

MINUTES OF THE 155th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ZOOM MEETING COMMENCED 1700 HOURS AT THE RDYC CLUBHOUSE

ON SATURDAY 5th JUNE 2021

Present Following Government Covid-19 guidelines, the meeting was held in a hybrid form. On the Quarter Deck, the President, Mr Mike Moody was in the Chair, along with Commodore, Mr Richard Haycock, Vice Commodore, Peter Boote and Rear Commodore Sailing, Mr Mark Simpson with Mrs Melinda Smallwood taking the Minutes. 16 Officers and members were recorded in the room and 30 on the Zoom attendance list.

The President opened the meeting. He stated that only fully paid up members may take part.

Apologies Received from Mr and Dr J Ellerby, Mrs F Macleod, Mr and Mrs J Price, Mr and Mrs M Higgs, Mr P Baylis, Mr and Mrs P Fairhurst.

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th September 2020 (available on the website and also on the Club Noticeboard two weeks prior to the AGM).

The Minutes were proposed by Mr Mike Green, seconded by Mr Colin Bower, approved and signed as a true record by the President.

2. To receive and adopt the Report and Accounts for 2020 (available on the Club website)

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

The Commodore spoke to the Report and stated that 2020 had been another challenging year for the Club. After the flood in 2019, the Club had had to deal with Covid-19 and the concerns relating to the creating of an environment that was safe within the Club. The flood in 2019 had enabled the General Committee to refurbish much of the Club during 2020 and also put some funds into the bank account. It was pleasing to note that as a result of the pandemic, a lot more members were joining the Club – the highest in the last five years. The Club needs to constantly think and work on attracting and retaining new membership. The Club is fortunate that it has such a wonderful position on the River Dart, with good service, a well-stocked bar and excellent catering.

The Sea wall has bulged where the old steps used to be, however there is a secondary wall behind this wall which is in good condition. An engineer's report has been commissioned and various quotations have been received to repair the wall. A second engineer's report is awaited and the General Committee will have a definite plan in a few months' time. A proportion of the repair spend has been allocated to the 2020 accounts. Responses from the Members Bond Survey sent out recently have been very positive and over £100K in pledges to support the repair of the sea wall had been received from 44 members alone.

Due to the Club's accountants losing personnel, the Club did not receive the detail it wanted on the 2020 accounts until a couple of days ago which was too late to distribute to the membership. The Club finances for 2020 are, however, in relatively good shape.

The Club has received furlough support during the pandemic – without which some very serious decisions would have had to be made. Membership and moorings income had been in steady decline since 2016, however this year the trend has altered with income from both going up. Bar and catering revenue was affected by Covid-19, but support from government grants had helped, along with loss of business

insurance cover. The total received from grants and subsidies was £60,127 in 2020. The Club's cash position as of June 2021 is £280K.

The Club was awaiting confirmation from HMRC that it does not have to pay any Corporation Tax for 2020. It is possible there may be some Capital gains tax to pay on the new furniture purchased

The Commodore gave grateful thanks to the following General Committee members during his time in office: Tricia Daniels, Christina Meehan, Peter and Sarah Osborne, Liz Canham, Rob Deverell, Mike Brown, Mark Simpson, Peter Forey and Peter Boote. He also thanked Des Meehan for all his assistance with the new website, database and accounting systems.

The Commodore thanked Melinda and Suzanne in the office and Paul Hodge, the Club Bosun. Finally, he gave sincere thanks to Mike Moody, the Club President.

Approval of the Commodore's Report was proposed by Mr Richard Rawlins, seconded by Mrs Maggie Boote and approved unanimously.

The Accounts were not put forward for approval.

3. To elect the Flag Officers. Nominations are:

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

Vice Commodore – Mr Mark Simpson. Proposer Mr Peter Boote Seconded Mr Richard Haycock. Mr Mark Simpson was elected unanimously.

Rear Commodore, Sailing - Mrs Rosemary Tomison (co-opted). Proposer Mr Mark Simpson Seconded Mr Mike Mackie. Mrs Rosemary Tomison was co-opted onto the General Committee with no objections.

Rear Commodore, House – Mr Colin Bower. Proposer Mr Peter Forey Seconded Mr Peter Boote. Mr Colin Bower was elected unanimously.

4. To elect Club Officers:

Hon Treasurer – Vacancy

Hon Secretary – Vacancy

Hon Legal Adviser – Mrs Lisa Thompson is willing to continue

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

Moorings – Mr Michael Brown. Proposer Mr Mark Simpson Seconded Mr Peter Boote. Mr Michael Brown was elected unanimously.

Publicity and Promotions Mrs Jan Carter was proposed by Mr Richard Rawlins, seconded by Mr Richard Haycock and co-opted onto the General Committee with no objections.

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 2022). The General Committee propose the single membership subscription will remain at £282.00 with no increase in 2022
This was agreed unanimously.

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

Proposed by Mr Richard Haycock, seconded by Mr Colin Bower and 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 Richard Haycock and presenting him with a gift from the Membership. Mrs Judi Haycock was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Over Zoom, a retirement gift was also presented to Mr Peter Forey.

The President read out a message from Captain Roger Readwin of BRNC thanking the Club for the inclusion of BRNC officers, staff and cadets into the Club's sailing and racing events.

Chairman

Date

Following the formal business, an Open Meeting commenced.

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Mike Green, on behalf of Sir Richard Olver also, thanked Mr Richard Haycock and the General Committee for all their work on the Club's behalf.

An email from Mike and Jane Madigan was read out sincerely thanking the officers for all their efforts during the past year.

In reply to a question from Mark Yallop about the time frame for the sea wall repairs, Richard Haycock replied that it was hoped to start repairs in September.

In reply to a question asking if the Club was incorporated, Richard Haycock stated that the Club was not and some queries have to be resolved by the accounting firm. The new General Committee will look into the possible incorporation of the Club.

Mr Clive Bennett stated that the Club, having been let down by external accountants, was absolutely right to withdraw the Annual Accounts for approval.

The President, on behalf of the members, gave best wishes to Peter Boote as the new Commodore.

The meeting closed at 1750.