

Royal Welsh Yacht Club

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

Members present:

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| Chris Jones | (CJ) | Commodore |
| Fiona Jones | (FJ) | Social Secretary |
| David Richardson | (DR) | Southern Squadron |
| Tom Edge | (TE) | Vice Commodore |
| Jan Edge | (JE) | Regalia |
| Malcolm Jones | (MJ) | Committee Member |
| Jane Crowther | (JC) | Treasurer |
| Dawn Smith | (DS) | Membership Secretary |
| Elin Dillon | (ED) | Committee Member |
| Bethan Jones | (BJ) | Sailing secretary |
| Liam Adams | (LA) | Rear Commodore |

Apologies for absence

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| Frank Smykowski | (FS) | Social Media Secretary |
| Clive Haycock | (CH) | Committee Member |
| Mark Rayment | (MR) | Committee Member |
| Natalia Gomez Escobar | (NGE) | Secretary |

Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 17th February 2022

Proposed: Malcolm Jones, Seconded: Liam Adams - Passed Unanimously

Conflicts of Interest None

Matters arising

TE struggling to make progress with Snowdonia Fire & Alarm after the meeting. TE to try and contact them again.

Frank has been in touch with Delwydd about emails.

Re Raffle – licence has been applied for to sell tickets

Officers' Reports

Commodore

Royal patronage As you will have seen in the Monday Bulletin, The Prince of Wales has agreed to be our patron for the next 5 years. This is good news for the standing of the Club but the decision came too late for the Yearbook. It was agreed that no press releases were required, however the information board will need to be revised and LA will contact Alan Jones once we decide what is to be included.

Clarence House need a copy of our most recent accounts and business plan / budget and this can be emailed.

Nev is attending the Service of Remembrance for Prince Philip in London on the 29th – It was agreed to pay expenses of £200 to be transferred into his bank account.

Incorporation Tom has circulated the RYA Document on the subject and it was agreed to convene a special meeting on Wednesday 23rd March to discuss the issues.

Trustees update – It will be 5th July at the earliest.

How to encourage more volunteers We are to invite specific people to help with specific jobs and a call will be made to identify people with certain skills for maintenance jobs.

Replacement Clubhouse chairs There has been some discussion over the lack of comfortable chairs in the Club. Margaret's generosity might be an opportunity to buy some upholstered replacements. Research will be undertaken to look into costs and design of square tables and comfier chairs to appeal to members.

Vice Commodore

CADW- Building Project

We have received notification of payment of grants for Ecology and Dimensional surveys. Design continues on the lift, new toilets and refurbishment of the existing ladies toilet to form a unisex shower room. The new toilets will have a separate female: wc and whb and male arrangement with two urinals with whb and wc with whb. Completion of design and cost plan target end of March. TE to ask for extension until end of May to allow design to be completed. Next step further grant applications, assistance with request writing required.

Roof Structural Issues

Meeting with Cliff Williams held to review Structural Engineer reports.

There is a problem with the roof known about for over 20 years. The roof should be checked every 5/6 years and TE will get quotes from a Structural Engineer to see what should be done.

Flagpole Base The base of the Flagpole needs a small cement rendering job to finish it off. Volunteers with the necessary skills will be sought. LA

Snooker Room

Conversation with Eric Crowther to be held regarding mezzanine floor.

Rear Commodore

We have 2 new bar staff trained up and ready to step in when needed. One keen to be on a rota. Chasing plasterer... Waiting for good weather. Repair of kitchen unit is imminent!

List of tasks created for pre anniversary - signs - roof clearance I haven't chased the carpenter. What I would like to get done in the next couple of months:

Pre anniversary tasks – paint kitchen and maybe the Club room.

Create operating budget from Xero software.

Someone with a chain saw and public liability required to cut up old flag pole, tree surgeon is to be sought LA

Southern Squadron Report

Thanks to the new 2022 Handbook, I have found 4 members who keep their boats on the South Coast, that I was not aware of. I have made contact with them. I have also sent out a Newsletter informing all members of the Southern Squadron of Festivals etc being held in Falmouth in June.

Secretary

1. 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.
2. Update on Club Ensign and Burgee for new flagpole required.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Position:

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| Business account | £ | 1,413.37 |
| Subs account | £ | 335.57 |
| Investment account | | £112,596.08 |
| Petty Cash | £ | 90.45 |
| Total at Bank | £ | 114,435.47 |

NOTES: Since the last meeting, the only "significant" outgoing was to Eric Crowther = £468 for flagpole brackets. Lots has been spent on bar supplies – ref Rugby, this is reflected in bar sales

Income: Year Book Ads = £390.00 still to come in (Dawn has £110 cash not yet banked)

Welsh Government = £4627.20 (Tom) due 15 March

Learn to Row Fund = £850.00 (Sarah) due around 18 March

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 March

- Simon Parkes – full member - confirmed

Voted in, paid and membership pack sent

- Joseph Jollands – full member
- Colin Hanks – senior member
- Richard Hughes – senior member
- Connor Childes – social member
- Gwenda Thomas – social member
- Julia Lewis – social member
- Tim Stansfield – full member

Not yet paid

- Gavin Jones – social member – taken off membership list, as despite many chasers no reply
- Michelle Holland & Michael Rieveley – senior member
- Martin Barritt – senior member

- Resignations

- None
- Non-Payers
 - 17 – 13 full payments outstanding, 4 part-payment outstanding – all have been chased as at 14 March
- Deaths
 - None
- Other
 - 28 monthly paying members - £2,049 outstanding as at 15 March (this amount should be in by end of December 2022)
 - TOTAL membership currently due - £18,090 (inc. monthly payers)
 - TOTAL membership fees paid - £15,004
 - TOTAL membership fees outstanding - £3,115

Rowing Secretary

I've sent in the agreement to Welsh Rowing. Brian has repaired Uther and a team moved him to Doc Fictoria. (Thanks for keeping him safe Malcolm) . A taster session was held in PDSC which helps to forge stronger links. Another session will be planned soon as there's a lot of interest. A programme of events has been circulated - include the race to the bridge and back on. Tuesday August 2nd. The boats in Doc bailed out and secured during the storms (thanks Mike H) . A new trolley has been made and utilised. (thanks Brian and Keith).

First Aid course passed by: MW, SR, BR, ED and K J. Thanks Outdoor Partnership for support and Royal Anglesey Yacht Club and trainer Trig. Let Sarah know if you'd like to renew your First Aid - another course will be run soon. SR passed the Session Coach qualification. Thanks Outdoor Partnership for the support. There will be another Coaching Course held in the North, names to SR please.

Welsh Rowing has given the Club a grant of £875 to be used for VHF Training, a new VHF and to support rowing taster sessions.

It is time to please pay your WSR insurance fee of £15. To continue rowing, you must please pay this fee by 1st April. Please pay into this account: Please kindly ensure you state your name or membership number. Subs account = Sort Code 30 90 43 Account Number = 01943422

Sailing Secretary

We need a sailing committee meeting to sort out the Regatta volunteers and allocate jobs, and / or ring round the list that was in last week's bulletin.

Chris attended the Joint Regatta Committee meeting on Sunday and gave a draft copy of the RWYC page to Garth Griffiths - final date for submission is end of March.

Y Felinheli Town want their Regatta to go ahead although the tides favour a low water race and 40 - 50 moorings would be needed for competitors overnight since the marina would not be useable - LW 11.23 HW 17.10.

The RWYC Anniversary race back to Beaumaris could still be the back up format if all else fails at Y Felinheli.

The future format of the MS Regattas in terms of length and venues etc is under discussion and the Joint Committee have requested that Clubs submit ideas by May 29th for circulation to all clubs prior to a meeting on June 12th where a final decision regarding the 2023 Regatta will be made. I suggest that we involve CSC in our deliberations from the outset.

We also need to give some thought at a sailing committee meeting for a flexible outline itinerary for this year's club cruise to Scotland - and get a list of participants - 10 boats have expressed interest in taking part.

Point to Point Holyhead – Dawn Russell is the contact.

We have a RYA Race Officer Training day planned for the 3 April with 8 attending, this will enable us to have our own members managing the Regatta and not rely on external ROs. - although Garth is prepared to help out with flags and act as back up consultant if required.

Social secretary

We have had a very healthy month as far as social activity and club attendance are concerned which is great.

Catering

We were happy that Tony Murphy was able to cook St Davids Day Dinner for a rather select group and Tom Edge has another caterer preparing the Westerly Owners Lunch which means we have a couple of options should volunteers not come forward for future catered events at the club.

The 175th Dinner in July so far has 19 members booked on by name and Jane is now requesting money to confirm those bookings and we are making a spread sheet to enable him to allocate table numbers making the job a little easier than with the Annual dinner for preparation nearer the day. We need to decide which clubs and organisations we are going to offer the chance to buy tickets from 1st April so need people to suggest these groups.

175th Anniversary Raffle - Discussion required. Frank is organised with Delwedd to sell tickets online for the raffle via our website and we will also ask all members to try and sell tickets as well with our aim being to try and sell 2000 tickets by the time of the draw at the end of September. Frank is also applying to the council for a licence to run the raffle. We need to work hard now to get offers of prizes collected together so that by mid April we can list them on the website and on the actual paper tickets. I really need a volunteer who is tech savvy to coordinate the spreadsheet of tickets sold which is quite a large task. Dawn offered to take on the task.

Tickets sold online will involve buyers filling out a form giving name and contact email and phone number plus number of tickets required and will they then pay via paypal and this will generate an email to the address of this volunteer in order to add the details to the spread sheet.

Tickets sold by members - I would like to know whether this could be organised by emailing each member a word document of a sheet of tickets to print and cut up with 10 tickets per A4 page (there could be a space for ticket numbers to be added before printing to save having to make a separate document for each member or post tickets out to members. The idea could be that they make the number their membership number with a 1 at the end for first ticket and 2 on second etc unless someone has a better idea.)The stub part of the ticket would be retained by the member with details of

purchaser filled in. However sold the ticket stubs can either be handed in at the bar in an envelope with the money or could be emailed back to the volunteer above and the money paid into club account in a way to be agreed with Jane. I would like to suggest we give a prize of a 175th anniversary polo Shirt to the member selling the most tickets?

Badges Fi proposed ordering 250 more pin badges of a larger size as we have non left at a cost of around £800. Motion carried 9 for and 2 abstentions.

Regalia

Brodwaith are introducing small price increases, most prices can remain the same as we are covering our costs but some items will have to increase so the website will have to be updated.

We need to encourage more members to buy 175th regalia, so will advertise in Monday Bulletin and suggestion was made to hang a couple of polo shirts on the bar.

Graeme to have a shirt with the RWYC logo, Brodwaith to be contacted for ideas and prices.

AOB

None

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 21st April 2022