

# MINUTES OF THE 151<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## MEETING COMMENCED 1830 HOURS AT THE RDYC CLUBHOUSE

ON SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

**Present** The President, Mr Mike Moody, in the Chair and 72 Officers and members as recorded in the attendance list.

The President opened the meeting. He stated that only fully paid up members may attend, speak or vote.

**Apologies** These have been displayed on the Club noticeboard.

### **1. Approve the Minutes of the AGM held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

These having been displayed on the Club Noticeboard and website two weeks prior to this meeting and taken as read, were proposed by Dr Tony Barrell, seconded by Mr Colin Bower, approved unanimously and signed as a true record by the President.

### **2. To receive and adopt the Report and Accounts for 2016**

The Treasurer, Mr Martin Poole, gave a brief synopsis of the accounts. Membership subscription income was up; the trading result from Bar and Catering was a much smaller loss than the previous year; repairs and maintenance were quite high but included “catch up” works done in January 2017. Irrecoverable VAT had been paid, however VAT of circa £7K could now be recovered this year. Overall, the surplus balance of £34K was a good result and the cash position for the Club was very solid.

Adoption of the Report and Accounts was proposed by Mr Mike Green, seconded by Mr Richard Rawlins and approved unanimously.

### **3. To elect the Flag Officers. Nominations as at 31<sup>st</sup> March are:**

**President** – Mr Mike Moody. Proposer Mr Tony Swainston

Seconder Mr Clive Bennett

**Commodore** – Mr Tony Swainston. Proposer Mr Chris Boon

Seconder Mr Mike Moody

**Vice Commodore** – Dr Norman Doidge. Proposer Mr Tony Swainston

Seconder Mr Michael Webster

**Rear Commodore, Sailing** - Mr Michael Webster. Proposer Mr Tony Swainston

Seconder Mr John Ellwood

**Rear Commodore, House** – Mr Peter Forey. Proposer Mr Tony Swainston. Seconder Mr Mike Moody

The above were elected unanimously.

### **4. To elect Club Officers:**

**Hon Treasurer** – Mr Martin Poole. Proposer Mr Ed Tomlinson. Seconder Mr Tony Swainston

**Hon Secretary** – Mr Eddie Tomlinson. Proposer Mr Martin Poole. Seconder Suzanne Huddart

**Hon Legal Adviser** – Mrs Lisa Thompson is willing to continue

The above were elected unanimously.

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

**Catering and Hospitality** – Mr Mark Wilkinson. Proposer Mr Clive Bennett. Seconder Mr Kit Noble

**Moorings** – Mr Michael Brown. Proposer Mr Michael Webster. Seconder Mr Peter Fairhurst

**Special Interest Groups Coordinator** – Mrs Jayne Rawlins. Proposer Mr Tony Swainston. Seconder Mr Ed Tomlinson

The above were elected unanimously.

Mrs Jane Demettre had kindly offered last week to take over the role as Membership Secretary and so would be co-opted onto the General Committee.

#### **6. To appoint the Audit Committee**

Mr Andrew Lee, Mr Peter Osborne and Mr Alastair Paramore, having indicated their willingness to stand, were proposed by Dr Norman Doidge, seconded by Mrs Penny Noble and elected unanimously.

**7. To approve the entrance fee and subscription for a single member (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018).** The General Committee propose the entrance fee remains at £100.00 and the single membership subscription is increased to £270.00. This was proposed by Mr Martin Poole, seconded by Dr Tony Barrell and approved with one abstention.

#### **8. To approve the General Committee proposal of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 that Mr Bryan Wordsworth be made an Honorary Member of the Club**

The President summarised Bryan Wordsworth's contribution to the Club over many years. The proposal was carried with all in favour.

#### **9. To authorise the General Committee to review and revise the existing Membership Application Procedure in order to make it more efficient and more welcoming to prospective Members. The revised Application Procedure will be introduced in the coming year on a trial basis for at least a year, prior to seeking its formal adoption into the Club Constitution and Rules at a future AGM.**

Tony Swainston spoke to this item. The General Committee felt the existing process of membership application was slow, administratively complex and not user friendly. The Club should seek to streamline the application process with the intention of gaining more members. Such a system could be completion of the application form via the internet, accompanied by payment of fees and speedy acceptance by the Club thereafter. The GC therefore sought AGM approval to consider changes to streamline the present system and upon agreement would introduce a new application system on a trial basis. Should the trial prove successful a change to the Constitution would be put to Members at an AGM for a vote of approval.

The President asked for a show of hands to authorise a review and revision of the Membership Application Procedure by the GC. This was carried, with 9 votes against, and 5 abstentions.

#### **10. To approve the General Committee's change to the Club's General Regulations as of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to read as follows:**

Amend Regulation 28 to read: "No employee of the Club shall receive any gratuity from a Member of the Club. Members shall be given the opportunity to contribute to a staff gratuity fund annually. The gratuity fund will normally only be distributed between staff who are expected to continue to work for the Club. Distribution of the fund will be entirely at the discretion of the General Committee who will take into account performance, commitment and perceived value to Club".

This item was explained in more detail and was then proposed by Mr Ed Tomlinson, seconded by Mr Colin Bower and carried with 3 abstentions.

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

The President presented gifts to retiring General Committee Members: Mrs Pamela Nicholson and John Ellwood.

Mr Clive Bennett, as retiring Commodore, spoke of the great honour and privilege of serving the Club as Commodore for the past three years and thanked the members for their support and encouragement. He thanked the General Committee, and particularly Mr John Ellwood (RCS), and Assistant Secretary, Mrs Melinda Smallwood for their help during his tenure of office. He then handed over his Commodore's pin

and burgee to Mr Tony Swainston. On behalf of the members, the President presented him with a gift and a bouquet for his wife, Mrs Jill Bennett.

Chairman .....

Date .....