

NORTH CHESHIRE CRUISING CLUB LTD

Minutes of the first digital “zoom” meeting of the Board of Directors of the abovementioned Club on Monday 4th January 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), Bob Barlow, (Director without Portfolio - Bar), Denise Wright (Director without Portfolio).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-

Martin Tattersall, (Premises Director)

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING – none to approve.

3. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The people from the telephone company came and felled some overhanging branches from the trees between us and the cricket club. They were going to come back with a cherry picker to attend to some they couldn’t reach, but that hasn’t happened to date.

U.K. safety management has been in touch and they came and carried out the appliance testing 10th December 2020. The cost was the same as last year £99 up to 60 items then 99p for each item after that then VAT. I assume Bill has had a bill for this and paid it?

Whilst they were testing they discovered that the main circuit board under the stairs hadn’t been tested for a number of years and were/are going to send and estimate for the job. To date no estimate has been received.

The music licence for the club was due (15/12/20) and an invoice was raised totalling £141.55. I contacted them and explained that we weren’t doing any form of music at the moment and the gentleman (Karl) was very sympathetic and said that they had assumed as much and have suspended the account and have given us a credit, to be redeemed as and when we resume any such activities.

I have emailed Stephen Hough of C&RT with the insurance that I think he requires I have asked that he contact me if they require any further information, but I won’t hold my breath.

3. Company Secretary’s Report- nothing to report

A letter to be sent to Brian Bowker asking for payment outstanding. Draft letter to be approved by all Board members before delivering letter.

4. Finance Director's Report

Pat test is paid and certificate passed to Pam for filing.

I have attached a copy of the latest accounts for the year ending 30/06/2020. In short, we did ok regarding how the financial year finished. Let's hope we can keep it the same. The membership and moorings are our main source of income and are both healthy, with the structure change of the membership payment that will not affect this financial year and will all be encased in next year (2021/22).

Moorings are the biggest concern for revenue and are not too bad at the moment, but we do have space for more boats, I hope Eric can give us an update on the waiting mooring list in the workshop as there are boats on there so would be nice to see some of the spaces filled. The stretch down to the bridge is a real priority for revenue and upkeep of the property. I think we need an action plan to turn that area into safe usable moorings again, we need to face the fact we will never get it done on our own, we have the money in the bank and I suggest we pull the sheds down, clear the banks and get some contractors to pile it and get some boats down there. Revenue aside just talking to neighbours and people in the village, they are impressed with what we have done so far and look forward to seeing it finished.

Most of you are aware we have a card machine in the workshop now which Pam R has used for some payments but I'm struggling to get Hazel on board, I hardly see her or Brian when I am there and even though there are written instructions, they don't seem keen to have a go. We have not had one wharf sale on the machine yet. I will try and meet them this weekend to show them but we also need a sale to demonstrate so if anybody is planning a purchase at the club let me know. The charge is 1.6% on sales which is not bad and I propose we charge 1% on sales over f50.

The lease which was renewed June 2018 has finally been approved by the Land Registry Commission and I'm awaiting our official copy off the Solicitor. I do have a copy C&RT sent to me that lives in the office but I can circulate it.

Debt. I have spent the last few years constantly chasing Rodney Bostock and he always pays about 6 months in arrears, it's not ideal and lately he is getting slower, I have written to him twice recently and he eventually hand delivers a cheque to the Club. Nothing has arrived yet and I was going to have one last attempt with recorded delivery to be sure he receives it. He has no known phone number so after that it's a case of knocking on his door.

Adrian Case (Taylor Maid) is another who has been hard work and he should be paying any day to be up to date. He also was unlicensed but I believe that has been sorted out.

Moving forward with arrangements for boats coming into the Arm I think something should be put in writing about what is charged to the person before they take a mooring, I know we do an invoice but maybe a quote or pro forma so costs are agreed before they are in the Arm and it becomes awkward. There has been a mix up with Malcom Bridge who has got a cheap short-term mooring paying monthly. Also, Brian is disputing some charges with his other boat which may be resolved now but I'll know in a few days. Is there any news on having a Moorings Officer?

Bank balances are, in the daily account £28511,40 having just paid the latest rent quarter of 10.5k.

Savings account is £122568.88

Any questions over the accounts or anything please email me direct and I'll do my best.

5. LAND & WATER SPACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Piling is mostly done and the land just the other side of Ron Axon's boathouse needs landscaping.

Workparties – a couple of people turned up on the dates and a small amount of work was carried out and we kept to the rules as best we could.

A little money was spent on oil for the machine and some rubble to go over the mud.

There are 9 boathouses yet to be dismantled. Problem with wall yet to be solved.

Help available to dismantle boathouses.

6. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Everyone has paid membership apart from Rodney Bostock. I think Bill has sent a letter to him but at this time he is not a member.

If nothing turns up John and I can call at his house, as his hardstanding will be due again soon.

Two new members

Phil Dease

25 ft narrow boat Barb Jan.No 6

Phil and Lorna Maloney know him.

Michael Robinson 60 ft at Lyme View called "Meredith Rose.

7. PREMISES DIRECTOR'S REPORT – nothing to Report

8. DWP Bar Report

On 15 March 2020 we held an Open meeting for the Membership. this was the final Bar opening prior to my deciding it was unsafe to continue opening the Bar on Club nights.

I informed the Board of my opinion it being unsafe to open the bar as the Pandemic was beginning to take a hold on the community.

The Board agreed and the Postmaster informed the Membership the Club house would be closed until further notice.

Prior to the Race Night on the 14 March 2020, I had opened new Kegs of Carlsberg and Becks Bier, having ordered a delivery from Bollington's Brewery on the 11 March.

I had had the becks in stock but required the Carlsberg as was very low. in the same order was 48 cans of Surger Guinness, 56 bottles of Wainwrights 24 bottles of Britvic 55 Orange and 51t of Blackcurrant cordial.

The Worthington's Bitter had run out at the race night, but I had not had time to order any prior to deciding to close the bar.

The following week I drained down the beer pipes and cleaned them with sterilising fluid in accordance with the Brewery's instructions and then filled them with water as required.

I replenished the water on a fortnightly basis, during the months of April through August.

In July whilst doing the stocktake I checked the dates on bottles etc and found most were out-of-date. but not all Some bottles were in date until November, I informed the Chairman of the situation, the ones that were out of date, these could not legally be sold and had to be disposed of,

It was agreed that the out-of-date stock could be put in the workshop and left for any member to take what they wanted free of any charge, but a donation would be appreciated.

Within a few days all the stock had gone and there were donations totalling £32. As at that time it was thought we would be able to reopen the Bar soon, so I hung on to the stock still in date. In December checked on the remaining stock everything was out of date save for the Bottles of wine and 16 Bottles of VIC's, 2 trays of Ginger Beer; and the 51t flagon of Blackcurrant. It was decided to leave the out-of-date stock in the workshop, again it was disposed of quite quickly and donations to the value of £48 was received- This makes a final total of £80 donated for the out-of-date stock, Which I have added to the float of £157.42 left after the last banking on 16th March 2020, (Banked £700} I still hold £100 float for Club nights and the £400 float for Club and Private Events, in the Bar Safe.

That completes my report.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Rule book dated 2012 to be e-mailed to all Directors by Bill Jewsbury, for alterations and additions.
- b) Lease to be sent out by e-mail by Bill Jewsbury to all Directors.
- c) Frost stat is working in the clubhouse.
- d) Camera – password needs confirming.
- e) Circuit board. electrical test– last done 2011? Fairly important that we arrange for this to be carried out.

Meeting ended at 21:15 pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th February 2021 at 7.30 pm by zoom