

## THE NORTH CHESHIRE CRUISING CLUB LTD

Minutes of the digital “zoom” Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the abovementioned Club held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7.30 pm

### PRESENT:-

John Fenton (Chairman), Pam Suggitt (Company Secretary), Eric Roberts, (Land & Water Space Director), Pam Russell, (Membership Services Director), Martin Tattersall, (Premises Director), Denise Wright (Director without Portfolio)  
Lyndsay Hillman (Director without Portfolio (Bar) co-opted until the AGM).

### 1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- None

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

### 3.MATTERS ARISING:- None

### 4.CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:-

RB was informed by letter that he no longer was the owner of the two boats in the yard due to the rule of Tort and that they would now be disposed of and any cost would be passed on to him to be included in the amount he owes the club. In the event MR found a man online called Chris Fox from Warwickshire who was prepared to purchase the boats as projects even though they were in a dilapidated state for the sum of £500. The money was electronically transferred into our bank account. The boats have now been taken away and we are left with two hardstanding spaces which we can let off. RB actually owes us £3558.29 and if we take off the £500, we received from Chris Fox then that leaves £3058.29. The board need to make a decision whether to pursue this or not for the records. It was decided not to pursue.

As you all know BJ resigned last week, which as I said in the letter that I sent round means that at the moment we do not have anyone who is doing the bookkeeping. I was reminded that Ruth Smith expressed an interest in doing the books at the same time as BJ took on the role a few years ago. I have therefore contacted her and she is going to get in touch with BJ to see what the job entails before making any kind of commitment. If anybody knows anyone (member or otherwise) that is able to take on this role please contact me asap. It must be stressed that the club cannot employ them as such. BJ has said that he will give Ruth any help and information she needs. With regard to the ‘books’, BJ has sorted out the VAT returns with the help of the accountants and has done and is going to send the end of year returns this week.

In my last report I said that MT and I would change the gate code last Sunday (7th Aug), but this didn’t happen. We have agreed to do it this Friday and I asked MR to send out an email to all members telling them that this will happen this Friday (12th Aug), he also sent out the new code as well.

I was contacted last week by phone by Dennis Beardmore who isn’t happy that we have asked him to move his boat out of the arm. He sited lots of reasons why his boat wasn’t finished and ready to remove, most of them are reasons that are not relevant to the club, like the welder letting him down time and again and would you believe the covid lockdown two years ago to mention a few. The conversation lasted quite a long time and I managed to

decipher half of the conversation in between the “what do you me call its” and “thing y me bobs”. In the end I said to him that he needed to write a letter addressed to me for the attention of the board so I could bring it up for discussion at tonight’s meeting. He said that he would discuss it with Clare Webster and compose one. Thus far I haven’t received any correspondence from him. Obviously, the situation needs to be discussed and some strategy worked out by the board as we can’t allow this situation to continue, nor can we expect ER to sort it out on his own. JF to discuss third party insurance with DB.

Lastly, I’d like to apologise for using an expletive at last month’s meeting when describing a member’s dissatisfaction over not being consulted over boat movements, whilst it described his mood exactly, it wasn’t called for.

#### 5. COMPANY SECRETARY’S REPORT:-

- 1) Passwords for the website? Have these been given to a Director? – Answer no
- 2) Suggestion Book – anything to report? Nothing to report
- 3) Rule Book update please
- 4) Date of AGM? Changed to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- 5) Name of Directors who are due for retirement/re-election, i.e.  
Eric Roberts, Pam Suggitt, Martin Tattersall, Denise Wright  
Eric Roberts wishes to remain as Land & Water Space Director  
Martin Tattersall and Denise Wright to resign at the AGM
- 6) PS has received Bill of Sale for RB’s two boats from ER. This is to be filed in RB’s file
- 7) When the new Finance Director position has been filled may we please have a monthly balance sheet which used to be normal practice, but isn’t at the moment.

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

The hammer was picked up from Cannock last Friday and taken to Harvey engineering. They are going to repair it, we hope  
Starter motor replaced and battery replaced  
The lock on the back gate has been replaced with permanent lock  
The piling is on standby  
The Last boathouse is being pulled down  
The Rodney boats have been taken away and we were paid £500 good deal

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

Chris and Debra Kelly  
N/B Hirondelle 62ft

These two have bought the boat from K&D Wright. They live in Florida USA and are planning on dividing their time between both countries. At the moment moored at Heritage.

Alan Stabler

N/B Winnes Destiny 50ft Moored at Victoria Pit

Alan is a retired Marine engineer. He does not live on his boat. He lives in Irlam. Has not mentioned wanting a mooring. He has been at Vic Pit for 3 years.

He has enquired as to having his boat out, maybe on hardstanding?

Liz and Laura who joined last month have now sold their boat and requested a refund. It was decided to refund £85.00

9. PREMISES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

Advertising Board near the A6 completed. Looks great. Thank you to MT and JT from the Board.

MT will not be standing for re-election. Gave his apologies for non-attendance at the September Board Meeting and also the AGM.

10. DIRECTOR WITHOUT PORTFOLIO - BAR REPORT:-

Good turn out on quiz night. Turnover took £300.00 approx.

Two functions planned for the future. Draft poster ready.

Rob Shaw will be in charge of the bar, as LH away on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

27<sup>th</sup> August bar will not be open

Bar needs cleaning. Maybe during work parties in September or October 2022.

11. DIRECTOR WITHOUT PORTFOLIO REPORT – Nothing to report

12. COMMODORE'S REPORT:-

Nothing really to report other than I am planning a BBQ on Saturday (27<sup>th</sup> Aug) of the bank holiday weekend. I will be sending out an email via postmaster reminding everyone. As with the last one I am hoping to have it on the triangle, but it may if the weather is inclement end up in the building. Fingers crossed. Fresh burgers to be sold. Advance notice to be sent to members via Postmaster advising price.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

It was decided that:-

when BJ and RS had a meeting that SB and PS would also attend. Other members of board were invited, but declined. DW said that anything to do with accounts was not for her.

That two other people should have access to the bank account.

Gas cylinder invoice to be checked.

Rule Book. Draft copy to be checked and if acceptable, to be printed.

£210.57 lunch money taken by Commodore for the year.

Visitors book to be signed when non-members attend club, due to fire regulations.

The wharf committee had agreed new prices for next year and these new increases were approved by the Board. SB has new price list.

BBo has key to pillars. ER to ask BBo for the key.

Key to post box needs to be handed in.

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

14) DATE OF NEXT ZOOM BOARD MEETING

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30 pm

Chairman .....

