

Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on Friday 6 May 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; Rachel Morgans; Frank Martin, Terry Adams, Nigel Collingwood, Andrew Beaumont-Hope; John Barrett, Mike Brand, Judy Pearson, Dave Parish

Apologies: Alan Lucas, Mark Kingsland; Peter Thomas

Approval of Minutes of the last meeting Friday 1st April 2022. Frank Martin Asked that a blue minute be added to the minutes reference a discussion that had taken place during the meeting. It was agreed that the minute would be added and the minutes brought to the June meeting for approval

Matters Arising Therefrom: See above.

Correspondence. An email had been received from Anne Piers expressing her anxiety that, as the club now had a full licence, there was a possibility that the public would be allowed in without knowledge of the required RTYC dress standards. The Commodore said he would contact Anne directly and hopefully put her mind at rest.

Honorary Secretary. The Honorary Secretary's report had been circulated to the GC. HS stated that there were applications from several new members, 1 returning member and an upgrade to full joint membership. FM asked if they had been posted on the notice board for 14 days before the meeting. HS said that they had not because he was under the impression that it was no longer being done. There was some discussion on the GDPR issues of posting the applications on the board and it was agreed that the names of the applicants could be displayed but the personal details would be hidden. The applications will be scanned and circulated to the committee by email. HS will expedite.

Hon Treasurer: The Hon Treasurer submitted his report and advised that he would be simplifying the reporting processes to enable an easier understanding of the Clubs financial position. Additional topics were discussed:

- a) Processing income from Bar tills
 - Petty cash controls to be improved
 - Alignment of reporting windows for Financial Systems (e.g., 0200 cut-off)
- b) Expenditure Management
 - Invoice payments to be made by someone other than the Treasurer
 - Implement a Purchase book
 - A credit/debit card for the Club Manager for purchase of sundries
- c) Payment of Salaries
 - Payment of Salaries to be someone other than the Treasurer. Possibly farmed out to Dudley Gore (JS to negotiate)
 - Consider move to monthly paid staff including help during change
- d) Sub Committee for Finance
 - Will also have responsibility for the development of the business plan

The Gosling legacy has been parked in the Roof fund for safety, JEB asked for a decision on its likely use asap as the Donor's son had been enquiring.

Bar previous month and YTD plus stocktake. The Commodore said that the bar had had a good April even though we were short-staffed. He thanked Lisa and Barry for their efforts. The club would be back to full staffing levels in May. There would be an unavoidable price increase within the next few days. In accordance with the new licence a full price list will be displayed in the bar.

Rear Commodore Sail. RCS stated that the Quern buoys had been reinstalled and the flagpole had been fixed at the Race Hut. The weather station in the hut needs replacing at a cost of ca £150. It was decided that the costs could be covered with the proceeds of a raffle to be held on Sunday 8th May after the race. (PM note target was achieved. RCS will purchase). HonSec said that he was currently processing renewal reminders for the Crew membership

Rear Commodore Cruising. The Dover shakedown cruise organised by FM was a success with 8 boats joining the party. A trip to West Mersea, organised by Jonathon Hague attracted 2 boats. The future cruising program will be published in May's newsletter but currently there is the Allez to Calais trip organised by Little Ships on 26th May and an East coast trip to Lowestoft organised by Mark Andrews. The date for the cruising supper and prize-giving has been set for the 22nd October.

House Officer's Update. The house officer said there was very little to report. The latest quote for a replacement boiler at £2500 was unacceptable and further quotes are being sought. There had been a query about the light above the Queen's picture in the bar which had been taken down to make room for a framed set of miniature medals cast in honour of all of the Queen's jubilee celebrations; silver, gold and platinum. The Commodore said that as there had not been a bulb in the fixture for sometime it would seem to be superfluous. Hannah had started to compile a snagging list which she would present to the HO at the earliest opportunity.

IT Update. HonSec said that the three-month trial with WebCollect was about to start. He had been in touch with WebCollect to enquire about matching the field requirements with ClubMinder. They had asked for a rich data export of 20 to 30 members so that they could help us with our set-up at no cost. The information would be fully secure. There was a discussion about membership cards. The Commodore expressed a preference for a card with club logo ready printed and, with the purchase of a card printer, the ability for the club to put the QR code on the back for use with Uniware. It was agreed that further research was needed.

Advertising. The Vice Commodore stated that there had been a double-page spread put in Thanet District Council's Newsletter and general information about the RTYC and the recruitment drive had been circulated on local social media. Leaflets had been printed which were available in the club and would hopefully be distributed by the cruising section when they visited other yacht clubs and marinas. MB suggested that there should be a list of benefits of membership so that club members, when extolling the virtues of joining the RTYC to potential members they were all speaking with the same voice

Entertainments. There is still a need for club members to support the entertainments on offer. The Summer ball has been programmed in for 2nd July and advertising will go out on email 9th May. There was some discussion about closing the club and it was agreed that the Summer ball would have exclusive use of the ground and first floors. Members not attending the summer ball can use the Hold bar. HonSec said that RM should have a committee as she is organising most of the functions on her own. It was suggested that maybe the new members could be approached to help.

Ramsgate Week. The Vice Commodore and Ramsgate Week chair said that all of the current sponsorship was in but there was a possibility of more to come as the Harbour has authorised an increase in feather flags. An area of concern was the need for a radio operator for the committee boat. There was some discussion on the cost of the committee boat and the possibility of alternatives for future Ramsgate weeks. Possibly one of the cruising boats.

Navigation School. The Nav School, Principle said that it had been a very good year and thanked all of the instructors and assistants. The new format worked with a half-time break to allow mingling in the bar. In October the school will be looking to re-introduce VHF and First Aid courses. The prices need review. The school will run from the 2nd week in October 2022 to the 1st week of April 2023. The Commodore asked if it was possible to move to a Wednesday evening. Enable maximisation of the club opening hours.

Social Media. Covered under Advertising

Membership. See under Honorary Secretary

Financial Contingency Planning. The Commodore said that he was disappointed that, when talking to a potential customer for room hire, the customer told him that he had heard that the club was haemorrhaging money and asked if we would still be here in 6 months' time. Although it might be prudent to consider contingencies the Commodore felt that a more optimistic approach might be to start with an insurance evaluation and a financial planning committee, made up of the Commodore, the Hon Treasurer and one other, possibly a non-exec Director, to consider revenue optimisation.

AOB. The Commodore asked if the 200 Club could reinstate the rollover. This was agreed

DONM. Wednesday 1st June (because of Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday) at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting finished: about 9:15pm