

## **MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

**MEETING COMMENCED 1830 HOURS AT THE RDYC CLUBHOUSE**

**ON SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

**Present** The President, Mr Mike Moody in the Chair and 42 Officers and members as recorded in the attendance list.

The President opened the meeting. New systems had been put into the Club and the General Committee were seeking approval of changes to membership categories and pricing.

### **1.Membership Dues to be collected by Direct Debit (allowing for minor exceptions)**

#### **2.Membership Payment Options**

- 1) One payment on the anniversary of the joining date**
- 2) 6 monthly payments**
- 3) Administration Fee for collecting by DD over six months**

Commodore advised that membership fees would now be due on the anniversary of the joining date. The collection of fees would be through the Go Cardless system which was both reliable and simple to operate. There would be an option to pay annually or over six months, with an administration fee of 5% for members choosing to pay by direct debit.

Approval of the above was requested by a show of hands in the room. The vote was unanimous with none against and no abstentions.

### **3.Simplifying membership types and renewals**

#### **Removing**

- 1) 18-25, 26-29**
- 2) BRNC partner**
- 3) Single Trial Session**
- 4) Season Trial**

#### **Adding**

- 1) 18-21 Associate, no fee, 10% bar discount**
- 2) 22-29 Full Membership - £50 subscription fee, 10% bar discount**

Commodore advised that members are encouraged to bring guests to the Club and those wishing to try sailing can do so by completing a Temporary Membership Form for four trial sessions which will cover them for insurance. Thereafter, they would need to join the Club as Full Members.

It was requested that a commitment was made by the GC to look at Racing Crew Membership fees.

Approval was requested of the above by a show of hands in the room. The vote was unanimous with none against and no abstentions.

### **4.Making membership more attractive by removing the £100 joining Fee**

Approval was requested by a show of hands in the room. The vote was unanimous with none against and no abstentions.

**5.Changes to the constitution and regulations to facilitate the measures above**

**Constitution proposed changes: 4.1a, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.2 and 6.6 were circulated to members at the EGM with existing content removed and new text in red**

A question was raised about the fees being weighted unfairly against single members as joint and family memberships receive a discount.

The Commodore advised many more members would be needed to make up the difference in income for the Club from reducing single subscriptions and if the fees were put up for joint and family membership then members in these categories might not renew. The GC was trying to avoid any changes that would affect the income stream. Peter Foster (RCH) advised that all local clubs offer a discount for joint membership.

Approval of the changes above was requested by a show of hands in the room. The vote was unanimous with none against and no abstentions.

The meeting then closed and moved onto an Open Meeting discussion.

Chairman .....

Date .....

## EGM 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Constitution – Proposed Changes

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Proposed Content</b> Existing content removed = strike through in black New text = red
4.1a	<b>Grades:</b> There shall be the following general grades of membership: <b>a) Full Member.</b> Each Full Member (which expression will include each member of a Joint Membership) who has attained the age of <del>18</del> <b>22</b> years shall have all rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership of the Club as are contained within these Rules and may additionally be defined in each current edition of the Regulations of the Club. Full Members, (and in the case of Joint membership each Full Member) shall, subject to Rule 18.9 have one vote at all General meetings of the Club.
5.1	<b>Current Fees:</b> <del>The current entrance fees and annual subscriptions payable for each grade of membership shall be detailed in each current edition of the Regulations of the Club.</del>
5.2	<b>Setting of Fees:</b> <del>The rate of entrance and subscription fee for Members shall be proposed by the General Committee to the Members at the Annual General Meeting in each year. Any proposed changes shall be approved by a simple majority of those Members, eligible to vote and voting and shall become operative on 1st January in the year following.</del>
5.3	<b>Date due:</b> <del>All Members</del> <b>prospective members must tender their first annual subscription prior to election to the Club and thereafter on the anniversary of their election.</b> <b>Fees are payable for a full year and should be paid in full.</b> <b>Persons applying for full membership may also choose to pay in instalments by direct debit.</b> <del>shall pay any entrance fee that may be required and their first annual subscription upon election to the Club and thereafter on 1st January in each year; provided that a Member elected after 1st June in any year may pay an adjusted annual subscription pro rata as from time to time determined by the General Committee and detailed in the Regulations and published.</del>
6.2	<b>Application procedure:</b> <del>Immediately on</del> <b>Prior to election a candidate prospective member must tender their first annual subscription to the Club.</b> <del>shall pay the entrance fee and first subscription.</del> In default of such payments after one calendar month the election shall be void unless sufficient cause for the delay can be shown to the General Committee.
6.6	<b>Retirement:</b> A member wishing to retire from membership shall give notice in writing to the Secretary <del>before January 1<sup>st</sup></del> <b>one calendar month prior to their annual renewal due date</b> and shall not then be liable to pay the subscription for the following year. On retiring from membership a Member relinquishes all claims on the club property and its facilities. <del>Upon re-application by a past Member the General Committee may, at its discretion, waive the payment of an entrance fee.</del>

## OPEN MEETING – SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019

Following the formal EGM business, discussion followed on the following:

### 1. Sailing Update

- 1) Cruising
- 2) Racing
- 3) Juniors
- 4) SIG

### 2. Finance Snapshot

- 1) New memberships this year – 16 (30 members)
- 2) P&L to date

### 3. Systems

- 1) Secure web site
- 2) Membership system
- 3) Events system
- 4) Team App for SIG

### 4. Noah Update

### 5. Forward Planning

#### **1. Sailing Update**

Mark Simpson (RCS) advised that racing had been good this year and the Sailing Committee hoped to encourage more weekend racing. Cruising survey had received ten responses to date and it was hoped more members would complete the survey. The Spring Regatta, Sigma Championships and Dartmouth Royal Regatta had all been very successful and more racing events were planned for next year, including the Dartmouth Classic Weekend. Junior Sailing had gone well and more ways to improve on this were being looked into. The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ladies Afloat, with many well-organised events, had been a huge success.

Finding crew members was often difficult and so it was good to note that a Boat and Crew Finder facility would be live on the website from next season.

Marketing of membership for the under 30's would be a priority.

#### **2. Finance Snapshot**

A table was displayed showing figures for the last three years for Membership, Moorings, Bar and Catering. The Commodore pointed out that income from Membership and Moorings had dropped but Bar and Catering income had increased. Overall the Club's income was slightly up. The Club was facing the same trend as many other Clubs throughout the country and needed to be conscious of new forms of revenue, for example, training.

In reply to a question about a number of trot moorings not being taken up, the Commodore advised that discussions will be ongoing with the Harbour Master over the next few months to improve the facilities.

In reply to a question about providing a year end outline on costs and profit, Rob Deverell (Hon Treasurer) advised the Club would likely break even at the end of the year. The £79k loss of last year would not be repeated.

A member suggested offering food to non-members at lunchtimes during weekdays only.  
A member inquired if there would be licence restrictions should the Club open to non-members.

The Commodore advised that a group insurance deal was being looked into which would provide a discount to members and also extra income for the Club.

### **3. Systems**

New website has been launched

The new website had been launched and the three different tools – Admin/Events Management/SIG Communications were explained by the Commodore. Training would recommence soon for the SIG Group Leaders on SIG Comms. The Commodore thanked Des Meehan for all his help and advice in setting up the new website.

A “Members Document System” will be open soon for Club documents, GC Minutes etc.

Members were encouraged to log into the site and register.

A member asked if the ‘Members Interests’ section could be amended to add the Interests that are missing and at the same time removing Tennis, Golf and Cycling.

### **4. Noah’s Update**

Peter Forey (RCH) explained that Richfords, the repair firm employed by the insurers, had carried out a damp meter survey last week and unfortunately some areas have not yet dried out. The carpet will need to be taken up in certain places to speed up the drying process. Until signed off by Richfords, the Club will not receive the sum of money for reinstatement.

Commodore advised that between £100K and £120K was expected to come back from the insurers and the Club will be able to spend the settlement figure as it wishes. The Club should look further than just improving the Bar. Reconfiguration of the Club, which would be both revenue and efficiency focused, was being seriously looked at for the benefit of the Club. Many configurations can be considered and Club member, Ben Morris, had come up with some good ideas. The GC was encouraging him to think holistically about the premises.

A member commented that the outside bar installed in the marquee for the summer season had worked very well.

To finish, Maggie Boote thanked the General Committee for all the work they have done since May in sorting out the flood and the related problems.