

NORTH CHESHIRE CRUISING CLUB LTD

Minutes of the digital “zoom” Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the abovementioned Club held on Monday 21st March 2022 at 7.30 pm

Original meeting should have been 14th March 2022

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 PR and Seconded by BBa

3. MATTERS ARISING:- None

4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:-

There is very little to say. The only thing of note is the resignation of GD as the postmaster and VAT returns officer. I'm sorry that this has come about, but unfortunately it has and we will have to deal with it. I do feel that despite the reasons for this decision the board should write to him thanking him for the valued work he has put in since he relinquished his position as chairman. Agreed. To be sent by JF.

BJ has managed to master the postmaster position and is doing a sterling job at the present. The only other thing is the VAT which we'll discuss tonight.

Zoom has been paid for another year.

PRS Music Licence has now been paid.,

5. COMPANY SECRETARY’S REPORT:- Nothing to report

6. FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:-

1. No problems with finance as such apart from the loss of GD’s help which is a major blow to the help towards running this business smoothly. I have a couple of options of offers of help or can look at outside help to be sure things like the vat are done correctly. Next vat submission is 7th May so that's the priority. It still hasn't been explained why no minutes were sent to GD since November but its a major fail by this Board and a big loss to the club.

2. The website I know is up for discussion and seems another problem. As soon as someone has tried to use it and its broke and we don't know when it will be fixed. RS told me how it works but we couldn't get any further as he broke it. I don't know how well this will work as RS is already quoting, he has done his 24 hours so is this him making a statement. His words to me were he creates a framework then we give him content to add. The thing is we want it to work and be told how we use it! GD has already asked where he can view minutes.
3. Have we any idea when camera 15 will be put right. Never been right since day 1?
4. My thoughts on the wall are its on our toes. Cart have not given us any words that we have a case against the homeowners based on any kind of rules from years ago. If we write to all the homeowners we need to be very careful we do it sympathetically as we don't want to turn all the neighbours against us. As I've said before we need the whole thing surveying to be sure of the worst bits. Maybe the builder will do that.
5. I've got the hang of the postmaster stuff so am OK doing the messages for now till we find someone.
6. I wrote to the members with missing mooring declarations who have sent some paperwork to SB which ER is checking is OK.
7. I'm still waiting on the bar license due to it going to the wrong address and now I've got to amend something before they can process it.

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

The wall should be started next week weather permitting. Workman didn't turn up so ER said he will chase.

The wood and the dredgings have been moved from the Club

We hired a mini barrow to clear the dredging and found that it was perfect for the job so we would like to obtain one we have checked prices and have come up with the following

A new high tlp and shovel diesel price £13500

A second hand at £7500

A long term rental ie 12 months minimum £90 per week equates to £4680 per annum

And a brand new Lumag high lift and shovel petrol £4500 which we think is the best one to go for

It was decided by the Board to spend £3991.85. ER will ring the guy in the morning and will give BJ's Finance e-mail Address. Availability couple of days as it is being delivered from Cornwall.

Work party finished at approx. 2 pm.

RS' boathouse collapsing. ER will keep a close eye on it. Another big wind will topple it. No engine in boat as yet.

RA and RS share their boathouse area.

8. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

New member Gary Bratchford – MMU Lecturer (and his wife).

40 ft narrow boat Trafalgar

Send e-mail reminder to pay membership

Malcolm Bridge has been in touch to join club. He is going to pay online.

Defib still needs new pads

9. PREMISES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

Repairs done to entrance steps.

Main entrance door needed attention which has also been done.

Eased front door too.

MT said the June booking which was booked 12 months in advance is no longer required. We are not encouraging bookings anyway. Deposit cheque never banked so we don't owe any money.

No boat gathering at Stafford this year.

10. DIRECTOR WITHOUT PORTFOLIO - BAR REPORT:-

The Premises Licence had been sent to Stockport Counsel, but due to some misunderstanding it was returned to the club, and has now been resubmitted for LH's name to be entered as Premises Supervisor to replace my name. This happening will occur at a convenient time in the next few weeks. We decided to do a stocktake on Sunday, as I wrote this report on Saturday the results have as yet not been reordered.

Member numbers attending Friday evenings are up and down, last week (Pancake Night) they were reasonable about 24 attended, but this last Friday evening only 16 were present, including both LH and myself. Hopefully the Race Night next Saturday might encourage more members to venture out to the club and participate, as this event in the past has been very popular. As it is closely followed by the Commodores' Fitting Out Supper, there might be some encouragement to return to visiting the club more often on social occasions.

The screen over the bar has been removed, I would like to thank MT for providing this protection for the bar staff, it was very effective in its use.

11. DIRECTOR WITHOUT PORTFOLIO REPORT – DW:– Nothing to report

12. COMMODORE'S REPORT:-

Friday nights are still operating, but are sparsely attended, Sunday lunches on the other hand are quite well attended. Bringing in on average about £17 to £18 each week.

This coming Saturday is the Race Night and the next day on Sunday there will be a Sunday lunch. However, next week is the Fitting Out Supper and on the next day Sunday, there will not be a Sunday lunch. They will continue the following week until Easter.

As I'm sure you are all aware the commodores cruise to Caldon has had to be cancelled due to ongoing works on the canal. I am in the throes of sorting out an alternative trip, but have not finalised anything yet. Would be glad of any suggestions that would not take more than 2 weeks.

I am considering having a BBQ on the Bank Holiday of the Queens Jubilee on the Sunday 5th June, obviously that will be decided in the future, but I will announce and advertise it in plenty of time.

13.ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

The following notes were taken when Directors had completed their reports. They are recorded in the way that they were discussed during the meeting, so are not under any particular heading.

GD sent BJ tons of stuff online. Re-set all passwords.

Split website passwords. Various passwords for Postmaster

GD has resigned from Gateway House

We need someone with Finance/VAT experience. GN will help with Accounts

BJ doing Postmaster job too.

Will send list of passwords.

Rates on boatsheds. We have started to take boathouses down.

Take some pictures of demolished area and then get bills credited.

BBa videoed club arm today. BBa can take photos of what has been videoed.

GS might be interested in the Postmaster role, but BJ will carry on for now

Camera man coming next week and will also put up 16.

Skips (small) £220.00 per skip. Full of tree cuttings. SY as the main culprit. A “round robin” via e-mail and a notice in the workshop needs to be organised for members to be made aware of where they should dispense with tree/grass cuttings instead of putting it all in the skips.

Soil should not be put in the skips as it is too heavy. Big Conifer pieces have also been put in skips.

Trouble at Mill – he is paying for another 3 months (we will refund if it goes before two months)

RB situation discussed. All in hand as agreed but have had no response from him. Sent SAE with letter last week. First letter returned unopened. We have proof of posting.

RULE BOOK

JF to send out to all Directors revised rule book for approval before being sent to Printers (who are club members) – this will be counted as 24 hours towards their volunteering for the club.

The following rules in the book were discussed and agreed to:-

5,7,9,14,15,18,19,20,22,23,24,25,27,28,29,30,32

Rule 30 – Dogs. Food at Whiteley Green/Triangle. Dogs must be kept out of field and triangle

BJ said that the word Decision is spelt wrong twice in Rule 25.

Reduce to A6 (30 pages). Put in back of handbook.

THE WEBSITE

BJ to contact RS via e-mail for an update

RS has sent e-mail as to why Website not working.

CW Insurance details incorrect. Boat has not been licensed since last October 2021. BJ has explained the procedure again to CW. CW told C&RT that her boat was out of the water which was incorrect. Has now paid licence money – no discount now.

Send letter first giving three months' notice.

DB's boat has been out of the water for two years. Not fully comp. He should insure it or remove it. Not got hull survey. Says he is ill and can't do any work.

Write letter giving him 3 months' notice to comply with club rules and then – what?

Was BJ Finance Officer or Director at the time the decision was made to share some of the £10,000 with club members moored in the arm?

14) DATE OF NEXT ZOOM BOARD MEETING

Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.30 pm

Meeting ended at 21.24 pm.

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Chairman

