

Royal Welsh Yacht Club

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held online and, in the club, Thursday the 19th of May 2022.

Members present:

Chris Jones	(CJ)	Commodore
Fiona Jones	(FJ)	Social Secretary
Malcolm Jones	(MJ)	Committee Member
Jane Crowther	(JC)	Treasurer
Tom Edge	(TE)	Vice Commodore
Jan Edge	(JE)	Regalia
Frank Smykowski	(FS)	Social Media Secretary
Natalia Gomez Escobar	(NGE)	Secretary
Elin Dillon	(ED)	Committee Member
Kate Jones	(KJ)	Committee Member
Sarah Roberts	(SR)	Rowing secretary
Clive Haycock	(CH)	Committee Member
Dawn Smith	(DS)	Membership Secretary
Liam Adams	(LA)	Rear Commodore
Bethan Jones	(BJ)	Sailing secretary

Apologies for absence

David Richardson	(DR)	Southern squadron
Mark Rayment	(MR)	Committee Member

Absent none

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

Proposed: Fi Jones Seconded: Tom Edge Passed Unanimously

Conflicts of Interest None

Matters arising None

Officers' Reports

Commodore

Queen's jubilee beacon has been sorted out and it will be delivered next week.

The secretary of the Lord Lieutenant has been approached to see if they can cover some of the costs. The club has raised £250 towards it.

The club will be happy if the lord Lieutenant wants to lite it, otherwise Neville Roberts will be happy to do it.

FJ has approached a choir to sing a song composed specially for the jubilee.

The jubilee is on a Thursday (when the club is closed), however, we will open the club and a maximum of 20 people will be allowed on the roof. The beacon will be lit at 21.45.

We will contact Ellis Williams to take pictures of the evening.

LA to contact insurance regarding the beacon and to check if we need gas for it.

LA and MJ will have a practice run before hand.

Vice Commodore

Lift Extension and New Toilets: Since the April report there have been ongoing discussions and design development with the Design Team. The final report, design drawings and budget

cost plan have been circulated to the Management Committee before this meeting for comments.

Arrangements for payment of the professional fees and reclaim of the CADW grant will be made with Malcolm while the Treasure and myself are away in Scotland, the reclaim must be made before the 31 May 2022.

- The next step will be to prepare a briefing document to invite a minimum of three tenders from Architects to further develop the design in detail through to construction documents.
- We will then need to make grant applications to CADW and HLF for the fees.
- The Architect will complete all of the necessary negotiations with World Heritage, CADW and GCC Planning – a very long process!!
- We eventually invite tenders from Contractors.
- We will then need to make grant applications to CADW and HLF for the construction costs.
- Based on current experience we will need to fund raise to contribute 40 % of the costs for both the fees and construction costs. We can also use members time to match fund.
- We could consider an enabling project to refurbish the lady's toilet from our own funds, this would provide a toilet facility when the male toilets are demolished.
- All of which may take a further 18 to 24 months.

Roof Construction Investigation. No progress made on this yet, intend to make enquires in June.

Door Access System No further progress made on this yet.

New Audio-Visual System Keith Belfield has spoken to XLN our telecoms provide and had the internet speed increased to above the required 50 Mb to 70 plus Mb. No action yet on purchasing any equipment. Comments on the appearance of the screen have been provided to Keith and Eric.

2022 Regatta Preparation. Bethan has phone all the members on the line team management list with 100% acceptance.

The flag signalling mast has been lowered and serviced. Next action will be to check all the code flags are present and correct: Time clocks to be found and checked; will ask for a volunteer from the Sailing Committee.

Line team management training day to be arranged end of June /early July.

CJ has a couple of quotes to buy 50 chairs.

FS to check his contacts for other quotes.

Rear Commodore

- thanks to Chris and Fi for organising the work party on Sunday 15th may. Thanks also to the volunteers. General tidy up of roof complete and entire railing sanded and base coated.
- roof railings will need a second coat
- info board... we leave as it is and have a sticker with new email address on top of the old one.
- **I'll action printing of the new info signs outside and by Doc Fic.**
- spoke to a monument mason... The slate outside needs a good wipe and then oiling with mineral oil apparently... **I'll action that in coming weeks.**
- painter will be with us in June (£600 for 5 days), we will use the same colour except for the surround of the fire place which will be dark blue like the wall above it.
- Graeme is taking a 2 month sabbatical next year (march/April/may time) I will work with him and whoever forms next year's MC to ensure there is a plan to cover.

Southern squadron

Nothing to report.

Regalia

Rugby shirts are not available so maybe we should remove them from the website.

Social media

Raffle tickets are available online.

FS has set up an email address for Neville Roberts and DR

Treasurer

Financial Position:

Business account	£	998.08
Subs account	£	288.02
Investment account	£	118,798.07
Petty Cash	£	36.39
Total at Bank	£	120,120.56

NOTES:

Since the last meeting, the only “significant” outgoings have been:-

Hotline (mugs & coasters) = 2001806590 £1078.70

Beacon = £828.00 for which we already have £250.00 back in in donations

WSRA members fees = £420

Income:

Year Book Ads = £280.00 still to come in

£65 = Regency Blinds

£40 = Panorama

£65 = Top Sail Insurance

£110 = Church Street Dental Practice

£154 was paid to Disasters Emergency Committee from the profit raised by Vodka & Vol au Vents social event, to add to Graeme’s staggering total!

LA and MJ will cover for JC will she is away on holidays.

Membership Secretary

Total Number of Members: 269 (after removal of resignations/deaths – see below)

Full members – 68

Senior members – 116

Social members – 64

Honorary members – 12

Overseas members – 9

New Membership Applications

To be voted in, in May Proposed: DS, Seconded: CH, All in favour

Robert & Sally Hampton – senior member

Richard & Jean Chaff – senior member

Neil & Michelle McMaster – full member

Elizabeth Kirkham & Simon Martin Jones – social member

Harry & Liva White – full member

Andrew Stevenson – senior member

Elen Berry & Cai Llwyd – social member

David Chinn – senior member

Jonathan Williams-Ellis & Wendy Charlesworth – social member

Voted in, paid and membership pack sent

John Dunford & Miranda Williams – social member*

*not yet paid

Robert Williams – social member

Resignations
None

Non-Payers

Iwan Rhys Williams – social member, has agreed to set up GC – more chasing needed.
Alexandru Dee – social member – now paid!
Huw Rees – social member – now paid!
David Phillips – social member – now paid!
Rev David Jenkins – senior member – about to pay!

Deaths
None

Other

30 monthly paying members - £1,684 outstanding as at 16 May (this amount should be in by end of December 2022)
TOTAL membership currently due - £18,350 (inc. monthly payers)
TOTAL membership fees paid - £16,860
TOTAL membership fees outstanding - £2,784
Membership fees donated - £230

Rowing Secretary

Subject to the weather gods the Castle to Castle race will take place this coming weekend starting at 13.00 from Beaumaris to Caernarfon on Saturday. In the past the winning crews have crossed the line in under two hours so a good time to watch for the winning boats would be from 14.30 onwards. A good vantage point for seeing the race would be Bangor Pier from 13.10 or Menai Bridge at around 13.20 for any budding sports photographers out there. The League race follows on Sunday - again the start time of the first of the series of three or four races is 13.00. Our club is competing in both races and hosting approximately 60 rowers from 8 different clubs on each of the days so a busy weekend in prospect. These are weather dependant events.

The calm period of weather has meant 10 outings have taken place this past month. The Club Whaley boat gets a test run tomorrow ready for the big weekend. As Plas Menai remains closed to us until July there are two Celtics in the Doc and one on a trailer. The covers are not designed to be used in the Doc and the Whaley boat has no cover. Bailing the boats is doable by willing volunteers and rowers before they go out but it would be great to find a different solution.

A crew of five Super Vet Women competed in the Puffin Race and won their class.

On the horizon, along with all the normal league races is:

L2 Session Coach course to be held in Beaumaris - information sent via email to all rowers.

Mar de Jubilo in Santander 23rd July 2022 - information has been emailed to all rowers. Copy of Race notice attached for info. **SR to look at insurance cover for this race.**

Great River Race - 13 rowers have expressed an interest so far

Fort Belan outing - rescheduled for August 21st.

SR will write a report regarding the issue with the trailer and the action taken.

LA to take Whaley boat for a service.

The 1889 cup will be presented to the senior winner in the castle to castle race.

Thank you to everyone that has helped to get the rowing where it is.

Social secretary

Raffles have been sorted.

Poster design to advertise event has been sorted.

Dinner tickets are available to buy online.

SR will pass on information about dinner to other rowing clubs.
TE will mention dinner again at regatta meeting.
FJ will revisit car stickers.

Sailing Secretary

Meeting regarding sailing to Scotland went well. First boats to leave on Sunday.
People can follow the trip if they join the WhatsApp group.
Bethan has called all the volunteers for the regatta.
The signal flag mast has been serviced.
Code flags need to be checked before end of June.
Power boat Bob would like to see roof for the power boat race.
They can use the roof with a max of 20 people and they won't have access to Barbican.
MJ will be available if we decide to open the bar during that day.

AOB

Insurance renewal needs to go ahead.
MJ will ask insurance how much additional insurance cover will cost.
MJ will ask if we can get insurance that will cover the RWYC to operate somewhere else in the event that something happens to the building.
MJ will ask if our public liability covers us in the event of a piece of the external building falling on a passer-by.

Cleaner was distressed about the state of the building on Tuesday. Her things had been moved and her mops were not in the right place.

Maybe when we have a big event we can have duty officers. We could ask members to do it once a year.

Maybe we should also have someone at the door during these big events to control the crowds or ask people their membership cards.

We have a lot of new social members. It was suggested to have an evening for all new social members so they can meet the flag officers and vice versa.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 23rd of June 2022