**Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on 15th May 2023**

**Present:**

Commodore: Martin Morgans (MM)

Vice Commodore Karen Cox (KC)

Hon Secretary Stuart Carter (SC)

Rachel Morgans (RM), Nigel Collingwood (NC), Frank Martin (FM), Don Gray (DG, Piers Hodges (PH) Judy Pearson (JP), Andy Ketteringham (AK), Tom Smith (TS), John Barrett (JEB), Terry Adams (TA), Andy Beaumont-Hope, Alan Lucas

**Apologies**; Mike Brand

**Approval of Minutes of the last GC meeting Monday 17th April 2023.** The minutes were agreed and signed by the Commodore. Proposed KC, seconded JEB. Carried

**Matters Arising Therefrom**: The Commodore suggested that, following the discussion at the last meeting about the discounts offered to the various categories of membership and subsequent e-mail traffic with differing viewpoints, the decision on the discounts be held in abeyance until the June GCM. All agreed.

**Correspondence**. Late correspondence had been received from the Vice-Commodore informing us that the RCPYC had been given a year’s notice to quit their premises as the site was to be redeveloped. There was a short discussion on how we could help them. It was agreed that the hon sec would reach out discreetly to the RCPYC to see if we could help in anyway.

**Finance:**  The Commodore has talked to the Hon Treasurer (temp) who was concerned that we were not making enough profit margin from our activities. we should be very careful to ensure that, with everything we do now, all cost centres must generate a reasonable profit. There will be a meeting with the book-keeper on Thursday 18th to iron out anomalies with coding and late entries on Sage, which should lead to more up-to-date reporting for the GCM.

The terms of reference for the newly formed finance committee (FC) had been circulated and the meeting agreed them. (**PM Note**: The first meeting of the FC will be on 7 July. Members are Julie Rook (Hon Treasurer Temp); Frank Martin; James Bradney (Certified Accountant); Jean Conron (experienced book-keeper))

**RCS Report.**  Circulated – No comment.

**HHO:** With regard to the roof, we are still awaiting some quotes. Current quotes vary between £23K and £28K. The Commodore said that it was obvious that the roof was the most important task in front of us and will have to be done before the room refurbishments are considered.

**RCC**: Report circulated. No comments

**Entertainments:** Report circulated. Rachel added that Andrea from the Galley has agreed to cater for most of the upcoming functions.

**RW:** Report circulated. Nothing to add.

**Navigation School:** , ABH said that the courses were now complete and had been very successful. Apart from 2 students who had dropped out early on, everyone had passed. He read out a letter from one of the students highly praising the instructors and the course. KC proposed and it was agreed that reviews should be posted on the RTYC website.

**Academy:** The Commodore proposed that, as there had been little progress with the new format we should look at resetting in the new year.

**Social Media:** Report circulated. No Comment

**Membership:** The list of candidates was circulated to the GC for endorsement, and all were accepted.

**Submission on Charity Status:** To be brought back to the next meeting.

**Bar Floor Update:** RCS gave an update to the Bar floor saying that he had a meeting with the structural engineer who was happy with the long-term solution and with regard to the short-term solution he estimated that 9 Accros would be required. RCS produced a cost estimate based on hiring the jacks. The cost could be considerably reduced if we could borrow the equipment form club members. The structural engineer’s endorsement for the short-term solution will be free and we will request a quote for the long-term solution. The Commodore said he believed the insurance company would need to be informed and agree to both solutions. There was some discussion on the interpretation put on the Insurer’s letter but it was agreed that the structural engineer’s endorsement should be sent to the insurer as quickly a possible.

**Business Improvement Plan.** RCS then gave a presentation on the Business Improvement Plan. He started by saying that his workload was such that he would have to hand over the reins of the business plan and the floor remedial works to allow him to fully commit to his primary role of Rear Commodore Sail. It was agreed that Terry Adams would become the lead on the Business plan.

There was a wide-ranging discussion including the business plan, future revenue streams, the web site, new membership campaigns; and membership fees in comparison with other Yacht Clubs. It was agreed that one of the main priorities was to ensure that the roof was fit for purpose, and this would be the main driver for the near future.

There was a side discussion on the possibility of producing a RW flier to be given out to visiting yachtsmen on 18th May and 17 June. The Commodore agreed to look at that. This led to the wider proposal that the terms of reference and responsibilities of the Club manager and Administrator should include the production of promotional material and furthermore the roles and responsibilities of the Flag Officers and volunteers in post should be updated as soon as possible. This task will be carried out by the Honorary Secretary.

**AOB:** KC asked that the Boulogne race on Saturday June 17th is publicised more widely with the explanation that RTYC boats are required to sail over on the Friday.

The Commodore asked for approval to spend £2000 for cutlery and crockery for the upcoming major functions. No objections.

The Commodore said that we have been asked to host and support the Dunkirk little ships festival in 2025 and he had agreed on the Club’s behalf.

JP stated that their recent trawl of the club trophy a box of superfluous and damaged trophies had come to light, and she asked for permission to dispose of (or sell, if saleable) them. Also, the redundant Harold Doughty collection, that had been donated many years ago, requires action. There has been no contact with any of the donor family for years.

**DONM.** Next meeting Monday 26th June at 1930hrs.

Meeting finished: 21:42