



North Cheshire Cruising Club

Minutes of the Board meeting

held on Wednesday 20 March at 7.30pm

Meeting held via Zoom.

Present

Mike Robison – Chairman
Eric Roberts – Land Water Space Director
Heather Stanley – Company Secretary
Lyndsay Hillman – Bar Director
Pam Russell – Membership Services Director

Tim Smith – Commodore
Nigel Stanley – Premises Director
Ruth Smith – Finance Director
Dave Hood – Director without Portfolio

Apologies

Lyndsay Hillman – Bar Director

1. **Approval of February 2024 Minutes - Proposed** Ruth Smith / **Seconded** Tim Smith

2. **Matters Arising** - None

3. **Approval of Directors Reports (Separate Attachment)** **Approved by all**

4. Tasks Completed

- **Refund of stone purchased on hardstanding (Dave)** – discuss refunding for stones purchased
- **Work Party dates change – (Dave)** – dates all back at 2nd Saturday of the month
- **Donation to children's charity Derian House** – Cheque sent – see letter
- **Unit on Corridor (Nige)** – to be dismantled at the March work party
- **New members for approval – (Pam)** Nils and Elise Julin, Cruiser Yorkshire Penny, 24ft and Graham Rafferty, N/B Wandering Star, 60ft (liveaboard), Mooring at Higher Poynton

5. Any other Business

- **Club and Cottage Purchase** – Letter has been approved by the board and sent to C&RT. Mike advised that there is a Valuer coming on Friday to do a survey on the arm for C&RT, which includes purchasing the water. There will be a restricted covenant put forwarded by C&RT to ensure that no development changes are made to the arm. Mike has asked if we can all get together for a face to face meeting to discuss once we have received their valuation. Mike asked if we need to let the membership know – all agreed that the board makes the decisions for the membership.
- **Date for Bar Work Party (Dave/Lyndsay)** – No further update
- **Dedger : ongoing – (Eric)** – Mike has purchased a part for the dredger, but it is too small. Another company wants details of the dredger and they will source the part. Nigel advised mike that there is a part number on the part and has sent it over to Mike. Mike is going to contact Mark who helped with the pilling hammer to see if he can help.

- **Incoming Commodore 24/25** – (Pam) – *Dave and Tim do not think its our decision to say whether or not he should be Commodore. If nobody stands against him, then we must all rally around to support him. If someone else stands, then it will go to a vote at the AGM. Lets see if the cruises go ahead. Mike advised that we do have a duty of care to look after him.*
- **Surprise 40th Birthday Party** – (Nigel) – *Bill Wilkinson has asked for use of the room in September for his daughters surprise party? – We need to get some more information from Bill – how many people are going, what do they need from us, advise that it is a limited bar. Once we have these details, come back to the board. Also check if we can get volunteers for the night. As a member it should be free – booking form sent to the board.*
- **Slipway Availability (Eric)** – *Can we discuss who sees the calendar on the website as a member of the general public contacted Eric about a May availability slot on the website. Mike advised that he used to send out emails to advise members of NCCC to book their space on the slipway. After Easter it would go out to non members if they contacted the club. The diary on the website has been up for a year now. Mike advised that this is one of the reasons for moving the blue boat to give us the potential for up to another 40 boats per year. At the moment, the slipway has not been booked in 2024 for January, February, part of March, 1 week in May, 3 weeks in August and is empty from October onwards. Do we need to change the wording on the website for slipway accessibility.*
- **Work Party** – *Change of date – (Eric) – Eric has changed the date of the April work party The original date was unavailable as Nigel was away on 21st and as premises director needed to be there, so the 14th was picked. The Table top sale may not go ahead yet, so will update the board at the end of the March as to how many bookings we have. If it doesn't, then the work party will return to the 14th,*
- **New member for Approval** – (Pam) – *Paul Calley has requested membership of NCCC again. He was originally a member in 2020. He came into the arm and spoke to Eric about getting water and told Eric he was a member. Eric called Pam, and Pam advised that he was not a member. The board agreed not to approve the membership, as it looks like its just to come out of the water (4 years(. Pam to contact him directly.*

Extra AOB from Lyndsay Hillman

- **David Mason** has said he would definitely like to do his license and take over the club bar. Other than David I have not had another member of NCCC contact me to express any interest in taking it over. You all know that David has done many Club nights, he is very enthusiastic about it and keen to take over. I said I'll send him the links to the company I did my license with for info but obviously he can chose whoever he likes to do it through. When I did mine the club covered the cost, I assume the board are happy to do the same for David. Please can this be confirmed so David can go ahead and get it booked. Once it's completed we need to then look at when to change the license into his name, Bill Jewsbury sorted this last time through Stockport Council and I'm sure he'd help us out again if we asked.
Full board approval for the club to pay for the licence.
- Although David will be taking over as the licensee of the bar, he won't be taking over as Bar Director. This is important to note here as a none voting member (IE David) cannot hold a position on the board however as discussed in the face to face board meeting at the club a short while ago the Bar Director role will in effect become extinct and the licensee will report to the Buildings Director, currently Nigel Stanley. The Board still need the same number of directors so it was agreed the post

would become another DWP role open to all members come the AGM, so there is no 'rules' or 'articles' that will prevent him from taking over as licensee.

It was agreed that a new DWP position would be available at the AGM, and a position under the Company Officials list be created as BAR MANAGER responsible to the Premises Director.

- I appreciate a member has asked to use the club room for a party in September but before confirming we need to know we will have enough volunteers willing to work the event. It also needs to be made clear to the booking member/guests that the range of stock is limited so as to set expectations accordingly. I suggest once the exact date is known (*and approximate numbers as this will dictate if the room is big enough and how many staff we need*), I'll canvas members first to see who volunteers and only then will I confirm that the bar is workable.

See above – Nigel will get more details for Lynsday and see if we can get more volunteers to man the bar.

Mike requested a wharf meeting between himself, Eric and Dave Hood to discuss slipway, pricing, etc, and to report back to the Board.

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.

Board members can apply for one of the position above, but cannot take the same role that they currently do on the board. It was suggested that we put it out to the membership, and ask members to come forward to the board with reasons why they would be good for that position, however nominated persons may be a preferred option. Further discussion needed.

6. Date of Next meeting

Monday 22 April 2024 – 7.30pm via google meet (<https://workspace.google.com/products/meet/>)

Minutes Approved Mike Robison Chairman on Friday 5 April 2024 by email.