

**MINUTES OF A VICE COMMODORE'S COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ROYAL SOLENT
YACHT CLUB, ON FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2025 AT 1100 HOURS**

Present:

In the Chair: Graham Fell, VC (Zoom)
Susie Breare
Rudi Fortson (Zoom)
David Porter
Lesley Tregear (Zoom)
Sarah Turvill

Apologies:

Peter Crowhurst
Claire Hallet (CEO/Sec.)

In Attendance

11/25 Apologies As above

12/25 Approval of the Minutes of 24th January 2025: The minutes were approved as a true record.

13/25 Matters Arising

Corporate Membership. VC updated the VCC on feedback from GC. The GC considered corporate Membership but felt that the Club would find it difficult to manage corporate members, e.g. maintain our ethos, vetting, additional numbers, subscriptions, voting rights, etc. Additionally, this topic had been raised approximately 10 years ago. The GC decided that the Club should not agree to Corporate Membership. VC thanked PC for the work he put into his paper which will be kept on file and referred to should the topic be raised in future.

14/25 Bank House

VC informed the VCC that the Commodore reported at the last GC that Bank House has been sold and that the Club has acquired the grass strip of land from the old Boatman's workshop and round to 1.5m east of the Holm Oak as one enters the Club's drive, i.e. almost all of the land currently used by the Club. VC said that the new owners, Mr & Mrs Greening, will install a fence running perpendicular to the existent fence forming the boundary between Club land and the Bank House Garden, and then west to the front of the Club's drive entrance to secure their land. DP asked whether Mr & Mrs Greening would repair that part of the fence that had collapsed and is now being propped up. VC confirmed that the fence belongs to Bank House that that they would be repairing it. VC also said that Mr & Mrs Greening have been provided with complimentary Membership of the Club for 3 years. The Commodore and RCH will be meeting Mr & Mrs Greening on 22nd February.

15/25 Vice Commodore's Points

Maintenance Projects: the maintenance projects carried out by Duncan Waite (DW) have been completed. DW was able to save a good deal of VAT on materials. He also carried out additional works, that he found as he completed the projects, at no additional cost. There are some more works required for which DW will be providing a quotation. Whether these works are completed this year will depend on whether GC considers them to be mandatory or discretionary, and the costs. We need to manage our budget very carefully this year.

Solar Panels: VC said that GC agreed that the Club should be pursuing a green agenda, however, we need to manage costs carefully. GC would like to review the financial position at the end of Q1 before deciding whether to progress the solar panel project.

16/25 Membership Matters:

Applications: There are 3 applications for Membership this month:

	Applicant	Proposer	Second	Comments/Interests
1	1. Mrs Lynn Stafford	Catherine Holmes	Susie Breare	Lynn & Janet live together but are not partners. They had their own business together and are now both retired and live in Freshwater. They have a joint bank account and joint membership has been approved on this application. Personable ladies interested in cruising and onshore activities. They have been allowed to use the Club whilst their membership is pending (application form received 22/01/25)
2	2. Miss Janet Freeman	Catherine Holmes	Susie Breare	See above.
3	3. Mr Garry Wiseman	Rudi Fortson	Catherine Holmes	Interviewed via zoom (signatures to add to application form). Garry is a teacher of maths at Radley School, Oxford and looking to retire in the next couple of years. He has bought 'Amulet, Bouldnor Road. Member of Oxford & Cambridge Club. Personable gentleman keen to pursue sailing and participate social events

All those present were happy to recommend the applications to the GC for approval.

VC

17/25 Cruising Yacht Club of Australia

Prior to the VCC, the VC had circulated details of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (Sydney) which had been suggested for reciprocity. VCC unanimously agreed that the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia should be presented to GC for approval.

VC

18/25 Marketing Matters

Open Day. The first of the Club's two annual Open Days will be held on 3rd May (Bank Holiday weekend) from 11am to 2pm. Lesley will seek volunteers, especially from GC Members. It was noted that any membership applications submitted on Open Day should continue to be overseen by senior Officers.

LT

19/25 Secretary's Points

Membership Statistics. In the Secretary's absence, VC said that Membership currently stood at ~1,078, compared with 1,049 at the end of January last 2024.

New Website. The initial design proposals have been received from Peripatus for the Club's insignia, featuring the new King's Crown (Tudor) and new roundel and shield designs. GC agree that the current logo should remain the same, save for the Tudor Crown replacing the St. Edward's Crown (the QE II Crown).

20/25 AOB

Screw Moorings. David had been in touch with Jim Atkins, who is responsible for the screw moorings in Studland Bay. Discussions are on-going.

21/25 Date of next meeting: 11am on Friday 21st March 2025