

## NORTH CHESHIRE CRUISING CLUB LTD

Minutes of the digital “zoom” Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the abovementioned Club held on Monday 13th June 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) Lyndsay Hillman (Director without Portfolio (Bar) co-opted until the AGM).

### 1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- None

### 2.APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Proposed by ER and Seconded by PR

### 3.MATTERS ARISING:- None

### 4.CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:-

a)The only thing to report is the lack of water and the closure of the locks both at Marple and Bosley, which is due to take place on the 24th June until further notice. This situation has made boating for all of us on the Macc canal extremely difficult and maybe we should as a club write to C&RT to see if (which is highly unlikely) we can get some sort of discount on next year’s licence or a rebate on this year. For those people who are bound by works holidays it will be nigh on impossible to cruise anywhere and if they do they won’t be able to get back passed Bosley and will have to stay out possibly for months.

b)BJ asked why letter not sent to CRT complaining about water level and closure of Marple and Bosley Locks thereby denying boaters access to the main canal network. GN has already sent an e-mail to CRT and received a negative response. It has been suggested that all club members e-mail CRT and complain too. BJ provided Richard Parry’s e-mail address. PS to send draft of e-mail to Board Members for approval before sending it.

c)PS asked JF if he was “Postmaster”. Answer no. “Postmaster” is BJ.

d)Website update. Mike Robison is waiting for RS to send him information he has collated so far so that he can continue with the website as RS has rescinded his volunteer role of webmaster.

e) RB is now on the countdown. He has been sent final letter and now has 30 days left to contact the NCCC, otherwise the boats will belong to NCCC from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

f) The rule book. Pictures for front cover to be sent to all Board Members for them to chose which one will front the rule book.

g)MT to take photos of sample of Rollergate (entrance gate), for discussion at next Board Meeting.

### 5. COMPANY SECRETARY’S REPORT:-

1) Passwords for the website? Have these been given to a Director? Please confirm if you have them. This is now held in abeyance until website up and running.

2) Suggestion Book two new items to discuss as follows:-

IS From 1st April 2022 – wood (logs) free to any member. Needs to be confirmed. This is correct and BBo has been informed by ER.

MS From 22nd May 2022 – Towpath gate at the entry to the arm from the main line.

MS was not aware that access lock to the main canal via the gate had been changed.

Apparently, the lock is only temporary and was fitted by ER. PS apologised to the Board as it

was her fault that the non-member was given the information in pure innocence through MS. At the time the non-member's name was not known but she was recognised.

3) May 2022 approved Minutes displayed on the Notice Board in the clubhouse.

4) Is the date of the next Board Meeting planned for July or September 2022? It was decided to continue with monthly Board Meetings, therefore next one will be in July.

5) Is the clubhouse to close for the months of July and August 2022? Clubhouse will remain open and JF to send an e-mail to all members to inform them of the club remaining open.

6) Letter sent to BBo re breaking club rules.

7) Letter to CRT re state of the Macc and Peak Forest Canals and locks shutting. Draft will be sent to all Board members for approval before being e-mailed and posted to Richard Parry.

8) CRT are receptive to the formation of a User Group serving the Macc and Peak Forest Canals. Would the Board lend their support in that this offers a means of communicating with CRT regarding critical issues on a regular basis? Club Officers would attend by invitation.

Could the NCCC clubroom be used for this purpose as it is central to the waterways and has good road transport links? The Board decided that the clubhouse could be used by the User group free-of-charge.

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

a) Our financial year end is upon us at the end of this month so I will require a stock take of yard and bar stock. I have already pre-empted LH, BBa and HB about this. I will also require Commodore/kitchen expenditure and I will need this by July 31<sup>st</sup> at the latest.

Our accountant Ken Edmonds has retired and moved his client base to a new accountant called Chadwick's who are based in Droylsden and Glossop. One of his staff has moved to the new firm who is the chap that usually does our accounts so that is a plus point, their location is not a great point for getting paperwork to them. I will look into staying with them after the year end accounts are complete.

ER and LH both offered to deliver paperwork to the Accountants as and when necessary.

b) I need to find someone to help with the bookkeeping as the spread sheet is not my thing so if ok by the board, I'll send an email around the membership. For the next financial year, I'm going to look at a more up-to-date accounting package.

GN to be contacted by BJ to ask for help with Accounts as soon as possible. GN is a Chartered Accountant and has volunteered to help BJ.

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

It was a work party on Saturday about 12 people turned up but we got a lot done

The hammer needs to be repaired it will be sent to where we bought it

The sit on will be finished Monday or Tuesday

Also, the Dredgers starter motor needs some repair. Bill Wilkinson will look at it for me.

We have put weed killer down in most places which is safe to use for pets.

We have sorted the lights in the triangle

DB's name is on the "request for a mooring list". Due to the state of his boat he will not be offered a mooring.

There is boat on hardstanding which has had no work carried out on it. ER to make enquiries.

The question of why the big log is under the blue sheet – the wood is waiting to be seasoned.

Batteries going. BJ knows who to contact.

Mower to be repaired tomorrow.

The boat Almost Home – James Cowle - ER says insurance expires 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022. ER to speak to him.

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

Two new members to present, Nigel & Heather Stanley. Also Maggie Smith. N&H Stanley approved. MS refused membership, PR to inform her of Board decision.

b) Paddles for the Defib replaced. Paddles should last until 2024.

#### 9. PREMISES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

a) New battery in downstairs smoke alarm.

b) Leak in ladies wc repaired.

c) Took down the rotten front notice board.

d) MT to ask BBo to book the Brass Band for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

e) Regarding BJ's question re aluminium ladders around the arm. MT is to investigate further.

f) MT said that the walls in the Ladies Toilet cannot support a handle. Matter closed.

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

I have not got a Bar report this month as I am no longer the Club's Licensee.

This brings me to the point of letting the Board know I intend to resign as Director without Portfolio – (Bar) as this role should belong to the Licensee, in this Case, LH who now is in charge of the Club's right to sell Alcohol. I have spoken to LH about my decision.

I feel it is important that the Licensee is in complete control of the running of the bar and all that that entails.

So, by my resigning tonight, it gives the Board of Directors the opportunity to co-op LH onto the board without any further delay, she has been doing a grand job over the last few months of getting the bar working again and is very enthusiastic about making Club night an event Members will want to enjoy coming to again. Admittedly it will take a little time but already bar takings are starting to increase.

LH has some fresh ideas on how to encourage members' interest and becoming the D.W.P – Bar, will have the ability to get on with the job of livening up club nights and other events in the Function room.

I have always enjoyed running the bar in the past, but I believe when you reach the age of 80 it is time to let the younger generation have a go at making things happen.

LH has asked that I still keep the Bar accounts for her until at least the Stocktake at the end of June, and SB to pay the profits into the bank which she has agreed to do as she did for me.

I will let PS have my letter of resignation in the next few days.

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

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

a) The cruises that I had planned went by the "board" due to C&RT's locks closures. In the event 3 boats went up and down the Macclesfield canal for a fortnight, and had a good time. The summer cruise also is kyboshed as the locks at Bosley are to be closed for repair from the 24th June onward so the proposed trip to the Evesham festival will obviously not take place. Maybe I can organise it for next year C&RT and water willing.

b) Apart from that the only other event that did take place was the Queen's Jubilee BBQ. Having said that it was planned for the Sunday in the wonderful sunshine that I ordered, but as we all know it rained and had to be transferred indoors. Thanks to MT for letting us take it into the Clubhouse and LH for allowing the bar to be opened. The turnout, despite the weather, was excellent with 53 people gracing us with their presence. Thanks to the BBQers the noise maker the kitchen staff and the stair runner (MT). Despite the obstacles it went off very well.

c) JF said he needed to sell 45 tickets for each function to make a profit for the club.

### 13.ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

a) BBa has replaced the dimmable LEDS with normal light bulbs as we have no spares available.

b) BBa asked who was in charge of collecting money for use of the paint shed.

Answer HB. Update: No money outstanding. Matter closed.

c)BJ said that PS mentioned the padlock on the back gate which was a combination for a while but has now changed again due to somebody using the gate who I'm told is not even a member, what's the story with this and the persons application? Please see notes under Company Secretary's report.

d) In conversation recently with new members and some who are looking to join, they all make reference to living aboard then talk about getting a mooring in the Arm, are we being clear about our rules to prospective new members? PR said yes, we are.

e) Something BJ has seen at Furness Vale are ladders dotted along their moorings clearly for if somebody falls in. I've thought for a while we should do this and after the incident a few weeks ago it would be quite useful. If anybody didn't hear JG fell in at the triangle and was stuck, CG had to get the ladder from the slipway to help her out. If we got some cheap aluminium ladder sections and positioned them around the Arm, it would be helpful if somebody went in again. Please refer to Premises' Director's Report.

f)LH gave us an insight as to how she sees future activities in the clubhouse on a Friday night, for example:

Meat raffle/karaoke/quiz/play your cards right. We have all the equipment to support her plans behind the curtain in the clubhouse.

g) LH asked what the rule was for bringing non-members into the clubhouse. JF informed her that they would be allowed four visits per year and then would have to join the club.

Associates of the club (non boaters) – will be allowed entry to the clubhouse as long as they join the club.

There was no further business and the meeting ended at 21:08 pm

### 14)DATE OF NEXT ZOOM BOARD MEETING

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30 pm

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Chairman

