



**North Cheshire Cruising Club**  
**Minutes of the Board meeting**  
**held on Monday 22 April at 7.30pm**  
**Meeting held via Google Meet**

**Present**

Mike Robison – Chairman  
Eric Roberts – Land & Water Space Director  
Heather Stanley – Company Secretary  
Dave Hood – Director without Portfolio

Tim Smith – Commodore  
Nigel Stanley – Premises Director  
Lyndsay Hillman – Bar Director  
Pam Russell – Membership Services Director

**Apologies**

Ruth Smith – Finance Director

**1. Approval of March 2024 Minutes - Proposed** Dave Hood / **Seconded** Eric Roberts

**2. Matters Arising** - None

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

**4. Tasks Completed**

***Club and Cottage Purchase** – C&RT have been to the arm and have done their own valuation, just their valuation in writing is anticipated soon.*

***Surprise 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** – this has all been sorted now, we have staff for the bar and the evening, and Bill Wilkinson will sort out his own DJ and food.*

***New Bar Manager** – Dave has agreed to do the licence and take over from Lyndsay in November. The new position **will** be a Company Official position not Board, and David will report to Nigel Stanley as Premises Manager – Lyndsay advised David has his exam on 14<sup>th</sup> May.*

**5. Any other Business**

➤ **Date for Bar Work Party (Dave/Lyndsay)** – Any further update?

Dave to draw up some plans and discuss with Lyndsay and David (potential new Bar Manager), and then bring to the board with costs.

➤ **Wharf Meeting (Mike / Eric / Dave )** – Has there been any update on this

Discussion did take place about blue boat, a date from Brairbar to confirm when the blue boat can then be moved. 2 boats on the slipway something to consider, as long as NCCC members do not suffer. Email has been sent to members to advise to book the slipway as it will soon be open to non members. Cost for Survery £350 / Non members for one week £450. Braidbar are provisionally coming in on May 14, when Fleur d'eau may be able to go in.

- **Cutting Trees Down (Mike)** – Discussion about cutting trees down near NB Portia.

Adrian asked if the branches could be removed on the tree over his boat. We need to get experts in to look at removing the branches as it is too dangerous for us to do. Also permission is required from the council.

- **Discussion about the selling off of club property/items. Tim AMENDED 07.05.2024**

Eric brought up the selling of the brass wheel that was on the cellar door, and advised the meeting that it was donated 50 years ago, but could not remember who had donated it. At this point Tim joined the discussion, and advised the meeting that we should not have sold it as it is part of the history of the club, and that on the previous Friday evening Nigel and Mike were ‘gloating’ at the bar that they had ripped James (who bought it) off. This was not the case. We also were informed that Tim had bought it back off James and was going to donate it to the club. Mike tried to explain what the situation was, and how the due diligence had been done by Nigel two months previous, but was not allowed to speak and was talked over by Tim, at which point he called Mike a ‘tosser’ and advised the meeting that he did not want anything to do with the board, then abruptly left the meeting.

The meeting continued without Tim.

- **Electrical Work in Workshop (Nigel)** – approval required for the remaining work to be completed in the workshop

The two estimates have been split from one to show what is needed to be done. All agreed for the work to go ahead.

- **Sunday Lunches (Tim)** - Sunday lunches have now finished, which is a shame as these are much appreciated by some of our older members. I wonder whether we could explore the possibility that they could be continued over any of the April-Sept period? I appreciate this depends on the willingness of volunteers to man the kitchens.

The reason why they do not serve Sunday lunches between April and September, is because the volunteers in the kitchen also want to go sailing during the sailing season. If someone else wants to run the kitchen on a Sunday they can do – Pam Russell. All agreed to keep the Sunday lunches as they are.

- **Friday Social Nights / Board Meetings (Heth)** – Can the board confirm if the bar/social nights is to shut during July/August and also if there will be any board meetings during these two months. I have been informed that everything stops as it is the ‘sailing season’.

It was agreed that due to the sailing season, no board meetings would take place except in an emergency.

Lynsday advised that during these months, that it is not cost effective to open the bar, and the amount of people attending is not cost effective.

- **Tyes for Tug (Heth)** – what is happening about the tyres for the tug.

Dave is waiting on his friend giving him some costs. Julian also has another price. The front tyres are badly worn, and the back are low on tread.

- **Ladder for Slipway (Brought to meeting by NB Poppy)**

Pam from NB Poppy asked about the purchase of a new ladder or platform for the slipway. This has also been brought up by Susie from NB Susie. The ladders in use now have been refurbished. If a platform

ladder was brought, it would need to be height adjustable. Suggestion was to **amend** the slipway form with a disclaimer that you are to bring your own ladder, or you do not stay on your boat whilst on the slipway, or if you use our ladder it is at your risk and you sign the disclaimer to this effect. If you have animals on your boat they are there at your risk. Heth to **draw** one up and send to the board for approval. Eric said to keep as simple as possible

➤ **Complaint**

Heather advised the meeting, and Dave had been advised prior to the meeting, that there was a complaint in the book in the kitchen about a member having a car and a motorhome in the arm at the same time. The car is not left for any length of time and is used in exceptional circumstances. Dave asked for the reply to be put into the book. If anyone had a complaint about anything, that they must go through the official complaint channel. The complaints procedure to be put on the notice board outside the club room. It was suggested that we either remove the book in the kitchen or call it a suggestions book.

➤ **Member**

A member is making some issues at the club and making a simple situation difficult. Pam advised the meeting that if you have a boat in the arm, you are on a years' probation for your mooring as well as your membership. Eric to talk to him.

**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 **positions** above but cannot take the same role that **they** currently **hold** 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. Further discussion needed.

**6. Date of Next meeting**

Monday 8 May 2024 – 7.30pm via google talk

Minutes Approved Mike Robison Chairman on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 by email.