

Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on 10th January 2023

Present:

Commodore: Martin Morgans (MM)
Vice Commodore Karen Cox (KC)
Hon Secretary Stuart Carter (SC)

Rachel Morgans (RM), Nigel Collingwood (NC), Peter Thomas (PT), Frank Martin (FM), Don Gray (DG), Julie Rook (JR), Piers Hodges (PH) Judy Pearson (JP), Dave Parish (DP), Andrew Beaumont-Hope (ABH), Andy Ketteringham (AK), Alan Lucas (AL).

Apologies; John Barrett, Mike Brand, Mike Kingsland, Terry Adams

Approval of Minutes of the last meeting Thursday 6th December 2022. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Commodore. Proposed Vice Commodore, seconded NC

Matters Arising Therefrom: No matters arising

Correspondence.

1. The Commodore had circulated a quote for room refurbishment which he said was indicative of the order of costs about to be incurred to refurbish 7 hotel rooms. It did not include the flat and was considered to be a very low estimate.
2. He also had circulated correspondence with the club's insurers reference the premium. They had adjusted the excesses on both the silverware and buildings to lower the premium but the amount was still very high (estimated at ca £8k). RTYC has currently insured under last year's premium. The discussion ranged from trying another insurer and storage of high value trophies. It was decided to bring the matter to the AGM with a proposal to allow the committee to dispose of redundant assets in order to lower the premium to acceptable levels and to provide some income to the club. Proposed FM, seconded Vice Commodore. It was agreed that the premium uplift should be paid now. (**PM Note:** premium paid)
3. The enhanced report from the independent surveyor on the state of the Bar floor. The report gave all of the calculated stress and shear figures and concluded that it was unsafe to be danced on. PH said that he believed that the report was only a small percentage above the recommended levels. During the discussion on the matter there was some opposition to the current work-around which was to use the Hold bar for dancing. Opposition was centred around entertainment during Ramsgate Week and whether a possible lack of atmosphere would deter competitors. It was pointed out that any remedial action would not be achieved before RW. It was agreed that an understanding of the remedial work needed, including costs that could prove unaffordable, was required before any decision could be taken. Estimates of costs ranged between £30-60K, but the most problems would be caused by having to close the club for the duration of the work. PH was asked to head a task force to formulate solutions.

Finance. JR said that in our current account we have £14k about £6k less than the corresponding period 2021. On deposit we have £140,000 in one account and 21,000 in the other account. We have £4.4k outstanding invoices to pay and we have not yet had the bills for the Boilers, about £6K. She then went through the P&L for October to December 2022 in comparison with the same period in 2021. This has now been circulated to the Committee.

AGM 2023. The AGM has now been set for the 26th February and the warning has been sent out to eligible members by text and by 2 email pathways. All relevant documentation will be posted on the members area of the RTYC website. The agenda will be based around last year's agenda with the addition of the item on disposal of redundant assets. The nominations for Officers and committee positions are gradually being added to the notice board. Nominations will be closed at 1100 on 23 January. I am still waiting for a couple of reports for the AGM and the accounts are at the accountants. They have been prepared and are awaiting a check by one of the partners.

Rear Commodore Cruising. The 'third Friday of the month' Cruising Socials at the Club have been well attended and we plan to keep them going through this winter season.

The Cruising Committee have decided on the following proposals for our 2023 Cruising Season.

Friday 7th to Monday 10th April - Easter 'Shakedown' Cruise to Dover.

If Weather is favourable an option to go over to Calais / Boulogne.

Saturday 29th April to Monday 1st May the Annual West Mersea Rally

Thursday 3rd May to Thursday 10th May 'Coronation Cruise' to St Katherine Docks.

Friday 26th May to Sunday 28th May the Annual 'Allez to Calais' Rally

June 1st to June 6th Ostende Tall Ships Rally. Our Commodore has received an invitation for RTYC boats to visit this event.

Saturday 17th June to Sunday 25th June East Coast Cruise

Sunday 8th July to Sunday 22nd July cruise to and along the French Coast

RAMSGATE WEEK Sunday 6th to Friday 11th August

Saturday 19th August to Sunday 2nd September cruise to Belgium and Holland

Sunday 17th September to Sunday 24th September cruise to St Katherine Docks.

My thanks go to members of our Cruising Committee:

Anne Peers, Elizabeth Anderson, Jonathan Hague, Mark Andrews, George Jackson, Alan Lucas

Nigel Collingwood and to Frank Martin and Brian Chapman who stand down this year.

This will also be published in the newsletter

Don Gray. RCC

Advertising and Marketing: KC said we had been asked to advertise in the Thanet Community Magazine. There was a general consensus that it would be more beneficial to raise the profile of our social media presence. There was also a suggestion that we may enter the Ramsgate Carnival on July 30th to demonstrate our commitment to our local area.

Entertainments. There was a discussion about the search for caterers. While the search continues, we are using different caterers for one-off events. RM also said there was a suggestion that a silent disco would be popular and she asked if the younger members (i.e., the Academy) could be asked if they considered it a viable proposition

Membership. Two new members. Passed. Currently we have 241 Members no resignations

AOB.

- a. JP talked to the cost of the Trophy engraving saying that it may not have been understood that the high cost was due to the fact that it was for 2 years' worth of engraving. The possibility of the recipients of the Trophies paying for their own engraving was mooted. The discussion will be taken off-line
- b. PH asked that the coat rack is moved as it obscures the Racing noticeboards. Commodore asked if any suitable racing notices could be put on the main screen in the Bar
- c. PH also said that Danielle Juden had produced a plan for the Academy and had asked if there could be a small budget allocated to facilitate its implementation. FM suggested that some money could be allocated from the Gosling legacy and that would show the Gosling family doing something worthwhile with the bequest.

DONM. The accounts will be ratified before publication to the AGM by committee e-mail with the 23rd of January pencilled in for a meeting if there are any contentious issues to be discussed.

Meeting finished: 2137