

Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on 26th June 2023

Present:

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

Rachel Morgans (RM), Mike Brand, Frank Martin (FM), Don Gray (DG), , Andy Ketteringham (AK), Tom Smith (TS), Terry Adams (TA), Andy Beaumont-Hope, Alan Lucas (AL), Julie Rook(JR), Lawrence Maine (LM)

Apologies; Judy Pearson, Nigel Collingwood, John Barrett, Piers Hodges

Approval of Minutes of the last GC meeting Monday 15th May 2023. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Commodore. Proposed RM, seconded AL. 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 publication of the forthcoming business plan from TA. All agreed.

Correspondence. The Honsec read out an email from EORA thanking the club for hosting them on the cannonball race. The Commodore said that there had also been plaudits from members and customers who had used the club for various functions, all of which had praised the hard work of the RTYC Staff.

Business plan. TA said that the plan was near completion with some costs and cost centres needing clarification. From his progress so far, his opinion is that focussing on the income streams that are most important to the club's profitability and with small tweaks to those areas significant improvements could be easily made.

Finance: The P&L and Aging Creditors report from Sage had been circulated. The Hon Treasurer (Temp) said that from the figures it could be seen that the club needs to make more money. The Commodore brought up that the ageing creditors report may not be accurate as a lot of the outstanding had been paid but that had not been reflected in the bank reconciliation. The Bookkeeper would be asked to investigate. There was a short discussion on way that the membership subscriptions were reported. Further investigations would be reported to the July meeting. FM reported that the finance committee will be meeting on the 7th July.

Bar Committee. TS said that the bar takings were up £5.5k on this period last year. There has been a small increase in prices and the stocktake is booked in for next month.

HonSec. Report circulated – no comment

RCS Reports. Circulated – The report included the roles and responsibilities of RCS. The Commodore urged other Officers to do likewise and to include as much information on role as possible as this will help future officers.

HHO: The HHO report on the roof was discussed with the committee taking the recommendation of the HHO that the Margate firm, Assured Roofing, were the more established of the 2 possible contractors and they would start immediately after Ramsgate. As the figure that they had given was an estimate AI was asked to go back to the company for a firm quote. The work was essential to the club's future and it was proposed that up to £50k should be allocated for the work subject to a proper contract. Proposed MB, Seconded KC, carried.

There was a short discussion on methods of raising money for a roof fund. Following MB's suggestion, a letter will be sent to all members outlining the roof problem and asking for proposals for ways to raise money for the work.

RCC: Report circulated. No comments

Entertainments: Report circulated. The response to the summer party has been very disappointing with the eventual number of attendees settling at 50. The last-minute withdrawal of the DJ meant that the replacement costs were high. RM said that there would be a raffle for the roof fund at the party and asked for donors for prizes. KC asked if the Quiz on the 4th of August was still going ahead. RM said that it had been cancelled due to its proximity to Ramsgate Week. LM asked if all of the other yacht clubs in the area had been invited to the events. KC said that BSC had been invited to the Summer Party. RM said that this would be done in future

RW: Report circulated. KC said that the Race Officer problem may have been solved bar a couple of meetings to work out the details. There is a problem with catering. Andrea originally asked for 2 weeks' notice of numbers. The Commodore said that Michael from the Thai Garden would be catering the Monday. There several different suggestions, Street food, Trays of Lasagne etc. Solutions are ongoing

Navigation School: ABH said that it was surprising that many of the Day Skipper students had never been on a boat. The Nav school is looking at a possible short basic navigation/introduction course.

There is a suggestion that we should try and hold 2 open days before the end of the year. TA and Chris Cox would look at this.

New Members and Resignations: The list of candidates was circulated to the GC for endorsement, and all were accepted. There were no resignations

AOB.

1. Barry Stones leaving party. AK will lead on this
2. Following a series of interviews, the General managers job has been offered to Katie Noakes, erstwhile assistant manager of an 18-bed hotel in Deal with 57 staff. Lisa Caulfield is taking over as the Bar Manager and Katie's deputy. This will ensure that there will be a manager in the club every day.
3. KC asked if there was a button on the till for raffle tickets.

DONM. Next meeting Monday 24th July at 1930hrs.

Meeting finished: 20:52