



Royal Brighton Yacht Club

The Sailors' Club

GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 29th January 2024, 6.00 PM

PRESENT – (in person) Niesje Hees, Peter Demura, Murray Cowdell, Tony Hennessy, Peter Coleman, Neil Sargeant, Peter Gebhardt, Phil Hall, (via zoom) Brett Heath, Cath Hurley

APOLOGIES - Marnie Irving, Debbie Jonker

PREVIOUS MINUTES

- True and accurate record;

MOVED: Murray Cowdell **SECONDED:** Peter Gebhardt **CARRIED**

Commodore Niesje Hees opened the meeting by introducing the RBYC Forecourt Redevelopment recommendation for approval by General Committee.

The governance of the project was highlighted and the feedback from the asset sub-committee related to the business case of the expenditure. It has been the position of the Working Group that the project is about accessible Member access to the building and that off street access for members, guests and ambulances is critical in the operation of the club. The asset committee were supportive of the project. Funding of the project was discussed at length. The finance sub-committee recommend that the project is funded by a bank loan so that cash reserves can be used to dredge the marina as soon as permits are issued.

It is proposed that a Special General Meeting be called for Thursday 22 February 2024, requesting that the membership approve the following motion;

That in accordance with the requirements of RBYC Club Rules 30 and 42, the Members of the Club resolve to authorise the General Committee to:

1. Enter into a bank loan of up to \$1,000,000 and

2. Give security over any of the Club's property or assets for any such loans for the improvements of the Club premises in accordance with the plans provided to Club Members for the redevelopment of the Forecourt.

It was proposed by NH, seconded by MC to the General Committee that the club proceed with the Forecourt re-development. Carried Unanimously.



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MEMBERSHIP

Accept new members as listed.

New members to be Ratified January Meeting

Sam Buksh	Senior
Adam Deacon	Senior
Christopher Drake	Senior
Che Selby	Senior
Emma Jokadjian-Lawler	Senior family
Adam Weekes	Gym
Ignat Moskovitch	Gym
Simon Lopez	Gym
Victoria Christie	Intermediate
Christina Lopez	Social
Kim Morley	Social
Rhett Stevenson	Social
Deborah Wallace	Social Extra
Robert Stanford	Youth U18
Ethan Hodgens	Youth U18
Arran Hodgens	Youth U18
Luke Joukadjian	Junior family

MOVED: Niesje Hees **SECONDED:** Murray Cowdell **CARRIED**

FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer Brett Heath spoke through the written treasurer's report. Highlights

- Marina income is slightly backloaded with the amortisation process.

150th YEAR ANNIVERSARY WORKING GROUP

Vice Commodore Peter Demura tabled minutes from the groups first meeting. An outline of the year's program was discussed.

PH to engage graphic designer to start work on a logo design. A whole club event on Labour Day was discussed. It was considered that the OTB fleet may better be suited to the beach party in Nov/Dec rather than Labour Day.

SAILING REPORT



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- It was noted that a quote for CCTV cameras on the marina is pending.
- Discussion was held regarding the decision not to run the George Mac regatta this year, noting that the calendar will be altered to run racing for one design fleets that weekend.
- Sailing Race Management & staff were congratulated on conducting the following regattas.
 - Stonehaven Cup / VX-One Nationals / 2.4mR nationals / Dragon States and upcoming Aeros & Waszps.

CRUISING GROUP

- Report tabled.

IDAG REPORT

- No report this month

ASSET REPORT

- No report this month.

CSC REPORT

- No report this month

SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE / proposals

- Minutes of recent meeting were distributed.
- Noted plans for Winners & Grinners members draw, Hardstand return to sailing party & Glee club operational.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- MC asked if the new boats were registered in the clubs name, PH responded yes.
- NS asked if the GC were being scheduled for newsletter contributions. NH to send list.
- Vale Notices – a discussion was held regarding newspaper notices. It was decided that we would continue with notices in the members Bar which are also emailed to all members.

MEETING CLOSED 8:07PM