



North Cheshire Cruising Club

Minutes of the Board meeting

held on Wednesday 19 June 2024 – 7.30pm

Meeting held via Google Meet

Present

Mike Robison – Chairman
Nigel Stanley – Premises Director
Lyndsay Hillman – Bar Director
Dave Hood – Director without Portfolio

Eric Roberts – Land & Water Space Director
Heather Stanley – Company Secretary
Ruth Smith - Finance Director
Pam Russell – Membership Services Director

Apologies

1. **Approval of May 2024 Minutes – Proposed** Dave Hood / **Seconded** Lyndsay Hillman
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.*
5. **Any other business**
 - 3 new members for approval – see Pams report (Pam)

Braidbar – No 200 only (Reginald) / Lee Maragh and Sonia Burke, Cruiser River Moon 32ft Moored at Poynton / Mark Husband NB 70ft Continuous Cruiser

Pam has told Braidbar that it is only NB Reginald that can come out / Lee and Sonia are on hard standing whilst their cruiser is being refurbed / Pam is to contact Mark about not being able to bring his boat out. Maximum length 65ft
 - Can the board let me know if they are staying on, or wish to step down after their two year term. Also when the information goes out in late July/early August for the AGM (sent it out early so people have chance to ask questions about positions), do we advertise the Commodore position? Do I ask the Company Officials if they wish to stay on in their position. (Heth)

Commodore – Eric advised that we do have to advertise the Commodore’s position at the AGM in case anyone else would like to do the position. All agreed to send out the information early, and then send monthly up to the AGM, so potential candidates can ask questions.

Board – Lyndsay to step down in November at the AGM. New board position to be advised as DWP. Ruth and Eric will re stand, Mike, Heather, Nigel, Dave and Pam still have one year to do.

Heather to contact Company officials to check they are happy to stand for another term.

- Anyone paying money into the club account to inform the Finance Director by text or email at the time of paying in, letting them know what the cash/cheque is for. I would also suggest that we stop taking cheques and request bank transfers instead (Ruth)

All agreed

- Update on the Trees – Mike has put an application into the council, we have to wait 6 weeks, and if there is no reply, we can go ahead and cut them down.
- Approval for new fridge – Lyndsay asked the board for approval for the fridge. Mike advised that there is a sum of money from the wood sales that Lyndsay can use towards it. All agreed.
- The Wharf Sale – The wharf has had its valuation. The mortgage would be over 15 years. With the amount we are paying in rent, a mortgage would make a substantial saving.

Mike R confirmed we are still waiting for final figures from CRT, once they have been received then I can submit info to lenders. Nothing can be finalised re figures until confirmation from cart of agreed price, however the negotiator has recommended acceptance of our latest offer.

We will have to sign an access agreement which is has a fee to be paid to C&RT each year and there will also be a restricted covenant to be agreed. Ie if for any reason we sell the arm and grounds, then C&RT will want 50% of the sale – there is a term yet to be agreed.

Mike would like to write to members to see if they would loan NCCC a sum of money (yet to be determined), as a loan, maybe interest free. All agreed in principle, but Ruth advised that there could be possible administration problems in setting up the system.

Ruth S felt the decision should go to the membership through an Extraordinary General Meeting but the rest of the Board felt that the Board had the authority to make a decision on buying the Wharf on behalf of the membership.

- Tiered Membership – Mike asked all the board if they would come up with suggestions of how we instigate the new membership.

Moorer's

Active Members

Non-Active Members

Associates/Social Members

Currently Single Members £118.00 (including boat element) / Joint Members £148.00 (including boat element) and a one off £50 joining fee.

Associates- £30.00 with a one off £5 joining fee.

For Information

If moorers in the arm do not do their 24hrs per year (2hrs per month), then there is an extra £450 charge.

Slipway Charges	Members over 1 year	£65.00
	Members under 1 year	£130.00
	Non Members	£450.00

- Moorings – Dave – A member sold their boat and left without any notification. Dave has asked if anyone hears of anyone that maybe selling their boat or leaving, to contact Dave or Sheila, as they must give 3 months notice.
- Board Meetings – Lyndsay asked if the Board meetings could be bi-monthly. She advised that she had asked this before and got a no.

This was the response from the minutes of the meeting in April 23. *A suggestion by Lyndsay Hillman to change Board Meetings to every two months was rejected and meetings will therefore remain as once a month. Lyndsay Hillman attends every alternate month as does Ruth Smith to suit their personal commitments.*

Mike asked if there was anything in the 'Article'. As far as we are aware there is nothing, but Heather will check.

For Discussion at a future meeting

- 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 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. Further discussion needed.

6. Date of Next meeting

September (to be confirmed) – 7.30pm via google talk

Minutes Approved Mike Robison Chairman on

2024 by email.