

COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Thursday 11th July at 7:30

AGENDA

Present

Steve White [StW] – chair; Sylvia White [SyW] – secretary; Martin Tomes [MT] – web master;
Jan Arnold [JA]; Mike Warren [MW]

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies from John Peters [JP]

2. Treasurer and Banking

StW explained the expected long stay in hospital followed by an extensive recovery period of the group treasurer, John Peters [JP], had necessitated the need to call a committee meeting to put into place a financial contingency plan.

StW explained that he had been able to speak to John today.

During the short chat JP said he is prepared to stay on as treasurer but won't be able to attend meetings for some time. *Therefore, apologies accepted.*

Access to funds

JP is going to send StW five signed cheques which he can then counter sign in order to make payments to judges etc. *Cheques require two signatures.*

StW went on to explain further that although he is already a signatory on the new Nat West account he hasn't yet been fully activated. Following a visit to the branch in Brighton and endless phone calls it still is not clear totally whether he can sign cheques.

Therefore, StW proposed he make a £10 cheque payable to himself and then when it clears in his own bank, he will make a transfer of said amount back to the RC Group account. This will ascertain his right to sign cheques. Is this acceptable to the committee?

Decision

- The committee agreed this would be a good idea.

Subscriptions

As JP was unable to attend the AGM no proposal re subscriptions for 2024/25 was made.

Discussion took place re a possible increase.

- JA pointed out that this should be a matter for the AGM
- MT suggested that as the bank balance was in good credit, we didn't need to make an increase this coming year.

Decision

- Subs will remain at the 2019 level of £10 per club plus £0.25 per member.

Thought was given to how clubs make payment.

- How to record payments as, at the moment, only JP has access to the bank account. This can not be rectified at this time.

- MW said the clubs would not be ready to pay until the end of September when they were clear on membership numbers.
- MW suggested someone should keep a record of clubs who have paid & how much. Without access to the bank account clubs would have to be asked to inform us when they had paid.
- JA offered to keep said record but as SyW would be sending the request to clubs she would keep the record.
- SyW reiterated that we could not ask for direct payment into the bank account until we were sure we could access said funds.

Decision

- To wait and see the outcome relating to the above suggestions and to call another meeting if necessary.

Signatories

- StW felt there was a need to have a third signatory attached to the account and that this should be implemented ASAP.
- The committee agreed but accepted that this couldn't be actioned until JP was able to instigate the changes.
- JA offered to be said third signatory.

SyW wished the committee to be aware of how ill JP is and not to go forward with anything involving him without the agreement of his wife.

3. AGM minutes

- *Review proposals following email feedback from clubs*

A response from two clubs who had not attended the AGM have been received

- Henfield CC agreed all proposals except: **rule 9 – entry requirements** [*Each club entry shall consist of eight images of any subject not more than three from any one person – and must contain images from at least five persons.*] They did not approve **three images from one person.**
- Mid Sussex CC agreed all proposals except: **general rule re chair** [*The Group shall be administered by a Committee consisting of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. REMOVE The Chairman shall not hold office for more than two consecutive years.*]. They did not approve **the removal of chairs term of office but made an alternative suggestion of a four-year term.**

Decision/Action

- With the majority of clubs declaring a vote in favour of proposed changes the rules will be updated accordingly.

Date of next meeting

Following a previous suggestion from MW that the next host club be invited to a committee meeting at an earlier date SyW suggested contacting Mid Sussex CC [host of the forthcoming print competition] whether August or early September would best support their needs

Minutes Approved

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