

Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on Wednesday 1st June 2022

Present:

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

Rachel Morgans; Terry Adams; Nigel Collingwood; Andrew Beaumont-Hope; Mike Brand; Judy Pearson; Dave Parish

Apologies: Rear Commodore Sail; John Barrett; Frank Martin; Andy Ketteringham; Peter Thomas

Approval of Minutes of the last meeting Friday 6th May 2022. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Commodore. Proposed RCC, seconded VC

Matters Arising Therefrom: Approval of Minutes of the meeting on Friday 1st May 2022. The blue minute that was missing from had been added and the minutes of that meeting were duly agreed. Proposed by VC, seconded by HS.

Correspondence. None

Honorary Secretary. The report from the honorary secretary had been distributed to the GC members. There were no comments. The Commodore confirmed that all members were receiving the emails from the HonSec

Hon Treasurer: The Hon Treasurer said that at the last meeting the figures had been broken down and presented. Unfortunately, due to a lack of data this could not be done for this meeting but would be presented in a meaningful manner for the next meeting. If the data was available earlier the figures would be presented to Committee before the meeting. HT said the bank account was £4,500 up on the month before and the trend was constant. The Commodore then presented the comparison between total takings, after tax, May 2019 and May 2022. In 2019 The figure was £15,218 and in May this year the figure was £14,693. A difference of £525. The bar takings are considerably down on 2 years ago but the return for accommodation was compensating for this. The HT reiterated that he needed to review the real data so that he can understand and make more accurate forecast of future trends.

Commodore said the new book-keeper was having some difficulty with the challenges of the accounts and may need guidance in prioritising her various tasks.

Rear Commodore Sail. No report.

Rear Commodore Cruising. The Allez Calais cruise was a great success with 10 RTYC boats being the largest contingent of the rally. RCC wished to offer his thanks to Jonathon, who organised the cruise. A report on the trip will be in the next newsletter. In June an east coast cruise is planned on the 25th June to 1st July so that the fleet can be back in time for the summer ball, A summer cruise is planned for the last 2 weeks in August to Antwerp. On 15 September there will be a trip up to St Katharine's Dock. The Cruising Section will be holding their annual prize-giving supper on 22 October.

House Officer's Update. Not a great deal to report. There were 2 water related incidents. The first was a leak into the office from loosened pipes under the sink in the kitchen causing water to cascade down through the office into the cellar. There was also a leak into one of the front bedrooms during the heavy rainstorm on May 24. HO is researching costs for refurbishment of the showers in 2 of the rooms. Unfortunately, it is currently difficult to find workmen willing to quote for jobs. The same applies for the quotes for replacement boilers but alternatives are being actively pursued. The Commodore said the it was accepted that the room would not be taken off-line just now but it would be good to have costs and dates for the jobs as we go into winter.

Advertising. The Commodore stated that there was still a great need to advertise the club. Banners were a cheap method of advertising so if anyone could suggest a suitable site, they would be given a banner to put up. Newspaper advertising was expensive so that is being put on hold for now. Suggestions were needed for events or items of interest to the print media which would be published for free. MB asked if progress had been made toward itemising the reasons for people to join the club. The Commodore said that a proforma was being generated for distribution to members to establish the reasons that they had joined. MB said it was those reasons that should be on the proposed banners. The Commodore said that there was a limitation being set by the Harbour and Ramsgate town and it was proving difficult to increase the number of banners displayed.

MB said that he was worried that crew members were not renewing as they did not get what they were promised and there was a problem if people did not see any benefit of club membership for just £50. VC said that it was not just the sailing that interested potential members and that social media should also have reports on other activities in the club e.g., Golfers, Walkers snooker, etc. The Commodore felt that it should also be on the public pages of Facebook. ABH said that there was a case for less is more where, if there was too much sponsor advertising, people would take less notice of the good content.

MB brought up the fact that there were non-members on some of the WhatsApp groups. HS said that when he set up the Racing fleet group a lot of the skipper's sked for crew to be given access. MB said that there could be a GDPR problem. TA agreed to help HS with a cull of non-members from RTYC groups.

Entertainments. RM said that decorations had gone up for the Jubilee and, bar a few minor things, all was ready for what was expected to be a great and historical weekend. The summer carvery was well booked. The summer ball was also popular and was practically sold out. The Friday programs were going ahead but because we were entering the season where people tended to go away there was not much else being organised. VC said that RM had done a fantastic job and asked any live music had been organised for June. RM agreed to liaise with the club manager to find out. The Commodore also thanked RM for her work but stated that entertainments is being run by a committee of one and there was a definite need for more volunteers to help.

The Commodore stated that the summer ball would be Antony's last function for the club as has intimated that he will be withdrawing to concentrate on his other commitments and has given us 3 months' notice. An alternative is being sought but there is a national shortage of professional catering staff. There is a suggestion that the club could purchase a Panini machine for around £500 and the staff were willing to use it, a suitable position behind the bar had been identified. DP said that he had researched this idea 3 years ago and passed information to Andy Ketteringham about the possibility of leasing a machine which would cook paninis hot dogs and pizzas.

Ramsgate Week. VC said that most of the sponsorship money was now in apart from St Lawrence College who are late because we have only just agreed that they would like more feather flags around the Royal Harbour. There is a slight supply issue after the Jubilee. She spent some useful time in the club on the telephone collecting £3000. The pace of boats signing up for the week is increasing at last but there is a need, now that the Platinum Jubilee is over, to flood the club with advertising banners and posters emphasising the fact that RTYC is the home of Ramsgate week.

ABH suggested that perhaps Sponsor's flags and banners should be undated and prominently display the RTYC identity. RCC asked if it was possible that flyers advertising the club could be available at the dockside office. Commodore said this was already happening and was being managed by RCS.

Navigation School. The Nav School Principal said that there was not much to report. He had had a very fruitful chat with the Principal of another Navigation school and there was a good possibility of some good interoperability with them using shared resources to the benefit of both schools.

Academy. The Academy recently held a Saturday open day and signed up 2 new members.

Membership. The approval forms were handed out. There was some discussion on the information available on the board and whether the information on proposers and seconders should be there. It was agreed that the application form should be redesigned so that personal information on the applicant was not on the front page but sponsors name and signature were. All applicants presented at his meeting were authorised.

AOB. Tribunal. The Commodore revealed the previous tenant of the top storey flat had set in motion a claim tribunal. The court system had failed to notify us until very recently, leaving us to believe that there was no action to be taken. All relevant paperwork has been submitted to our solicitor in what we believe is a winnable case. Unfortunately, we do not know if our insurer will think that given the amount claimed the case is not worth defending. There will be no impact on the club's finances as the insurance will cover any payments.

AOB. VC said that following the successful Euro-regatta their organiser was interested in a closer liaison between our club and the Nordsee YC in Ostend and would be interested in offering very favourable terms to visitors to their regatts.

DONM. Friday 1st July 2022 at 7pm.

Meeting finished: about 2020