

NORTH CHESHIRE CRUISING CLUB LTD

Minutes of the Fourth digital “zoom” meeting of the Board of Directors of the abovementioned Club on Monday 12th April 2021 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). Martin Tattersall, (Premises Director),

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- Bob Barlow, (Director without Portfolio - Bar)

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

3. MATTERS ARISING:-None

4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:-

As you may have seen the Cricket club is well on the way with its road update. Fortunately, it doesn't involve us so I was shouting before I'd been hit.

We still need to make a definite decision as to whether we give them any money or not. I know the general consensus was no. Food for thought, it may be to our advantage in the future to give a small amount as we have been given a reasonable amount from the council. I have sent the insurance details off to C&RT, although they haven't acknowledged receipt (typical).

I have been sent another insurance document from Griffith and Armour for the excavator in the amount of £349.20 +IPT. Don't know if that was included in the original amount or not. Will need to contact Bill J.

I am attaching a letter that was sent to Eric R from Hazel Bowker. It would appear that she would like an answer. This will need to be discussed as neither she nor Brian have made a definite decision and the letter is very nondescript.

I sent an email to Malcolm Bridge to which he replied that he would pay up before the due date and was happy to do so and has arranged with Sheila B to sort it out. This surprised me somewhat as I expected some resistance, but he was most affable about it.

I have almost completed a letter to Rodney Bostock, all I am waiting for now is the surveyors report to attach a copy with it. The surveyor came on Saturday just gone and will be sending his findings to me as soon as possible. He, like we, came to the conclusion that the boats were not worth a carrot, but nonetheless we will need to submit a copy with the letter to Rodney. I am assuming that he will not reply to the letter that will be sent (one through his letter box with a picture and another via Royal mail recorded delivery), but we have to be seen to be going through the motions. We will need to discuss how we intend to dispose of the boats as and when?

Pam S I assumed that everyone knew the WiFi code hence the reason why I didn't send it. Anyway it is NCCC-C8426Y. If anyone wishes to log into the cameras then they need to go to the club and get the QR code on top of the system box before they can log onto the CCTV. Ian Hooper has done some crib sheets which are in the workshop office.

With regard to the circuit board under the stairs it hasn't been tested nor have we had a quote from them to do it. As far as I know we have paid the invoice, but haven't to my knowledge received the certificate mentioned in the letter (attached) or if we have I haven't seen it.

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

6. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

Bin collections start again Monday 12th. They kept taking the money so I'm now trying to get a credit note off them and may look at another supplier to save money.

Most mooring money is in, just a couple of stragglers who Sheila has messaged.

I've got rates bills for most of the boat sheds that average 32 to 45 pounds each and half are empty so the sooner they are down we save money.

Other Business

Members need reminding the bins are not for their private waste, hard to police but it's ridiculous what has been put in them and that's why we have had to start up collections again.

Dog mess around the arm is more noticeable again.

If we have a skip which I agree is needed at times but at 200 a go we need to justify it as the bins are 176 per month and a skip sat there is a convenient bin which has a lot of grass cutting in it. We have a big compost area on the triangle and could make more and seems mad to pay to dispose of garden waste on a site our size.

My view on cricket club is the same. That road is brilliant but only has tarmac to their gate not ours. They declined to put anything towards the fence. We have a lot of money to put into moorings and repairs and get nothing towards it.

This afternoon I heard a canoe go past my boat, I got out and shouted its private and no through route and he carried on just saying he was only looking! I'm guessing it was just a nosey local he was middle aged on a kayak.

re Outstanding jobs list

- 1) Pat test I have paperwork and will pass to you when possible, for filing.
- 2) Moorings, there is list in workshop and not sure if there are any other enquiries but we could do with some.
- 3) Action Plan. Eric said in a meeting that he is happy with the piling team but we need sheds down first which needs a few bodies on work parties so I guess some kind of plan.
- 4) Rodney Bostock is now with John to send the next letter which he was doing over a month ago so assume it's done so we then can proceed.
- 5) Boat Arrangement, it was suggested and I'll try and knock something up at some point.
- 6) Moorings officer, last I heard position is vacant and Eric had someone in mind, needs advertising or something as important we have one.
- 7) Hazel is fine with the card machine and John S is promoting it in the Ditchcrawler and I will implement the 1% handling charge on July 1st for sales over £50 as members will have had notice by then.
- 8) Extending the wifi is ongoing as I'm unsure how we would do it but am going to enquire.

9) Bins, see my report.

10) Hard Standing agreement, it's in progress so will finish as and when I can.

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

Taylor Maid has now been sold to Roland Dotchin on Saturday the 10th April

The land past Ron Axon the piling has been finished in that area till a later date.

The land scaping will be done with good weather on Saturday.

Hazel is still not sure if she will carry on and there may be a letter from them for the Monday meeting ?A letter has been received from both Hazel and Brian. PS replied as suggested by JF at this meeting. Draft to be approved before sending to H&B. Letter in post. The wall is still on going we have a member who has offered to repair the wall when the weather gets better

8. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

Two new members to pass. They are David Mallen and Krystina Hood. Their boat is called Fiddlers Green.

9. PREMISES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

On the 30th March I met the boiler engineer from Certas energy for the annual service. He informed me that from this year before they start any work on boilers they take an emissions reading. He thought they were the only company doing that and it is not a legal requirement.

The result from the emissions test proved to be higher than what their company approves of and so service was not carried out. The boiler meanwhile is still in full working order.

I have yet to find another company to do the service, as the engineer thought not all companies do this precheck as because it's an oil fired boiler they are not legally bound to do it.

He also suggested that a carbon monoxide alarm be fitted in the workshop which I have done.

He said there would be no charge for the visit and up to press we haven't received anything.

This morning Sunday 11th April I met a couple who wanted to view the room with maybe the intention of holding their wedding reception there in September, they seemed keen so time will tell.

10. DWP BAR REPORT:-

Submitted but did not attend meeting due to hospital visit

I met Craig Jones at the club to let him in to replace the hard-drive in the CCTV Recorder.

Other Board Members also joined us to see how to operate the remote access to the CCTV Pictures.

Craig explained how to install the MAXX App on our phones and demonstrated how it should work.

While he was installing the replacement Hard-drive to the Recorder I decided to clean the bar beer lines and check the cooling system was still working OK.

This took me around an hour by which time Craig had installed the hard-drive and was checking it out. There appeared to be some sort of fault with the CCTV system, so I left Craig with John Fenton as I had a previous appointment and had to depart.

A couple of days later I switched on my phone and opened the MAXX App to see how the job had gone. There were a number of cameras not working and some were, the ones working were continually switching on and off. I have just opened the app on my phone now

and there appears to be 10 working ok at the moment and one not showing a picture, 11 in total? When they were first installed there were 16 cameras.? My experience with CCTV cameras when run on Wi-Fi is not extensive, but the main problem is that they are normally on 2.4 gigahertz and so are most other domestic equipment in built-up areas, The club is situated in a heavily built-up area with lots of domestic premises around it, where more than likely people will be making use of wi-fi appliances, most commonly used is the 2.4 gigahertz (120 mm) UHF for TV remotes and the like. As most of our cameras are outside and away from the club house the surrounding wi-fi systems may be overwhelming the clubs and causing interference with its 2.4 Gigahertz frequencies. Possibly causing the intermittent on/off flashing. Maybe Craig has already sorted them out. The one camera not working I think it's the one in the triangle

Don't know what Craig can do about it, other than possibly changing our cameras wi-fi to 5.0 gigahertz frequencies where there is a lot less domestic traffic. Something needs doing about it as at present that one's just about useless I think. I thought I was told there were 2 cameras in the triangle?

11. DWP REPORT – DW:– nothing to Report

12. COMMODORE'S REPORT:-

Again very quiet on the commodore front. I did run an Easter bonnet and ties competition obviously over the Easter weekend. I had 10 entries all of which were excellent.

Winners were.

Joint first - Bonnets - Claire Williamson + Kath Sutton

Third - Pam Pilpel

First - Ties - Martin Tattersall

First Junior Bonnets - Harriet Shaw

First Junior Ties - George Shaw

Everybody who took part is going to get an Easter egg. The winners a slightly better one!

Lets hope we can get them to the contestants before they go out of date.

The week before this I helped with the raffle draw which should have taken place 18 months ago, but because of the pandemic had to be delayed.

Winners were

First - Sheila Barlow who won an Easter bunny

Second - Claire Williamson

Third - Jan Tattersall

All of the above will be put in the next edition of the Ditchcrawler.

13.ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

a) the front gate code to be changed. Discussion about using fobs. MT to make enquiries at Furness Vale BC and JF to obtain prices.

b) ER to inspect the front gates and report on state of gates.

c) dog excrement – dogs to be kept on lead, within eye sight. Worst culprit has been named but not recorded in minutes.

d) Canal & River Trust North West Annual public meeting 28th April at 2pm. Any interest? No response. Information sent via PS by Email.

14) DATE OF NEXT ZOOM BOARD MEETING:-

Monday 10th May 2021 at 7.30 pm

Meeting ended at 21.05 pm.