

## NORTH CHESHIRE CRUISING CLUB LTD

Draft Minutes of the digital “zoom” Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the abovementioned Club held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30 pm

### PRESENT:-

John Fenton (Chairman), Pam Suggitt (Company Secretary), Bill Jewsbury, (Finance Director), Eric Roberts, (Land & Water Space Director), Pam Russell, (Membership Services Director), Denise Wright (Director without Portfolio), Bob Barlow, (Director without Portfolio - Bar) Martin Tattersall, (Premises Director)

### 1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- None

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Proposed by MT and Seconded by BJ

### 3. MATTERS ARISING:-

ER asked had letter been sent to RB. JF said it was going tomorrow by normal mail and Registered mail. Copy of RB’s letter to be sent to PS for filing. Reminder letter to be sent when due week after first one sent.

### 4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:-

No official report off JF.

a)Key code for front door. MT not informed and has asked that JT (MT’s wife) be sent a text with new code. This code is not to be included in the Minutes. Should you need the code please contact JF.

b)Single ramp taken off the Minutes? ER we should have a revolving gate as opposed to one that slides across.

c) A discussion followed in connection with future Directors of the club being computer literate. Directors should be able to use zoom and to send and receive e-mails. Can JF include this rule in the rule book

Rules for dogs and advertising goods for sale using club premises, has yet to be added to the rule book. Draft of rule book to be sent to all Directors.

d) Letter to members about the £10,000 distribution. JF to speak to BJ.

e) Website – RS waiting for someone to give him some information to put on the website (this was weeks ago).

f) VAT tax return. HMRC has informed JF that this has now to be completed digitally.

g) Costs for the website have gone up. We also need log in details from RS. How do members access website?

h) JF to renew zoom membership before the next meeting as it expires in March 2022.

i) Building insurance cost to remain as is.

j) the slides of the club have been purchased from Ian Wilson (not a club member). They are to be handed to WW for the Archives. In the possession of JF at the moment.

#### 5. COMPANY SECRETARY'S REPORT:-

- 1) ER's job description is up-to-date, as he has nothing to add.
- 2) Correct job title for Land & Water Space Director according to Articles of Association is Water & Land Space Manager. Yes, but not actioned yet.
- 3) Articles of Association show old Subscriber contacts, this information cannot be changed.
- 4) Passwords for the website? Have these been given to a Director?
- 5) Letter sent to RS following her food complaint.
- 6) PS was asked to write to our Postmaster to ask him to check that all e-mails sent out from him are distributed to JF/ER and BBa. This has been done.
- 7) On the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 DH reported that his boat had been damaged. The camera overlooking DH's boat has been checked. Unfortunately, the culprit was not revealed by the camera.

#### 6. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

1. Camera 15 is still not right since it was installed, I wondered if anything has been done about it. My concern is although M's friend did us a favour by sorting out the system, so we now have a working CCTV system what kind of back up have we got if we have problems? does he offer a backup and maintenance service or is it down to when he has a chance to sort it out? I don't want us to be in the same boat we were with CJ and poor support when there is a problem, we need to know we have some support. What A supplied and fitted was less than we were led to believe for the price but that's not my point, we have a camera that covers a wide area that has not operated properly since installed. This will wait till the meeting but does need fixing.
2. We need an update on the website as it's got log in details on the screen but have we any news on how this works? We have technically paid £350 for Rob's input up to Oct 2021 and it will be another £350 up to Oct 2022. This is plus the costs of running it and the domain name.
3. Is there any news on any new boats coming into the arm? 2 large boats have left recently so it would be nice to have some new Moorer's.
4. SB has still not had some of the hard standing agreements back off members despite chasing them. I will ask her to provide a list to ER then we can decide the next course of action, the main concern being insurance and the member declaring their property is insured whilst on our property. I have not had chance to speak with ER but am happy to send some letters for him. Letters to CW and CP.
5. Finance is fine with no issues.
6. LH has had some checks done which I have paid her for and I am sorting out the licence name change with her and BBa. I have renewed the Premises Licence for the bar.
7. It's looking quite likely I will not be able to make the new members night but if this is the case, I will provide PR with some words to read out in my absence and a quiz.
8. Refund of rates on boathouses due.
9. BJ has paid GL for leak repairs carried out to the digger.

## 7. LAND & WATER SPACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

No official report off ER

The wall on the slipway side has collapsed and is still falling I have rung the dry wall man to call and give us a quote for the repair. Quote received from Ian J. Wilson £1085.00.

This wall is a boundary wall not a retaining wall. Photos of No 14 Norwood Ave's garden and the wall from the NCCC side have been taken by JS and are to be included in the Ditchcrawler so members are aware of the wall problem. Owner of No.14 is not interested in the problem of the wall as he has erected a fence on his side of the wall.

Three representatives from the NCCC (ER/PS/JS) visited the owner of No.14 Norwood Ave. We were shown e-mails between him, CRT and JF dating back to 2020.

We could have a problem with his garden as it could collapse into the club side.

The slipway alcove is where the tree is that needs attention.

The club is not insured for wall repairs. CRT has been contacted with a view to someone visiting the club to inspect the wall.

The skip is now full with old wood from the boathouses.

We had 15 volunteers at the last work party.

CCTV repair put on hold due to weather.

GL cannot use WiFi as it doesn't extend that far down the arm.

## 8. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

No official report received from PR

PR will open the club tomorrow Tuesday for Mary Sunley staff's Refresher Training Day.

We have four new members to approve as follows:-

Adrian and Linda Hambleton – live in Sheffield. Boat name Portia – 57'6"

Cherrie Warwick. Boat name Fleur – 45' - mooring not required.

Julian Swindon. Boat name North Star – 50' – mooring not required.

New members night. Ticket to all new members to obtain free drink and cheese. There is to be a quiz during the night (thanks to BJ). All Directors to be introduced to new members.

36 new members expected to attend.

Defib needs new pads.

## 9. PREMISES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

No official report received from MT as he is on holiday

PR reported to MT that the bottom step on the left side of the steps leading down from the clubhouse is "rocky". MT requested that the flag be put on the pillar outside the club.

MT suggested that future "private functions" be put on hold until LH is confident serving at the bar.

Golden Wedding function booked for June. Is it still going ahead? MT said he will check this on his return from holiday.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 a request was made by Ruth Sellars for a pull-down support handle to be fitted in the disabled toilet. This is ongoing.

Alarm has been sorted. CJ re-settled it himself.

Boiler people to be contacted.

The water coming into the Workshop around the door has been attended to. MT says the leak has been stopped.

#### 10. DIRECTOR WITHOUT PORTFOLIO - BAR REPORT:-

I reopened the Club Bar on Friday 28th January 2022 hoping we might encourage members to venture out and come to enjoy a pint of Beer. Numbers were very low but that's to be expected. Hopefully they will improve.

LH has passed her License and is ready to take on the Licensee, I have signed and given BJ the Clubs Premises License Certificate as he was the Chairperson when I took on the bar this last time, for him to make arrangement for it to be replaced with a new Premises License in the name of LH.

I believe LH has filled in the relevant information required, so we are ready to go ahead. Once we receive it back from the Council.

I have sent her a copy of the database - Bar Account through Email and offered her help if she needs it.

We do require a small amount of stock including some more Red Wine, that seems to be selling well, which I will collect this next week.

We will have adequate supplies for the new-members night on the 25th February 2022.

We do not have enough customers to buy draught beer for at the moment.

#### 11. DIRECTOR WITHOUT PORTFOLIO REPORT – DW:-

Regarding continuous dog barking over the fence near where they are moored. This has now stopped.

#### 12. COMMODORE'S REPORT:-

No official report received from JF

So far, we have seen the continuation of the Friday night club night and the Sunday lunches. The club nights are a little sparsely populated, but that could be due to the bad weather and the covid scare. The Sunday lunches on the other hand are quite well attended. This may be due to the appetizing food on the menu or the fact that it's during the day and not at night.

The first event on the programme will be the 'Race Night' (19<sup>th</sup> March) which is run by SB and will be covered elsewhere in the Ditchcrawler.

The second event is the 'Fitting Out Supper' which will take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm with a light supper and a supporting act (yet to be decided).

Our first sailing event will be a trip to 'Bugsworth basin' for the Easter weekend, leaving on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> April and returning on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, we will be able to secure the room at the memorial club on the Saturday and with luck they will put food on for us. Of course, we will have the usual quiz and judge the real Easter bonnets and ties this year instead of pictures. For which as you know there will be loads of entries (I'm sure) and

fabulous (honest) Easter eggs as prizes and as always a fabulous bottle of wine for the quiz winner?

The next event will be another sailing event. The annual trip to the 'Caldon Canal'. Now as this year we are trying to get to the Evesham River Festival (hopefully) I have had to alter the dates that I originally put in my programme in the last edition of the Ditchcrawler. We will now have to **leave** on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May and **not** the 28<sup>th</sup> May and return on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. This will give us three weeks to rest, recuperate and restock the boats before leaving for the 'Evesham River Festival'.

I'm assured the Evesham festival will definitely be taking place this year on the weekend of the 9<sup>th</sup> July. I have yet to get details and application forms which I will circulate as and when I get them. This is a bookable event so we will need to get the applications in as soon as possible (along with the money) to get the best positions.

In order not to rush the trip and be assured of getting there on time we will need to leave on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June and leisurely cruise down to the river Avon.

Once we have attended the festival, we can then sail on to Strafford- on-Avon and spend a few days either in the basin if there's room or stay on the river before heading home reaching base roughly Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Obviously, these dates are not set in stone other than the fact that we have to be at the festival on time, it's always advisable to get there at least one day in advance.

#### 13.ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

- a) BJ requested that the photos of Directors on the stairs be updated
- b) Re guttering round the cottage. As the NCCC has paid for previous work carried out, CRT expect the NCCC to repair it. MT to have a look on his return from holiday.

#### 14)DATE OF NEXT ZOOM BOARD MEETING

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30 pm

Meeting ended at 21.15 pm.

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Chairman

