

Royal Welsh Yacht Club

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held online and, in the club, Thursday the 17th of February 2022.

Members present:

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| Tom Edge | (TE) | Vice Commodore |
| Jan Edge | (JE) | Regalia |
| Malcolm Jones | (MJ) | Committee Member |
| Jane Crowther | (JC) | Treasurer |
| Sarah Roberts | (SR) | Rowing secretary |
| Frank Smykowski | (FS) | Social Media Secretary |
| Clive Haycock | (CH) | Committee Member |
| Dawn Smith | (DS) | Membership Secretary |
| Elin Dillon | (ED) | Committee Member |
| Kate Jones | (KJ) | Committee Member |
| Liam Adams | (LA) | Rear Commodore |

Apologies for absence

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| Chris Jones | (CJ) | Commodore |
| Fiona Jones | (FJ) | Social Secretary |
| David Richardson | (DR) | Southern Squadron |
| Mark Rayment | (MR) | Committee Member |
| Natalia Gomez Escobar | (NGE) | Secretary |
| Bethan Jones | (BJ) | Sailing secretary |

Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 21st of January 2022

Proposed: Clive Haycock, seconded: Liam Adams - Passed Unanimously

Conflicts of Interest None

Matters arising None

Officers' Reports

Commodore

All signatures have been received from the Trustees and the Solicitor is now dealing with the matter.

Vice Commodore

Flagpole: installed 8 Feb: all paid for : small rendering job required to tidy brickwork up. New ensign and burgee ordered.

Eric's invoice for £468 has been received. As this has already been approved it can now be paid. This has saved the Club over £500, and thanks go to Eric.

Big vote of thanks to those who volunteer.

CADW

Made site visit 28 January: position feedback: identified section of our town wall that requires conservation: recommendation is we include work in grant application to CADW.

Lift and Toilet Project

Ecology and Dimension survey both received and paid for.
Money has been paid for the two surveys – Ecology and Digital dimensional survey, which will be reimbursed to the Club. All the paperwork has been completed and sent to CADW. We await approval for the £4,500
Awaiting first drawings from Architect.
SR provided photos from Strait.
Architect advised of CADW conservation work to town wall.

Snooker Room

Dimension drawings sent to EC to assess what can be done for a mezzanine floor.

VHF Instructors Course

Information received from RYA on requirements: circulated to Man Comm: awaiting costs.

175 Anniversary Race to Beaumaris

Draft proposal for race 6 July circulated: prior to presentation to JMSRC

Incorporation

RYA Information on pros and cons issued for circulation to Man Comm.for consideration.

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Rear Commodore

Chasing the Plasterer and Painter, who have been occupied elsewhere, but hopefully the work will be done in the next month.

Bar Staff – John Morgan has secured another job but is still prepared to work on an ad-hoc basis.

An email has been sent asking for volunteers from the membership to add to a rota. KJ offered to be added to the rota.

FS suggested a post on social media, but we will wait first to see if there is interest from the membership.

There are plenty of jobs for the House Committee, but it is important to establish a priority. LA felt that the clearing of the roof was priority.

Plaque for Margaret Crozier in recognition of the legacy bequeathed to the Club of approx £46,000. LA

Southern squadron

No report.

TE advised another potential member from Lymington.

Secretary

1. Invitation has been received from the Palace to attend a Memorial for The Duke of Edinburgh and Nev Roberts has agreed to attend as our representative.
2. Enquiry has come with regard to a Beacon in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Anniversary 4th June 2022. MJ advised that we have had a gas fired

beacon on the roof, (similar to a patio heater) supplied by the local council on a number of occasions.

3. The Club has had an enquiry from the City University of London Yacht Club for a reciprocal agreement, but since it turned out to be more of a lunch club than sailing club the unanimous decision was No.

Sailing Secretary

Document has been circulated for comment re MS Regatta race from Caernarvon to Beaumaris on the middle Saturday 6th August 2022. No feedback as yet.

We will need a committee boat and 2 separate groups for starting and finishing the race at either end of the Straits.

VHF Instructor Course – cost would be £850 to the Club.

Since all sail and powerboat owners should have their own VHF licences, this is mainly for the rowers. Outdoor Partnership is a simpler process. The Club pays £150 pa for around £500 of training pa.

Conclusion

1. How many people wish to do a VHF course?
2. Is there a demand for further training?
3. Who would volunteer to be the Club's trainer?

The Club should get a list of registered trainers from Rosie Hearn RYA and see if any are members of the RWYC.

LA mentioned that there are so many establishments offering training courses in the area that the Club does not need a trainer.

ED mentioned that the RAYC course for VHF licence costs £150 (or £20 with Outdoor Partnership funding) and a First Aid Course £90

DS knew that a number of members were interested in training courses.

Race Officer Training

TE advised that our insurance does not cover Race Officers who are not members, therefore we cannot "lend" insurance to other Clubs. A note has been sent to the Regatta Committee advising that Clubs should check their insurance.

TE advised he would arrange Race Officer training with Mike Butterfield in 5/6 weeks' time.

Cruise to Scotland

There is interest of around 10 boats.

Social media

FS will have a meeting with Delwedd next Thursday re the Online Raffle. It is a rather more complex matter than first thought so they will likely charge us for this.

Treasurer

Financial Position:

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| Business account | £1,067.65 |
| Subs account | £76.43 |
| Investment account | £67,490.40 |
| Petty Cash | £80.10 |
| Total at Bank | £68,714.58 |

NOTES:

Since the last meeting, the "significant" outgoings are as follows:

Flagpole balance paid £918.00

RSK Biocensus £2467.20
Curvature £2160.00
WSRA affiliation fee £149.00

Income:

Bar sales are improving!

Subs continue to trickle in

Yearbook Ads = £435.00 still to come in

Margaret Crozier's legacy

Incomings are increasing with bar takings up, online shopping and membership fees coming in.

Malcolm secured a further grant of £2000.

Only 1 outstanding advert fee for the Yearbook.

Graeme's debit card has been received.

Membership Secretary

- Total Number of Members: 260 (after removal of resignations/deaths – see below)

Made up as follows:

- Full members – 65
- Senior members – 113
- Social members – 61
- Honorary members – 12
- Overseas members – 9

- New Membership Applications

*To be voted in, in February

- Colin Hanks – senior member*
- Richard Hughes – senior member*
- Martin Barritt – senior member*
- Tim Stansfield – full member*
- Connor Childes – social member*
- Gwenda Thomas – social member*
- Julia Lewis*

** Voted in, paid and membership pack sent

- Stephen & Lynne Ellison – full member**
- Alison & David Harrison – full member**

***Not yet paid

- Gavin Jones – social member***
- Joseph Jollands – full member***
- Michelle Holland & Michael Rieveley – senior member***

- Resignations/Non-Payers

- Ieunan Wyn Roberts – no reason given.

- Deaths

- None – I have heard that Peter Watson died, but have not heard from his wife as yet. *UPDATE: This turned out to be false news! Maybe it was*

another person.

- Other

- 28 monthly paying members - £2,193 outstanding as at February (this amount should be in by end of December 2022)
- TOTAL membership currently due - £17,965
- TOTAL membership fees paid - £13,716
- TOTAL membership fees outstanding - £4,248

- New members proposed: Dawn Smith, Seconded: Elin Dillon. All in favour

- Resignations/Non-Payers

40 nonpayers, £4000 outstanding which is more than at this time last year but DS to chase.

Rowing Secretary

Conditions being what they are not much rowing has taken place, but a lot of planning has!

Montfort Challenge - call put out

Spanish event - Santander and trying a Trainers - call put out

Round Anglesey in April - plan in place

Coaching course - me to attend next week

Grants applied for: new seats, VHF, VHF course, putting on 4 taster sessions

Taster sessions: agreed dates with PDSC

Minutes of rowing meeting 8th of February 2022:

Rowing Meeting 8th Feb 2022 Porth yr Aur

Attendees: Sarah Roberts, Kate Jones, Clive Haycock, Marion Winteringham, Dawn Smith, Chris Jones, Elin Dillon Apologies: Liam Adams

Mins from previous meeting accepted

1. Risk & Safety - no concerns raised
2. Training courses: VHF - names so far: Kate, Mike H, Natalia, Mark R First Aid: Sarah, Dawn, Brian, Angie, Kate, Marion, Liam, Clive - limited Outdoor Partnership finding available. ED co ordinating with Beaumaris
3. First Aid - SR to send email/message out. An in-house course to be set up soon. Coaching L2. SR to attend in Feb. There may be more courses in the future. Elin and Bethan have kept up their coach status.
4. Boats - touch up necessary LA to arrange. Carried over. Bosus Mike Hamer agreed to be Bosun. Trailer checks - Keith Jones to check.
5. Race dates to be sent out by SR via email this week.
6. Adventure rows: - Round Anglesey ED, BR and KJ meeting to discuss. Trevor, Llandwyn, Conwy River,
7. Night Rowing ED to sort lights asap
8. Regalia - To be red. SR to send out re badged kit, T shirts for racing with C2C logo.
9. Uther is ready to go in Doc. To be transported asap to avoid losing space in the Doc. Clean Branwen on Above the Brine slipway or on the shore
10. Check size of cushions, get quote and order 4
11. C2C money to go to RNLI. Ensure signage is bilingual.
12. Insurance CJ to assess and send out info re taster sessions and towing.
13. SR to email Plas Menai re Skiff training

Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th March. 18.30 Porth yr Aur

Social secretary

How to encourage volunteers for galley duty to be discussed in March MM.
TE suggested a rota system for all members.

Gala Dinner

Which dignitaries should be invited (at their cost) was discussed and following put forward:

Gwynedd Member of the Synedd
Lord Lieutenant
Mayor of Caernarvon
Harbour Trust representative
RNLI and Coastguard representatives
Sponsors of the Yearbook
Menna Jones, CEO of Anton Waunfawr
Ian Halfpenney, CADW

Format to be discussed eg 2 minute talk from each table

Regalia

There has been some interest for the new logo regalia but no great rush of orders. It will have to be advertised repeatedly in the Monday Bulletin.
Brodwaith are introducing small price increases so the website will have to be updated as and when these occur.
Paper napkins for the Gala Dinner turned out to be very expensive due to the limited number required £775 for 500 with full logo, and £415 for lettering only.
Suggest something more longer lasting as memorabilia
SR suggested we think of more environmentally friendly memorabilia.
No info on Car stickers.

AOB

1. Email regarding Incorporation of the Club has been sent and discussion will be in March.
2. Rowing Round Anglesey 23/24/25 April 2022
This will be an Adventure Row from Caernarvon to Beaumaris via Holyhead and sailors are invited to take part, with stop offs to be decided.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 17th of March 2022