



## North Cheshire Cruising Club

### Directors Reports

#### For Approval at Board Meeting

12 February 2024

#### **Chairmans Report** - A quick update before I fly.

We received a response from the offer letter confirming they are happy to continue, but, they do not agree with the price we have offered, which was to be expected. They are appointing a surveyor/valuer to act as their negotiator, and will arrange a valuation. They have my contact details and will liaise via email whilst I am away. They anticipate the survey will be in late March. It is nice to see things progressing on a positive basis, but of course, all depends on the price they come up with. We do have further negotiating options to offer, and I remain confident we will be successful in the purchase.

**Company Secretary's Report** - VOA – Valuations Office – Prior to Christmas we received a letter from the Valuations Office, addressed to NCCC at High Lane, asking for details of the rent, lease or ownership details for North Cheshire Cruising Club. I passed it over to Ruth, but due to it being so close to the festive season, we would look into it in January. On the 12<sup>th</sup> January we received a reminder, and I told Ruth I would look into it. The letter was asking for the above details for another address – North Cheshire Cruising Club, Canal Wharf, Buxton Road, Hazel Grove, SK7 6NF. I contacted them, and they asked me could I confirm that we were definitely not in Hazel Grove, and did I know what business was in the address on the letter!!! I advised them that NCCC was a marina that was just off the Macclesfield Canal, and had boats moored on the arm. Was advised to put the details onto the link in the letter, and they would look in to it. I received an email for the VOA saying their records had been updated and we would receive a confirmation letter. We received the new letter on 23 January, with exactly the same details on. I have repeated the information that I sent over on the first email, and have received another email from the VOA advising that their records have been updated. Hopefully this should be the end of this, but will keep the board updated.

Website – members/members Section – We have done a little bit of moving around on the website, and now have one area for the members, which is password protected, and contains the members directory 22/23, board meeting minutes, social and entertainment minutes and the Information and Procedures handbook. I will put an email out about the change.

**Finance Director's Report** - Not much to report. EDF came to fit the smart meter but didn't realise we had 3 meters so they left and have not got back to me regarding the solution. We have had our first bill (from our readings) which was £1311 for 2 months. This is the first bill since our previous contract, which was fixed for 5 years, ended so reflects the increase in unit prices over that time and highlights the importance of any energy saving measures we can implement (and getting solar panels!)

**Land & Water Space Directors Report** - We had a good work party in February with 16 people around the arm helping out with the slip clearing, sorting the scrap into the trailer to take to the scrapman next week. Cleaning and starting the new path, about half has been done, before the tonka broke down. The corridor has been painted between the foyer and workshop, another coat needs to go on, and all the scrap wood has been burnt. In the last couple of weeks, the gazebo has been repaired. We estimate it is about 10ft square, and the painting in the workshop

continues. The roof needs to be done. The slipway tunnel has had repairs done on it, but is in a bad state. Most important item is the dredger, which desperately needs a company to come in and sort it out as it is unsafe to use. If you have any suggestions, please let Eric know. An Electrician Nigel knows has been down and looked at the electrics around the arm. The most important ones are in the workshop, diesel tank and the panel further down the arm near the triangle. These are not in a good state and need sorting as soon as possible. Adam is a certified electrician. Quotes will be with us shortly.

**Membership Services Director's Report** - I have a couple of new members to put forward.

Nils and Elise Julin, Cruiser Yorkshire Penny, 24ft. At present mooring at Top Lock. Seem a very pleasant couple. He is of Swedish origin.

Graham Rafferty, N/B Wandering Star, 60ft (liveaboard), Mooring at Higher Poynton

He has applied for membership before but was refused. This was because we had reports from 3 different members to say he was a dodgy person. He has committed fraud against the DHSS and C&RT and also intimidates the member from Dream To Go because he is Autistic. Having said this he has been to most work parties and works well. Do we give him a chance as the first year is probationary. If so keep eyes on equipment etc.

**Premises Director's Report** - The foyer has been painted, and the new unit has been bought, built and filled. The display unit that was near the stair lift has been moved and now stores important documents. The next work party, we will continue with the painting. All the pictures out of the foyer are under the stairs, and we have got all the framed pictures out of the filing cabinet and cupboards and put them on the corridor to go through which we want to put back up. We have provisionally done new boards with the Commodores on, but cannot find any of the original pictures that Eric told us were in the cupboard. The lights in the foyer have been changed to LEDS. An order has been placed for a new smart switch for the override for the central heating. The wall in workshop has now been finished, holes filled and painted.

Mary Sunley – Brian Paterman has been in contact with me again, and the date for the AGM is Friday March 15 from approximately 10am to 12noon, they only need tea and coffee, and are happy for their members to sit at the round tables. They also want the room for their social event which is Thursday 25 April from 7pm onwards. They have asked if a hot pot could be done, and we have put them in touch with Reflections in the village. They have also asked for the bar to be open. Lyndsay has ok'd this as long as someone will man the bar. Pam Russell and John Fenton have agreed to do the bar, and Heather and I will be around also. Brian is aware that Mr and Mrs Bowker are not allowed on the premises

**Bar Director's Report** – Not much to report - Will draft an email shortly for volunteers for the fitting out supper. As I'll be helping out in the kitchen too I'll need 3/4 people. Pam & John have kindly volunteered to do the bar for the Mary Sunley Social.

**Director without Portfolio** – I have spoken to the person who brought up the issue about the Jackson's motorhome, they have accepted the boards response and will say no more on the matter. Also, I have spoken with Steve & Cath Jackson and informed them of the board's decision, and they will park their motor home on the other side of the wall facing the club house from now on. Steve has asked about all the stone he purchased to make the ground level and the possibility be re-imbursed for this, to be discussed at the meeting please?

I have been asked by a member about the work parties that happen on the second Sat of every month. They have asked why they are arranging alternative events on these dates and have said that the upcoming table top sale makes it 25%. I have said I did not think it had been changed, but I will ask. To be discussed at the meeting.

**Commodore's Report** - There are several events planned for the next few months and we have been busy planning for these:

- Modern Jive Taster session with Nick Jackson - Nick did a poster for this and an email will have gone out by the time of the meeting.
- Fitting Out Supper - we are trying hot food at this event, with Dave Hood making chicken curry and potato hash and will ask people to chose in advance to help with the catering. We are very excited about the band - The Winston Smith Quartet and have had good feedback from those who have looked them up on YouTube!
- Easter Cruise - decided on cruise to Whiteley Green rather than risking Bugsworth. Currently finalising the itinerary.
- Table Top Sale - we have had a good response already. Sheila Barlow has been very helpful, with her previous experience of similar events, and I will be holding a meeting next weekend to discuss the details of this.