

NORTH CHESHIRE CRUISING CLUB LTD

Minutes of the third digital “zoom” meeting of the Board of Directors of the abovementioned Club on Monday 8th March 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), Bob Barlow, (Director without Portfolio - Bar)

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- none

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Proposed by BJ and Seconded by DW

3. MATTERS ARISING:-

As pointed out by BJ, the date has been typed incorrectly in his report by PS. It should read 1st April not 21st April. This has been amended.

ER said he had not received a copy of the Minutes. PS said she would send a copy to him asap.

4. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:-

As per last month I haven’t got a lot to report, so here goes.

As many of you know the treasurer of High Lane Cricket Club phoned me a fortnight ago. He explained that the road to the cricket club was being updated and he led me to believe that it was the road/lane that ran down the side of the club.

After further investigation and a very helpful article from Bob Barlow’s daughter it wasn’t the case, it was Middlewood Road up to the turn off for the Cricket club and down to its car park.

The reason behind his phone call was to ask if we (NCCC) wanted to make a donation toward this upgrade. Essentially, this would make little difference to us as we rarely use the back entrance to the triangle. However, on the rare occasion that we need to get to the triangle area with our cars it could prove very useful.

Having said that they have received a grant of £175k so I'm not too sure whether we ought to donate or not. I will leave it to the Board to decide on Monday. After discussion it was decided not to donate.

Following on from that I received a phone call from Cllr Aron Thornley inviting the club to join in a zoom meeting (details below should anyone wish to attend) to organise a celebration of the coming out from covid.

Topic: High Lane Coming out of Covid Celebration

Time: Mar 25, 2021 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81960909388?pwd=bG9FUDBZa21MUl0aE9DRUtwajJidz09>

Meeting ID: 819 6090 9388

Passcode: 913564

From the conversation we had this is a meeting to organise a get together at the cricket club after the covid restrictions are over and this meeting is to discuss how they should be organised. He said that it is open to all of High Lane. I dread to think how many people will be at this meeting, its bad enough with only 8 of us.

The insurance has been sorted out for this year and I have passed the invoice (£3,620.20) on to Bill who has promptly paid it (thank goodness for the latest grant from the council). I haven't yet received the policies, but when I do, I will pass them on to C&RT as they requested.

Rodney Bostock – So far Geoff Taylor has been round to his address twice and posted notes through the letter box asking him to get in touch with the club. Pam and I have been round three times the last two times posting notes through his letter box. Bill has written to him three times the last one being a registered letter which has been signed for and it can be seen through the window unopened and on the side. I have contacted Eric Sutton who hasn't had any contact with Rodney for a number of years. Eric S knows Dave Fawbert and has said he will contact him and see if he knows anything,

although he did say that Rodney had a falling out with Dave a number of years ago and thinks they haven't spoken since. Anyway, I will wait and see.

It would appear that Brian Bowker has spoken to his friend in Garstang about this dilemma and he told him he had a similar scenario and imparted some quite useful information to him.

He said the procedure for this is what's known as – Tort interference of goods act. Apparently, we have had to send Rodney three letters over a period of three months culminating with a fourth letter which has to be registered.

Then we have to wait a further month and send a further registered letter, in it we have to explain the steps we have taken with regard to getting in touch with him and tell him his predicament and that we will give him a further month to remove his property otherwise we will dispose of it. We then need to get a written quote as to what his property is worth and send it to him and when we dispose of it, should we get any money for it we have to deduct what he owes us and any residue that is left we have to return to him.

If we can get in touch and sort it out it would be infinitely easier, but as you know so far, we have drawn a blank. Hopefully, Eric S will get back to me soon and we can go from there.

It was decided to wait for Dave Forbert to contact us to let us know how he has progressed. JF to write to Rodney Bostock again.

5. COMPANY SECRETARY'S REPORT:-

PS is still waiting for the PAT test report from JF

6. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

- a) I've paid the Clubs insurance as requested by John.
- b) I've stopped the bin collections for waste and glass till further notice, I did ask for once a month but the minimum they offer is fortnightly so I will judge it in April and arrange fortnightly and monitor it. I would ask that if we do any gardening or work parties to not put green waste in the bins but use the shredders and compost area on the triangle. That would be a better way for green waste on an environmental scale.
- c) The grant money landed so will be absorbed into the current account for running the Club, I've said to Bob when the time comes some of this money can restock the bar, so it re-opens fully stocked and not in a deficit.
- d) I updated in a previous email the latest on Rodney Bostock which we still have no word and another letter is being sent by John Fenton.

e) With Adrian Case his son is meeting Eric to discuss the situation and I offered to attend to give him advice on what it will entail to make the boat useable.

f) Copy of Rule Book sent to ER

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

Sorry this report is a bit late but I was waiting to see Adrian Case's son as his father has died he is going to sell the boat (Taylor Maid) he said he would meet me on Sunday 7th March but he did not appear so I rang him and said he forgot. The boat is worth nothing as it is in such a bad state.

Hazel sent me a letter 24th February saying she was giving up the job of Wharf supervisor - which will be a shame she will be missed. We need to send a letter thanking her for all the hard work she has done.

The slipway will be open from 29th March 2021.

8. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

We have one new Associate member, Mr Roland Dotchin. At the moment he does not own a boat. Mr Dotchin is the National Treasurer of the AWCC. Hazel Bowker is to be asked to confirm that she still wishes to resign from her position, as the handbook is at the draft stage with her name printed in it.

PREMISES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:- nothing to Report

10. DWP BAR REPORT:- nothing to Report

11. DWP REPORT – DW:– nothing to Report

12. COMMODORE'S REPORT:-

I asked John Suggitt to put an article in the last edition of the Ditchcrawler advertising the fact that as we can't have a normal Easter bonnet and ties competition, that I was going have one online like last year and that people should post pictures to me via any electronic means of them wearing their creation. So far Gill Ling has sent in her entry and Kath Sutton is going to do the same. I will send an email out reiterating this closer to the time. There will be prizes for the winners.

One to keep in mind. Phil Maloney has contacted me to tell me that the Macc Canal is going to have its very own floating pizza boat called 'The Waltzing

Matilda". It is still in the kitting out stage, but it should be up and running for late May, just in time I hope for the lockdown to have finished. Not sure about prices but will let you know as and when.

13.ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

a) BJ mentioned that the Matilda Pizza Boat information he provided for John Suggitt to include in the Spring Ditchcrawler has been omitted. PS to ask JS about it.

b) Malcolm Bridge intends to keep his boat in the arm beyond the original agreement which was the end of March. He has been advised by email that he will have to take on a yearly mooring and have to pay accordingly. He maintains that he will set up a payment plan as soon as possible. JF said that MB has informed him that according to the Doctors he will probably not be able to move his boat till the end of June if everything goes to plan, but he is hoping for an earlier escape. He has already been advised by ER that he would not be allowed to stay on the boat as he would then be a liveaboard, which is not allowed.

c) BJ given permission to move his boat into the "shed" for repair.

d) BJ has mentioned before that we need an agreement for hardstanding members, the mooring agreement does cover hardstanding but not in the best detail, it's too much about moorings. Hardstanding would need a simple declaration to sign with proof of liability insurance which once printed need to be sent to all members on hardstanding which would be good this month as bills are sent at the end of March. I am happy to arrange this agreement if the Board agree.

14) DATE OF NEXT ZOOM BOARD MEETING:-

Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30 pm. It was agreed to carry on with Zoom meetings and to pay a subscription fee of £9.99 a month, for 12 months, effective immediately.