



SOCIAL AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES - Sunday 10 December 2023

Commodore Ambitions and Aims of Events Committee

Ambitions for Commodore – to increase the level of involvement and participation of the membership, to re-establish the many social events and cruises that longer standing members speak so fondly of and to grow the sense of community within the club.

The Social and Entertainment Committee will be an integral part of bringing about these ambitions and it is intended that they should be actively involved in deciding on and organising future events. The Committee will stay in place when the Commodore changes to ensure continuity and support.

1. Meeting Number 2 : 10 December 2023 – meeting open 13.15 pm.

These notes are intended to be a brief reminder of items discussed and actions taken or outstanding, rather than formal minutes. A summary of the meeting will be included in the Ditchcrawler to keep the membership informed.

2. Attendees

Members present – Tim (Commodore) and Ruth Smith, Pam Russell, John Fenton, Mike Sellars, Mike Hodgkinson, Gordon Smith,(minutes), Nigel and Heather Stanley, Marilyn Speechley (part), Chris Potter (part)

Apologies for absence – Debbie Smith

3. Agenda

Discuss 2023 Christmas party and plan details of New Year's Day 2024, Cruise.

4. Christmas Party 9 December 2023

- 4.1.1. Commodore, gave a full round up and positive feedback received from members, members family and guests regarding Christmas Party.
- 4.2. Special thank-you to all volunteers who made the event most successful.
- 4.2.1. Items to be discussed/ reviewed for next NCCC forthcoming event – Fitting Out Supper.
- 4.2.2. Entertainment
- 4.2.3. Food and service

- 4.2.4. Event prizes
- 4.2.5. The introduction by Commodore putting the word out to businesses and marine services for contribution towards Raffle Prize has been a huge success.
- 4.3. Mike Hodgkinson offered to ask for future prizes from Shipshape Marina.
- 4.4. It was agreed that the present NCCC Christmas Decorations be replaced.
- 4.4.1. Nigel and Heather, offered to look into special deals from John Lewis, clearing of 2023 Xmas decorations. Expenditure, further discussions to follow this meeting between Commodore and other NCCC budgets, regarding transfer of monies.
- 4.4.2. Income from Christmas Party no specific numbers, both bar and raffle prize both positive and encouraging.

5. New Years Day 2024 - Cruise

- 5.1.1. Commodore announced presently there are 12 boats attending. Commodore will send a reminder email to members advising of this social event and asking:
- 5.2. Those attending on narrow boats ?
- 5.3. The catering team require numbers of people requiring food ?
- 5.3.1. Ideas raised to let people know on the Macclesfield Canal, during the New Years Day cruise, along the lines of advertisement for the NCCC:
- 5.3.2. NCCC banners/ flags located onto members boats.
- 5.3.3. Notices mounted internally within members boats, e.g. windows.
- 5.3.4. Discussion around the specific route of New Years Day cruise, whether it is towards Lyme View or Marple routes. Commodore to issue a full agenda regarding this cruise.

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6. Advertisement

- 6.1. Ideas raised regarding putting out forthcoming events to press. Along the lines of letting people know we are open, friendly, good food and drinks etc. New faces most welcome. Further discussion required with specific comments to follow meeting.

7. Deanwater Hotel – Woodford, Cheshire

- 7.1. It has been recently announced that the Deanwater Hotel has closed and is presently selling of furniture etc. Ruth offered to look into this item for replacement of NCCC items.

8. Games Night

- 8.1.1. Idea raised regarding once a month on a Friday. Trial take off with Pool and Darts, Along lines of all members being involved. Further discussion between Commodore and Gordon.

Date of next meeting

Commodore to notify date of next meeting and agenda.

Meeting closed 14.15. p.m.