

NORTH CHESHIRE CRUISING CLUB LTD

Minutes of the digital “zoom” Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the abovementioned Club held on Monday 11th July 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), 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:- Denise Wright (Director without Portfolio)

2.APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Proposed by ER and Seconded by MT

3.MATTERS ARISING:- None

4.CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:-

LH needs to be Co-opted at this month’s meeting. This was carried out tonight.

RB has had his final letter so the boats will legally belong to the club at midnight on the 14th July. I will send him a courtesy letter on the 12th July explaining the position and that as from midnight on the 14th his boats will belong to the club and that any expense in the disposal will be passed on to him should the board think fit. The last registered letter was sent back to the club this time, usually they send it back to me at home as they ask for your number and postcode. BJ has put it in the back office for it to be collected by JF. RB’s boats are not insured.

There seems to be a lack of communication between the moorings officer and BBo regarding the movement of boats in the arm and the leaving of them. BBo maintains that it is nothing to do with the moorings officer and DH disagrees, so does ER. We need to address this to make sure the position is explained and clarified. JF to send letter.

The Karaoke machine has now been found right at the top at the back of the store cupboard in the club room. Wire needs repair.

I have forwarded a copy of JC’s insurance which has been renewed to ER to cover the time he has left in the arm. He maintains that when his boat is out on the slip, he will along with his dad, fix the boat in the yard. JF to check (survey?)

With regards to the picture for the rule book. BBa has done an aerial view of the club which looks good and sent it to me yesterday. Looking at the pictures sent in, PR seems to think the one KH moored at Mad Jacks should be put on the back and is going to ask AL if this can be done. I will send them round so the board know which they are and we can have the book printed as soon as possible. There is one more thing that needs to go in the rule book?

BJ has contacted GN and sent me his reply. It seems that GN cannot take on any more work due to other commitments.

With regards to roller gates, everybody I have spoken to says that the ram system is far better as the roller ones are constantly breaking down and need repair. They have them at New Mills Marina and they spend more time broken than working. We need to employ an Electrical Contractor – ER to deal with this.

DB's boat – although DB has received notice to quit the arm he cannot move the boat as it will sink. JF said he would check the insurance policy of DB and send a copy to ER. ER said it was not the club's responsibility to cover the costs of removal.

5. COMPANY SECRETARY'S REPORT:-

Website update- see e-mail below from MR:-

“Website structure is in place and is live on nccc.uk.net and also on surfhost.co.uk which is just a temporary address I use.

I am currently trying to retrieve as much as possible of the original information that was on the old website as it was interesting and useful information. As I retrieve it, I am placing it on the new pages and would welcome any feedback or suggestions.

Regarding internet sites, content is key, and any interesting or relevant information can be published at short notice, once the site is finished.

I have received updates from a number of people and the content has been updated on the website already.

Just to clarify there are 3 separate but linked sites under the same umbrella domain. 1 site is for desktop computers, 1 for mobile phones and 1 for tablets, so you will see a difference dependent upon the type of screen you are viewing the site on”.

1. Discuss use of slipway and paint shed by "new members" - ongoing
2. User Group update - date of first meeting is Friday 5th August 2022. BJ offered to send out information via the Postmaster service to all members when required. JF wants the Board to be kept informed of any developments.
3. Letter of resignation received from Bob Barlow
4. No new entries in Suggestion Book

6. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

I'm on with the year end and in communication with the new accountant to get it done.

I may need help bringing some bookkeeping up to date and have had offers of help.

GN is unable to help with any finance work so we could do with finding someone to help and look at a more modern package of electronic accounting. GN has given some good advice and I've asked the accountants for their advice too.

I am waiting for the Bar accounts and stocktake and the Commodore/Kitchen accounts to come in.

From what I can see with boat licences there will be members who have not used our Agent to licence as per the mooring conditions. It has been mentioned regularly that we will start charging members for lost commission and I did put it in last year's covering mooring letter. I am going to consult JK to see if we can work out the exact lost commission if not consider just

an average fine per boat. It may involve upsetting some people but it has been mentioned enough.

Three members do not follow the procedure and although the Board were informed of their names, the names will not be entered in the Minutes.

It was decided that an e-mail is to be sent out via Postmaster reminding members that if they moor in the arm they must licence their boats through the club. This is in the Mooring Conditions and they will subsequently be charged for the lost commission by NCCC.

I sourced a battery and starter motor for the machine and am looking at a solar panel with cut-off switch to keep the battery charged up. This has been done.

I did not realise it was a work party this weekend or if the bar was open on Saturday hence no Postmaster email was sent out to remind members. If people can remind me of events happening, I will send out the emails.

MR asked me about access to the web domain as he was not getting far with RS, I gave him this and I think it is helping his progress.

Regarding the letter PS sent to C&RT shall I send an email to members advising we have written to them and what the response was? It was agreed by the Board that BJ should send round copy letters to members via the Postmaster, so that they are all kept informed of CRT's response. Perhaps copies should be displayed on the Notice Board in the Workshop. BJ to decide.

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

The sit-on grass cutter is working

Still waiting for the hammer to come back – ER to ring for update.

Have done some dredging

Lawn mower is ok

Had a work party cleared and cut grass. 10 volunteers only this month.

8. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

Ronald and Cathryn Moores - n/b Sandpiper. Moored at Furness Vale. Length of boat 43 ft. These two have been in club before about 14 years ago. They live near Fred Pennel who knows them and has seconded them.

Liz Kessler/Laura Tonge - n/n Ikea. Moored at Victoria Pitt. Length of boat 60 ft.

These two live on their boat and have applied to come into the paint shed. PR said she had nothing to do with this as it has all gone through BBo. Johnny, the boat painter, is doing some painting on the boat so told them about the paint shed. BBo tells me he has discussed this with ER and they have agreed if the girls join they can use the shed. They are new members and should have waited the required amount of time before being granted use of the shed. ER to speak to the two ladies re rules of membership tomorrow.

Just for the records – prospective new members of the club should visit the club on three separate club nights, so that members may meet them.

LH asked why payment is made in advance before new members have been approved by the Board.

9. PREMISES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-Nothing to report this month, except an update.

Advertising Board near the A6 – bottom half of board ok. Scaffolding poles may be used to enable support.

10. DIRECTOR WITHOUT PORTFOLIO - BAR REPORT:-

Just to confirm that BBa and I are doing the final stock take and handover this Wednesday morning so we can send the information over as soon as we have completed it.

I'm planning a quiz night at the end of the month followed shortly after by karaoke, just nailing down dates then I'll draft an email to be sent and also look at preparing some posters for the workshop, club house and bar.

We took some good money over the bar on Friday and Saturday (working party) but the Friday before there was only 7 (including me!) so will be keeping an eye on that over July and August.

I'm going to look at a quiet weekend and intend to pull everything out the bar, fridges the lot as it needs a full on deep clean! I'm going to try and do it when there's a working party and ask some that attend to come and help indoors.

LH mentioned that we may need a new till in the not-too-distant future. Cost of new till somewhere in the region of £7/8000.00.

11. DIRECTOR WITHOUT PORTFOLIO REPORT – DW:- Absent

12. COMMODORE'S REPORT:-Nothing to report

13.ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

- a) Ladders and Life Belts in place around the canal arm. JF to bring two from home.
- b) MT asked JF how much money was taken during Sunday Lunches. JF said he possibly made £250.00. Final figure not known.
- c) Gate and Workshop entry code to be changed beginning of August. Whilst the code was agreed this will not be confirmed in writing in these Minutes.
- d) Notices via Postmaster to be circulated to members to say:-
 - 1) please park your car on the grassed area of the club building not in main yard if you are sailing for any length of time.
 - 2) Whiteley Green – please do not use chains/hooks to secure boats. Please use pins as the piling is weak.
- e) CCTV has shown another boat moored next to GL's why – BJ discussed this during meeting. What can be done to stop this?
- f) Bags of general rubbish put in bottle bin. Perhaps painted sign needed on bin.
- g) JF said he had received complaint from DH about BBo agreeing to a boat sailing into the arm without his knowledge. This is not BBo's responsibility. ER to speak to HB.
- h) JF asked about the tariff for the Electricity. Are we paying a new price? BJ said he had no idea how tariffs are set out. He will check every post, but first needs to check charge (18p fixed tariff).
- i) Is the wooden yacht under the sheet on the hardstanding fully comp – ER to check.
- j) Has brass band been booked for 18th December 2022? Yes

There was no further business and the meeting ended at 21:45 pm

14)DATE OF NEXT ZOOM BOARD MEETING

Monday 8th August 2022 at 7.30 pm

Chairman

