

Royal Welsh Yacht Club

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held online on
Thursday 4th March 2021.

Members present:

Chris Jones	(CJ)	Commodore
Tom Edge	(TE)	Vice Commodore
Liam Adams	(LA)	Rear Commodore
Natalia Gomez Escobar	(NGE)	Secretary
Jane Crowther	(JC)	Treasurer
Dawn Smith	(DS)	Membership Secretary
Fiona Jones	(FJ)	Social Secretary
Malcolm Jones	(MJ)	Committee Member
John Judge	(JJ)	Committee Member
Jan Edge	(JE)	Regalia
Clive Haycock	(CH)	Committee Member
Elin Dillon	(ED)	Committee Member
Mark Rayment	(MR)	Committee Member
Sarah Roberts	(SR)	Committee Member
David Richardson	(DR)	Southern Squadron
Frank Smykowski	(FS)	Social Media Secretary
Kate Jones	(KJ)	Rowing Secretary (missed start)

Apologies for absence

Bethan Jones	(BJ)	Sailing Secretary
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Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 4th Feb 2021

Proposed: Clive Haycock Seconded: Sarah Roberts

Matters Arising None

Conflicts of Interest None

Officers' Reports

Commodore Nothing reported

Margaret Crozier still in hospital

Carol Davies, Alwyn's wife, would like to donate a new bench for the Barbican

LA and **Graham** to measure up to ensure prominence.

CJ to write to Carol to let her know that we liked the idea and we will go forward.

Vice Commodore

CADW

Constitution – clause 52 “The liability of the (Committee/Trustees) for the performance of any contractual or other obligation undertaken by them on behalf of the club shall be limited to the assets of the club” – what are these – ever been valued?

MJ – never been a problem because we have enough money in bank to cover for the jobs.

Morgan Evans valued internal assets at £30k but not insured.

TE to look more into the constitution and possibly getting legal advice.

Dewi Pritchard Jones was legal advisor, but don't have a solicitor will look into this.

Rear Commodore

House committee kicked off. Initial tasks centred around quick what is needed before opening and other quick wins that can be actioned whilst the clubhouse is closed.

Working document is being created from previous docs to allow us to signal, prioritise, action and record house tasks. Google Doc being used so many can access if need be.

Boiler is being very carefully monitored and the house committee task output is to investigate the source of pressure drop.

The family of Alwyn Jones would like to place a commemoration bench on the barbican. Task to measure up so that it can be placed in a prominent location.

Child safeguarding policy rev 1 ready to be actioned

Rowing committee meeting held at the end of Feb. Actions centred around a safe return to rowing with consideration to both equipment and people. (summary was due to go out in the weekly bulletin had i not sent it to the wrong email...) Rowers need to get back into shape before return to rowing

Positive feedback received from Welsh Rowing regarding grant application for safety boat. This process has also led to the cultivation of a good working relationship with the coastal

rowing development officer and the RWYC rowing team's inclusion in Welsh Rowing marketing activities later in 2021 and into 2022.

Central repository for storing documents – set up a series of folders in google drive – will start as tool for house committee, then do an online demonstration of how it works for separate meeting.

Positive feedback from Welsh rowing regarding grant application for safety boat.

Treasurer See report

RYA payment approved (Bound by insurance to be a member).

Membership Secretary See report

Make a decision in April if non-payers are resigning.

No complaints from members requesting fee reductions from covid.

Social Media

Maintenance should be managed by a third party to limit problems.

Not the time now to spend money – need to build up Facebook etc presence.

Can we pay a small amount to make into WordPress system – **FS to ask web service provider.**

Frank needs the content from the various people.

Sailing Secretary

Tom – had reply from Westerly owner's association, happy to do it.

CJ to meet new harbour master appointed, ask about wreck buoy.

No news on craning in.

Rowing Secretary

Rowing committee met last week.

Trying to encourage rowers to get back into the water when restrictions are lifted.

Remote rowing event planned – 5-mile challenge.

New covers for the Caledonian ready to be used.

Welsh rowing offering ocean sculling boats – will locate in 4 boats in our lockup at Plas Menai by end of March – will be available for our use, need training first.

Social Secretary

Quizzes going well – have 3 spare quizzes.

Photo competition poorly turnout – limited notice.

Southern Squadron

Falmouth classics in June - coincides with G7 meeting.

Tall ships in August gathering in Falmouth.

Really enjoy the quiz nights – intend to keep these available online for non-local members when we return to the club.

Future meetings will include zoomed in members.

Boat Build

New cover fitted on Uther Pendragon.

Re Covers: A new cover has been fitted on Branwen by the same supplier as Uther Pendragon.

Additional items

Snooker room development

Tom has had feedback from several members – changing room and showers useful going forward – mezzanine works well for drainage.

Could include accessible shower WC as backup if lift project doesn't work out (applied for grant from CADW) AW have agreed to allow access to their facilities.

Tom - Propose to keep things flexible – don't rush into making gym, get mezzanine in place first.

Agenda Items

SOPs

If any changes/comments to send to NGE and CJ.

Will be put into central location for everyone to access.

Rowing jacket regalia

Jan hasn't had any response from supplier.

Safeguarding

No current need for this, but a requirement for grant applications – not just children but vulnerable adults.

Elin – anyone that isn't happy with what they're hearing should report to Elin – **members need to be made aware that Elin is the safeguarding officer.**

ED document to be placed on main club noticeboard, and on the google drive, need to get the glory hole sorted and keep a copy in a filing cabinet.

AOB

Insurance: All officers need to be indemnified – Navigators and General - employee liability, and Bury marine (boat and public liability) – **need to look at these, to see if we can have a single insurance – TE CJ MJ.**

Email Signature: FS to re-send

Ensign: Been flown throughout lockdown – we need a new one. No progress on the pole. **FJ to check if it can be repaired.**

Fuse box.

Outdoor partnerships – if sign up before end of the month – save money on courses – Elin to be contact.

Need another key holder?

Need protocol to come in and out of Vic Doc – only 2hrs either side of high tide, document to go to out to rowers. If not back in time need to go to river – needs fenders in the boat.

Caernarfon civic society would like to use our zoom. This was agreed as long as they go through FJ.

If lockdown continues past 12th March may be eligible for £5000.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 8th of April 18:30