



Royal County of Berkshire Yacht Club

Minutes of Annual General Meeting Jan 25th 2010

Present: Ian Murray, Mel Barlow, Joanna Vinall, Mike Jearey, Les Harris, Richard Thompson, Mike Errey, Pauline Errey, Richard Lindsay, Colin Manley, David Head, Nigel Winter, Paul Clift, Jim Hancock, Marianne Murray, Les May, Debs Obrien, Emma Cowan, Tricia Dunnet, David Evans, Trevor Bateman, Alex Dunn, Joanne Sinclair, Sue Hurley, Sevi Wick, Tim Wick, Neil Dunnet, Peter Hurley, Nicki Mackie, Kate Cope, Peter Terry, David Coulthard, Michael Soul, John Hayes, David Maxwell, Richard Thompson.

Apologies: Mike Seaton, Fiona Walker, Nigel Birch, Richard Dykes, Tanya Robinson

1) Approval of the 2009 AGM minutes:

Approved as a true record, all voted in favour, no votes against.

2) Updates from the Committee Members of the club:

a. Cruising Report – Alex

New cruising schedule for 2010 set up on the website, Signatures on accounts now reset to the correct persons, Cruising Credit cards set up. PayPal now working well. Thanks to the cruising subcommittee for help on the 2010 cruising plan Thanks also to the club skippers. Good feedback on the 2010 schedule. Wider breadth of experience on the schedule including some racing, family trip, and week in Croatia. Trips are popular with plenty of trips fully booked. Ops Manual is on the website including how to become a club skipper and refund policy. Overall loss on the year £350 on a turnover £32161. 132 members and of them 80% are active.

b. Financial Report and appointment of next years Auditors – Nicki

130 active members, 1 to approve and 3 temp members. Up from 115 last year. 2 honorary members Dave Maxwell and Liz Mountain. This is an increase of income and growth of membership

We had a few dormant members who have not cancelled standing orders and paid the old subscription amount of £15 and that money has been paid into charity donations.

Social expenditure is higher due to the club paying for Tom Cunliffe.

Donations is down as we have a short financial year and have not yet done the main charity event of the annual dinner.

Two larger items still to come; RYA membership (~£96) and insurance (~£690 plus annual trip).

Main account Cash in the bank is £5945 at the end of the FY. This FY is shorter due to the change in year end to End December

This year for the first time we have detailed the fixed assets inc depreciation.

Group Net worth of £12, 336.94.

This years auditors Les Harris and Sevi Wick.

Next Years Auditors: Peter Terry / Les and Grace Harris: Proposed Trevor Bateman and Seconded Marianne Murray – Adopted by the floor, all in favour, no votes against.

c. **Social Report** – Pauline

Please sign up for the Annual Dinner Sat Feb 28th Blue Mountain golf club same as last year. This year there will be serious and non serious awards. Please nominate and person for either awards.

Other Social Highlights – Red Funnel Ferries, Cathy from Bellini for club embroidery, Tom Cunliffe, Skittles night.

Other ideas for 2010 – John Goode . Please let Pauline know if you would like to talk or know others who would talk, or any suggestions.

d. **Training Report** – Richard

This year we have built on our RYA training and can now do GMDSS and sea survival which is now the full set of RYA courses. Operated at a small profit. Try to run courses at minus15% v commercial courses. Special thanks to David Evans, Peter for Day skipper and Rob for Diesel engine. Also Fiona Walker for donation of a PC and other items that Richard has had donated to the club. RBYC expects to run a full set of courses next year.

e. **Charity Report** – Sue

This year charities are RNLI and UKSA Changing Lives.

Great thanks from the Representative from the RNLI: Jim Hancock. New boathouse and control station at Bembridge and the local branch has raised £22,000.

f. **Website Report** –Peter

Website has been a major focus this year. Software from Wild Apricot, cost £335/year. A lot of time has been spent on the website this year. We believe the site is responsible for our growth and membership. We now have 122 people booked on trips/ social etc this year so a very active membership.

One tip either sign up with PayPal or never sign up, don't sign up and forget your password which messes things up.

As we have no newsletter we are encouraging everybody to post a blog, it can be anything from a few lines. You can also get RSS feeds.

Proposal from Pauline for Peter to a quick talk on the website use at a club meeting.

Request from the floor to sign up guests on an event which is now possible on social events but not cruising as each participant must sign the terms and conditions for insurance

g. **Approval of Version 5 of the Club Rules** – Neil

The proposed amendments to the Rules were discussed and all approved

•1 Changes to the number of members for a quorum in the Management committee and AGM (see para 6, 7 and 45)

Colin Mandley asked if everyone still stands down at the end of each year, the answer is yes.

Alex Dunn Proposed and Colin Mandley Seconded. Voted for by the floor, no votes against.

- 2 Consolidation of *types* of membership and *rights* of members into Section 4 (instead of having a separate section 6 covering *rights*). Also changes to include children 12 years and over for specified events (see para 26)

Bringing the 2 parts of the membership together to clarify the ages on children. Children must be over 12yrs old and accompanied by a responsible adult until 18years. Insurance will cover us if this is documented in the rules. Les asked about a family day eg: Black Swan with dinghies, children less than 12 could be allowed on a case by case basis but must be approved by the committee.

Mike Errey asked to clarify bringing children along , raising a concern on all events. So far younger children are only for the family event. Older Children (16+) are on a case by case basis.

Proposed Nicki , Seconded Ian, Voted for by the floor, no votes against.

- 3 Revision of the time scales for calling an AGM/EGM and managing documents, to simplify the sequence of actions (para 52)

Proposed: Sue, Seconded Alex, Voted for by the floor, no votes against.

- 4 Editorial amendments to reflect availability of the Rules on the website and a few tidying up suggestions (as shown in the text)

When members join they are given a copy of the rules, change to directing to the website
Proposed Nicki, Seconded Trevor, Voted for by the floor, all for, no against.

3) **Commodores Address** – Peter

Volunteer helpers always wanted to help with the running of RBYC (especially men!)

We have moved to another level of professionalism this year particularly the website, Cruising schedule and Ops manual.

We have approached other clubs to check best practise, we are unique, many have ageing members whereas we are gaining members.

The club is and will remain primarily about Chartering boats, however, this year we have extended a special welcome to Boat owners, with an area on the website and a policy for joining a trip.

Thanks to Committee, Officers and club skippers.

4) **Nomination and Election of Club Officers and Mgt Committee**

Officers - Voted for by the floor, no votes against.

In addition to the web nominees we have Mike Errey on Charity and Trevor Bateman without portfolio : Voted for by the floor, all for, no against.

New Officers and Committee are:

The Commodore	Peter Hurley
Vice Commodore	Ian Murray
Chair of the Committee	Neil Dunnet
Cruising	Alex. Dunn
Membership	Nickie Mackie
Social	Pauline Errey
Secretary	Kate Cope
Treasurer	Nickie Mackie
Training	Richard Lindsay & Sue Hurley
Library	Marianne Murray
Web Master	Tim Wick & Deborah O'Brien
Charity Fund Raisers	Mike Errey
Auditors	Les Harris & Peter Terry
Additional Committee Positions	Trevor Bateman

5) Vote on the use of Club Funds for Membership Cards – Nicki

Proposal to have a small membership card, you can use to get into another yacht club, Pauline costed out a credit card type online, 250 cards for spend of approx £125. No end date, not renewed every year, name just on the back. Mike Errey raised the point that RYA members do sometime get discounts so this should be on the card.

For: 18 on the night plus 2 before the meeting = 20

Against: 14

Proposal Carried by a majority vote.

6) Club Funds – Ideas from the Club on use of the club funds

- a. Mannequin for MOB drills: Neil has looked into the professional type used by the RNLI, Cost £524 each. Bigger issue is the size and weight which makes it difficult to store and transport.
- b. Rope Preventors, Proposed by Kate Cope. Explored 2 ideas – Long warp and a system with pulleys, Agreed to check out on one boat with view to buying Les proposed this was more worthwhile than a dummy, we would need about 8. For: 21, Against: 7.
- c. More events like Tom Cunliffe: Proposed by Marianne Murray, Seconded by Pauline and Kate
- d. Club House Rent Proposed by Pauline, Suggested was Wellington College, Finchamsted Village Hall which is possible with a bar, SouthHall Park.

7) AOB – Charities Selection:

Proposal to Keep RNLI and UKSA Changing Lives until end of Calendar year 2010 and move to RNLI and Ellen Macarthur Trust Jan '11. Proposed John Hayes, Seconded Ian Murray

Voted for by the floor, no votes against.

Shameless Plus Diamond nights.net for ladies dresses for the annual dinner. Discount for membership cards

Date of Next AGM: Mid Feb '11

Thanks for the food, drink and glasses. Meeting ended with a great quiz organised by Kate