

## **RICHMOND CANOE CLUB – MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021**

**Date of meeting:** Monday 27 March 2021

**Time of meeting:** 7.00pm

**Venue:** Teams meeting plus Committee at Richmond Canoe Club, Landsdowne Boathouse, 81-83 Petersham Road, Richmond, TW10 6UT

### **Attendees:**

Tom Sharpe (Chair), David Leech, Mike Pigott, Lizzie Broughton, Ludy Hills, Guy Peters, Jemima Johnstone, Robyn von Maltzahn, Kevin Marsh, Mark Louw, Gareth King, Nick Garner, Roly Lucas, Hazel Greasby, Tom Walker, Elly O'Connell, Tony Waszkiewicz, Faye Whitear, Martin Fitzsmoms, Mick Fegent, Nick Edmunds, Adam, Ludy, Settimo, VALLANO Enrique, Archie Fegent, Will Abson, Liz P, Colin Greasby, Karin Ryderman, Nick Cotton,, Lim David, Flockhart Alex, Ian, Ignac Szigeti, Lucy Ross, Boris & Vanessa, John Gibbs, Neil Camp Hannah Peck, David Judge, Elisabeth Sangouard, Loe Whittker, Rob Sainsby, Ian Laverack, Michael Laverack, Liz Pearce, Tim Could, Peter Hutchison,

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### **Item 1: Apologies for Absence and Appointment of Proxies**

Cathrine Pickering sent her apologies.

The following members sent apologies and appointed proxies:  
No requests for proxy votes received.

David Leech explained that the AGM was run in accordance with the Club Constitution, the main document that detailed the governance arrangements of the Club. For example, it set out that the Commodore presides over the AGM, that an attendance register must be taken at the meeting and that the Club's accounts are laid before the meeting. It also explains elections to posts on the Committee. As this was the first AGM that was being run via Teams due to Covid voting, if needed, would be run via voting within Teams. If anyone had a question or wished to speak they should raise their hand in the app.

### **Item 2: Adoption of the Minutes of the AGM on 31 March 2019**

The minutes of the AGM on 31 March 2019 were approved.

### **Item 3: Commodore's Report**

Tom Sharpe thanked everyone for joining the AGM meeting via Teams. With Covid this was the best way of holding a meeting and keeping all safe. As we had not been able to have a meeting due to Covid for the 2020 AGM this meeting would cover both periods. Tom talked about the Club's achievements through lockdown and

thanked all who had helped to keep the ethos of the club together and active even when the club was closed. It was challenging for the club to have to close in line with the government guidelines.

A special thanks to all that have provided online fitness sessions and that these had been well received as well as the work done in the upkeep of the club.

#### **Item 4: Treasurer's Report**

See Annex B. The following points were raised in discussion:

- a. The club accounts have been published with the agenda and been reviewed by Tony W as part of his role as a Director of the club. No questions were raised.

The accounts were signed off by the meeting.

#### **Item 5: Membership Secretary's Report**

Lizzie Broughton said the Club had lost a few members due to lockdown. Without the ability to run beginner sessions membership was down as would be expected.

Tom Sharpe said that there was no proposal to change the membership fees for the next membership year. Fees would be discussed as necessary at the next AGM.

#### **Item 6: Election of Honorary Members**

The current holders of the following positions and their successors were nominated for appointment as honorary members of the Club until the 2022 AGM:

- b. PLA Assistant Harbour Master - Recreational (Darren Knight)
- c. MP for Richmond Sarah Olney (Liberal Democrats)
- d. President of Twickenham Rowing Club (Paul Davis)
- e. Group Scout Leader – Petersham and Ham Sea Scouts (Karin Noble)
- f. Chairman of Kew Bridge Canoe Club (Steph Aldridge)
- g. Commodore - Twickenham Yacht Club (Mark Marston)

The following who have given long service to the Club are nominated for appointment as Honorary Members until the next AGM.

- h. Peter Davey
- i. Wendy Dodson
- j. Brian Greenaway
- k. Doug Parnham

- l. Trevor Wetherall
- m. Roxanne Dunne
- n. Hazel Greasby
- o. Jeff Lindsay



Tom Sharpe explained that honorary membership did not give the individual any right to use the Club's facilities.



### Item 7: Appointment of Directors

Hazel Greasby, Sean Martin, Tony Waszkiewicz and Simon Wood were appointed Directors of the Club until 2022 so no requirement of appointment until next AGM.

### Item 8: Election of the Committee

All the Committee were happy to continue in their selective roles so no requirement for any voting

Position	Post holder
Commodore	Tom Sharpe
Vice Commodore	Nick Garner
Treasurer	Guy Peters
Secretary	David Leech
Membership Secretary	Lizzie Broughton
Rear Commodore	Roly Lucas
Marathon Secretary	Robyn Von Maltzahn
Novice Coaching Representative	Jemima Johnson
House Steward	Tony Waszkiewicz
Harbour Master	Tom Walker
Volunteer Coordinator	Gareth King
Junior Coaching Representative	Boris Mavra
Welfare Officer (jointly held)	Vanessa Impey, Michael Grant, John Gibbs

### Item 8: Items Raised by Members

*Is the club considering promoting the use of SUPs and if so why?*

Tom S confirmed that the Club was not considering the promotion of the use of SUPs and had no space available to do so.

*3 related issues:*

- *a) keen and frequent kayakers can't get a rack space to store their boats in the club. Waiting list > 12 months*
- *b) anecdotal evidence that many private kayaks stored in shed are not used (either seasonally or at all)*
- *c) people who have paid for rack space but move their boats for a period of time (eg go to uni) find their place is taken when they return*

Rack space was managed by Tom Walker and via membership renewals to check rack space was being paid for. These individual questions were best raised directly with him. A rationalisation of rack space was underway so space can be released.

#### **Item 9: Any Other Business**

*No other business was raised.*

David Leech  
Secretary



