



MINUTES OF THE 154th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ZOOM MEETING COMMENCED 17.30 HOURS ON SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2020

Present Following Government Covid-19 guidelines, the meeting could only be held virtually. On the Quarter Deck, the President, Mr Mike Moody was in the Chair, with Commodore, Mr Richard Haycock, Vice Commodore, Peter Boote present and Mrs Melinda Smallwood taking the Minutes. 74 Officers and members were recorded in the Zoom attendance list.

The President opened the meeting. He stated that only fully paid up members may take part. Election of Club Officers, General Committee Members, Legal Adviser and the Accounts Review Committee will deem to be approved unless there are objections from the virtual floor.

Apologies Received from Mr and Mrs J Ellerby, Mr and Mrs C Sturmer and Mr and Mrs J Weatherstone.

1. Approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 13th April 2019 (available on the website and also on the Club Noticeboard two weeks prior to the AGM)

These were taken as read, approved and signed as a true record by the President.

2. To receive and adopt the Report and Accounts for 2019 (available on the Club website)

A review was given by the Commodore and the Hon Treasurer on the Report and Accounts respectively.

The Commodore spoke to the Report and stated that the first half of 2019 had been taken up with the refurbishment of the Cottage and improvements to the upstairs kitchen. A new secure membership system is in place which can provide a lot of data on the membership and gives the Club the facility to collect fees by direct debit. The Club also has a new website that, amongst other things, has provided members with a self-service booking system for events.

The Commodore thanked Mr Clive Bennett and Mr Chris Cooper for their work on further researching the Club's history.

The Commodore then reported on the flood that occurred within the building on 13th May 2019. The Club claimed through its insurers and during the summer held events in the marquee. New furniture has now been purchased for the Bar and much of the Club re-decorated. He thanked Mr Peter Boote and Mr Peter Forey for all their work in ensuring the Club returned to normal as quickly as possible during this time and Mrs Chris Meehan for dealing with the insurance company and ensuring the "new for old" policy paid out. The Club received £250,000 as the settlement figure.

The Club had been looking forward to extending training, putting the Cottage onto Airbnb and arranging more events in 2020. However, on 16th March 2020, lockdown occurred due to Covid-19. The Club applied for and received grants totalling £20,000. From 4th July the Club was able to re-open and thanks were given to Mr Peter Forey, Rear Commodore House, who ensured the Club was a safe environment following the Government's Guidelines.

The Commodore thanked the members of the General Committee for all their hard work during this difficult time, including those retiring members, Mrs Chris Meehan, Mr Peter Osborne and Mrs Sarah Osborne.

Mr Rob Deverell, Hon Treasurer, gave a summary of the financial performance in 2019 versus 2018, showing slides of the P&L for both years. There had been a deficit of £34,500 in 2019 against a deficit of £79,000 in 2018. These sustained losses will not be tenable in the long run.

The Club installed new IT systems in 2018 to replace aging software and improve efficiency. Small, low value fixed assets were written off, reducing by £10K the fixed assets figure. The continuing P&L deficit is £18,092.

The Cash Flow Statement showed a decline of £160K over a two year period 2018 - 2019, highlighting the structural deficit. In 2020, the Club received the insurance settlement and also invested £27K in improving the Cottage and £15K in other improvements to the main building.

The focus in 2020 has been to ensure the Club is Covid-compliant but also to look at how the structural deficit can be eliminated.

reply to a question from Mr Des Meehan, the Hon Treasurer confirmed that £13K of the insurance settlement went to the P&L in 2019.

In reply to a question from Mr Brian Key, the Hon Treasurer confirmed the budgeted income for the Cottage for the year was £10K and since July when lockdown was lifted, the income will be approximately £5K.

The Report and Accounts were approved.

3. To elect the Flag Officers. Nominations are:

President – Mr Mike Moody. Proposer Mr Richard Haycock. Secunder Mr Peter Boote. Mr Mike Moody was elected

Commodore – Mr Richard Haycock. Proposer Mr Mike Moody. Secunder Mr Peter Boote. Mr Richard Haycock was elected

Vice Commodore – Mr Peter Boote - Proposer Mr Richard Haycock. Secunder Mr Mike Moody. Mr Peter Boote was elected

Rear Commodore, Sailing - Mr Mark Simpson. Proposer Mr Peter Forey. Secunder Mr Mike Mackie. Mr Mark Simpson was elected

Rear Commodore, House – Mr Peter Forey. Proposer Mr Peter Boote. Secunder Mr Mike Brown. Mr Peter Forey was elected

4. To elect Club Officers:

Hon Treasurer – Mr Rob Deverell. Proposer Mr Richard Haycock. Secunder Mr Peter Boote. Mr Rob Deverell was elected

Hon Secretary – Vacancy

Hon Legal Adviser –Mrs Lisa Thompson was elected

5. To fill annual and other vacancies on the General Committee:

Moorings – Mr Michael Brown. Proposer Mr Peter Forey. Secunder Mr Mark Simpson. Mr Michael Brown was elected

6. To appoint the Accounts Review Committee:

Mr Andrew Lee, Mr Alan Cole and Mr Alastair Paramore, having indicated their willingness to stand, were appointed

7. To approve the subscription for a single member (effective 1st January 2021). The General Committee propose the single membership subscription will not be increased in 2021.

GC recommends this be adopted.

A voting form link would be sent out to all members attending the virtual AGM. Votes to be returned via email by midday on Monday 21st September 2020. The motion was subsequently voted on and was approved by 60 votes with 1 against.

8. It is proposed that all members holding membership on 1st January 2020 be offered a 3 month holiday on subscriptions, recognising the closure of the Club during the COVID lockdown.

GC recommends this not be adopted due to financial impact to the club in the on-going uncertain times.

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9. In order to encourage greater use of Club bar and catering it is proposed that all members purchase a pre-paid voucher of £25 redeemable against food and drink. This will be collected at the same time as the membership fee and will be payable by instalments if that choice is preferred.

GC recommends this be adopted.

A voting form link would be sent out to all members attending the virtual AGM. Votes to be returned via email by midday on Monday 21st September 2020. The motion was subsequently voted on and was approved by 51 votes with 9 against.

10. To adopt the current Regulations which are available on the website and on the Club noticeboard.

These were approved unanimously

11. Any Other Business. The Hon Secretary has not been notified of any other business item.

The President closed the AGM by thanking Mr Ed Tomlinson, a former Hon Secretary, who had had the foresight to review the Club's insurance policies, thus ensuring the Club was fully covered for its claim on the flood in 2019. He also thanked the General Committee for their absolutely superb efforts in running the Club during the difficult period.

Chairman

Date

Following the formal business, an Open Meeting commenced.



RDYC ZOOM OPEN MEETING MINUTES

SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2020

Sir Dick Olver expressed sincere thanks, on behalf of himself and the members, to the Commodore and the General Committee for the huge amounts of work they have carried out on behalf of the Club.

Miss Chris Ensor asked how the Club was planning to replace the chef, now that Hayden Bennett is leaving at the end of the month.

Mr Peter Boote replied that the General Committee is investigating various chefs and local food companies and is looking at a mix of services at the moment. A meal provision will be trialled from Dartmouth Fine Foods.

Miss Chris Ensor expressed concern that the £25 voucher might deter Junior Sailing parents and Ladies Afloat members from renewing their memberships.

The meeting closed with the Commodore thanking all members who had taken the time and trouble to join in the virtual Zoom meeting this evening.

The meeting closed at 18.20.