discuss how we were to go forward with advertising to gain new members from a wider audience i.e. not necessarily those who are focussed on waterborne pursuits. VC said that Ramsgate Town council would like us to advertise in their quarterly magazine which is distributed to 20,000 homes. FM suggested that the club should advertise certain days/evenings e.g, Fridays are open to the public. MK suggested incentivising existing members to introduce new members by offering a £10 bounty. To be advertised in the Temple Bell, social media and by e-mailshot. It was suggested

RCS asked what was done to regain members who have left. Discussions are ongoing on this subject

AOB

VC asked that membership stats were reported on at every GCM. HS agreed that would happen from the next meeting (action HS).

The Commodore suggested a competition to name the refurbished Hold bar. This will be promulgated in the Temple Bell.(action VC).

VC informed the meeting that ICOM are making a promotional video and they are looking for a photogenic venue either on land or the water with a nice backdrop of Ramsgate.

NC asked about the progress toward a business plan. Hon Treasurer agreed to get a working group together to generate a business plan with a progress update in 2 meetings time.

There was some discussion on the Academy open days, and it was agreed that there would be problems to overcome in terms of having a welfare officer for children under 17. The discussion was widened to include the role of the academy in the club. It was agreed to to continue outside the meeting.

Meeting finished: about 8hr52pm

Dates of next meeting: (First Friday of the month)

Friday 6th May 2022 at 7.00 p.m.