



North Cheshire Cruising Club

Minutes of the Board meeting

held on Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7pm

Meeting held via Zoom.

Present

Mike Robison - Chairman

Tim Smith – Commodore

Nigel Stanley – Premises Director

Lyndsay Hillman – Bar Director

Ruth Smith – Finance Director

Pam Russell – Membership Services Director

Eric Roberts – Land & Water Space Director

Heather Stanley – Company Secretary

Dave Hood – Director without Portfolio

1. **Approval of December 2023 Minutes - Proposed** Pam Russell / Seconded Dave Hood
2. **Matters Arising** - David Mason Associate Member approved. David would like to put his motorhome on hardstanding – contact Eric or Mike to confirm.
3. **Approval of Directors Reports (Separate Attachment)**
4. **Tasks Completed**
 - **Rule Book** – *nothing received, so this will now be done via the board and added to the new Information and Procedures Handbook*
 - **Heather Rowleys complaint** – *Mike is dealing with this.*
5. **Any other Business**
 - **Rent Review** – Nothing to report at the moment.
 - **Club House/Cottage Purchase** – 1st draft of the offer letter has been done and will be circulated to the board shortly. Mike has asked that the board read and not glance over, and anything that does not sound or look right to let him know. The offer is £270,000 and the offer letter includes everything including the water. Mike's Son who is a qualified surveyor, has been and had a look around and there are some areas of concern. There are some cracks in the building, but these all look historic. The offer letter is the starting point for talks with C&RT
 - **Date for Bar Work Party** – Possible date for work party to be confirmed. Possibly February? Lyndsay needs to confirm with Dave that he is available and not working and then let us know. The fridge needs to be replaced as it is cooling drinks at 20 degrees.
 - **Dredger** – Dredger is working slightly better after some repairs but does need a company to come in and do the other repairs. Eric advised not to use Stockport Hydraulics as he thinks that they are unreliable. Mike and Eric will get some quotes for the work and come back to the board. This is an urgent job so that the pilling work can continue, which will bring in new Moorer's and funds for the club.
 - **Information and Procedures Handbook** – All approved that the Handbook can go onto the website in a password protected section. There are two more sections to be added C&RT

Licence and also Moorings and Hardstanding/Boat House agreement. It was agreed it would be in the members area. Ruth asked if all the password protected pages could go into one section, and that section be password protected. Heather agreed to set up a new page and move the relevant items into the new section.

- **Painting of the corridor has been done on the work party.** *This has been revised as it was the foyer that has been painted. Nige asked for approval to either refurb the old unit that used to be in the foyer. All agreed that it was old and out of date. With the refurbs of the building and bar, it was agreed to bring the foyer up to date and get one or two new freestanding glass units. Nigel will start looking for them either good quality second hand or new. Dave asked if they are lockable. Nigel to confirm when looking. It was also mentioned that the new commodores board needs doing. Dave and Nigel are going to look into this at weekend and see what we have in the woodshed. Thanks were given to Ruth and Tim whose joiner was going to do it.*
- **Motorhome Charges** – *A member has asked Dave to bring to the board the storage of a motorhome on hardstanding. This motorhome was originally on the grass area outside of the clubhouse and was moved to hard standing, next to the skip, when the 80th took place. It was then moved again onto hardstanding by Eric, as it was very close to the skip with all the scrap metal by the tip. This is there only vehicle, and they use it when they are not cruising. After a long discussion, the following were put forward:*
 1. Pay full rent.
 2. Park on the grass when cruising if space is available.
 3. Pays a percentage if left on hardstanding.

The board agreed to go with 2 and Dave will call the member and discuss this with them.

It was also mentioned that another member who has a boat and motorhome, maybe requesting a mooring and storage of her motorhome – this will be discussed when she applies for a mooring/hardstanding.

It was also mentioned that anyone who leaves their vehicle for a long length of time, that their keys be left in a secure place within the wharf office. This was not agreed as the board did not want to be responsible for their vehicle.

- **Donation to children's charity Derian House** – There is a small fund that is being held by Jan Tattersall for money raised at the last children's party. Mo and Ian brought this up with team and asked him to bring it to the board. It was agreed that it would be given to Derian House. Pam also mentioned that there was a box of books in the office which were given as prizes at the Childrens parties. If we are not having any more parties, then can we donate them to village primary school. Let the membership know that we are donating the money to Derian House and ask if anyone would be interested in organising a Children's party at Christmas. Nigel suggested that if we did not do the parties, then give £100 to a local children's charity.
- **Interpretation Panel** – Tim advised the meeting that he was unsure what the interpretation panel was about, and it did not show the history of the club, and did we really need it. Dave and Lyndsay advised that they did not know about it. Heth emailed the panel over to board as the discussion was taking place. Mike disagreed as it was the social aspect of the club over the years and advised that a professional looking panel would look better than the club doing their own. This would also look good when we go for Heritage funding. Heth advised

that whatever the outcome the designer would still need to be paid. Mike is going to speak with Heather Rowley to see what the panel is actually about. Eric said he has lots of pictures that he can bring in and put some words to. Mike will come back to the meeting when he has spoken to Heather Rowley.

- **Text Message Service** – Tim advised the meeting that he did not think that the members were reading their emails, and we needed another service to get messages over to the membership. Heth advised that a text message service has been provisionally set up, but still needs all the telephone numbers putting in, which will take time. Lyndsay offered to do half of the membership list if the online program could be shared. The numbers will come out of the membership book, and Pam will update after the membership renewals have all come back in.

For Discussion at a future meeting

- Membership prices – further discussion to take place at a future meeting - 3 tier system:
 - a. Moorer's
 - b. Active Members
 - c. Non-Active Members
- Setting up a Trust – ALL (Notes from HR Trust to run alongside the limited company - 3 trustees required (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer), and need to write a constitution. HR has offered her knowledge and services to help with this and administer future funding bids if the board agrees to go ahead with it. Applying for funding is quite complex until you understand individual funders requirements.

6. Date of Next meeting

Monday 12 February 2024 – 7pm via zoom (details to follow)

Minutes Approved by Mike Robison – Chairman

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