

Royal Welsh Yacht Club

Draft minutes of the Management Committee meeting

held at Porth yr Aur on Friday 29th September 2017

Members present:

Barrington Powell	Commodore
John Judge	Vice Commodore
Malcolm Jones	Hon. Treasurer
Mo Judge	Hon. Membership Secretary
Brian Roberts	Hon. Social Secretary
Sarah Roberts	Committee Member
Richard Hanlon	Hon. Secretary
Beverley Taylor	Observer
Martin Barritt	Observer

Apologies:

Paul Trematick
Elin Powell
Peter King
Bethan Hughes
Margaret Crozier

Approval of minutes of meeting held on 14th July 2017 .

Proposed: John Judge

Seconded: Malcolm Jones

Approved.

Matters arising:

Webcam

Malcolm gave an update on webcam. Chubb could be consulted about installation. A quote on costs to be obtained.

Hon. Sailing Secretary.

JJ says that Chris Jones “likely” to accept the post of Hon. Sailing secretary.

Visitors' notice boards.

Brian has consulted with Harbour Master. In Victoria Dock, two signs of the

same size as the originals would be acceptable. Extra sign(s) on river berths would also be acceptable but to consult with H.M. again before proceeding.

Amendments to the Constitution

Proposed “Sub-group” eventually whittled down to MJ & RH. Some changes were proposed in order to streamline the document and these will be listed for presentation to the AGM in November. Briefly, the abolition of the “Family Member”, Flag Officers' maximum period in office increased from 2 to 4 years (if they so desire), abolition of standing orders for subs and new members applications posted on line as well as on the Club noticeboard.

Conflicts of Interest:

If there are more Pop-up restaurants planned Sarah Roberts declared a possible conflict of interest.

Officers Reports:

Commodore: See report.

Vice Commodore: See report

Hon. Secretary: See report

Hon. Treasurer: See report

Malcolm also reported on building works and grants. Snags to be sorted out commencing Tuesday 3rd October. Standing water on roof and kitchen window to sorted out prior to final payment.

End of year accounts ready.

Record year in the bar (£30,000). Good balance in bank even after outgoings like purchase of RIB.

Hon. Membership Secretary: See report

New applicants Suzanne Oliver, Beverly Soden and Isobel Parkes approved.

Mo meeting Delwedd 3rd October to discuss progress of new website. Also contacting Aberystwyth Library to get history of Club digitized (cost £50 plus VAT).

Oral History interviews continuing with Ian Cuthbertson.

Proposed cover of 2018 yearbook agreed upon. Some new sponsors for the yearbook arranged, but two lost.

Hon. Rowing Secretary: See report

Hon. Social Secretary:

Successful visit to Club by American Walking Group.

Brian stated that Tony Murphy (Pop-up restaurants) does not possess a Food Safety Rating (independent of the Club's own certificate) and that he must have one to continue operating. Additionally certain issues relating to the kitchen operations were brought up.

RH to write an official letter to Tony, instructing him to arrange an inspection for the issue of a Commercial Hygiene Certificate without which there can be no further pop-up restaurants.

Proposed: Brian

Seconded: Malcolm

Boat Build:

Whilley Boat to be removed from present storage on Slate Quay.

Also, boat under construction to be removed from Richard Pritchard's shed at Porth yr Aur. New location required, Malcolm could possibly help.

Agenda Items:

Letter of grant support for Antur Waunfaur, who will be relocating to old shed adjoining the Club house at Porth yr Aur with a view to renovating same to accommodate their cycle hire business.

RH to write letter.

John Nightingale's proposal for a fun day/treasure hunt on the Strait.

This item was also discussed at length at the Sailing Committee meeting on 27th when it was passed on to Management meeting to discuss with Rowing section. John Nightingale to be contacted with a view to moving the proposal onwards.

Access to Club including pop-up restaurants.

Whereas the pop-ups are in abeyance for now the issue of general fire safety was discussed. Martin Barritt expressed concern over the number of people in the building at any one time and the associated fire escape implications, as we all have from time to time. Malcolm said he would contact member Alan Hughes (Fire Officer) for advice and report back.

Proposed: Barry

Seconded: Mo

Suggested amendments to Constitution (see Matters arising).

Agreed that they be presented to AGM for approval.

Any other business.

Discussion about contacting Southern Squadron re Ednyfed Hudson Davies of the Southern Squadron who, although not officially on the Management Committee at Caernarfon, is included in all Committee e-mails and has a standing invitation to attend meetings. Should he be voted on officially?

Brian suggested the possibility of replacing or repairing oven in Club kitchen.

Malcolm asked if we should include Club phone number in next year's BT directory. It was generally agreed that we should not.

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Date of next meeting Friday 27th October 2017