



North Cheshire Cruising Club

Minutes of the Board meeting

held on Saturday 23 November 2024 – 10.30am

Meeting held at NCCC

Present

Mike Robison – Chairman
Nigel Stanley – Premises Director
Ian Jewell – Commodore
Pam Russell – Membership Services Director

Eric Roberts – Land & Water Space Director
Heather Stanley – Company Secretary
Ruth Smith – Finance Director

Apologies

Dave Hood – Director without Portfolio

John Fenton – Director without Portfolio

1. **Approval of June 2024 Minutes – Proposed** N Stanley / **Seconded** P Russell
2. **Matters Arising** – Questions from Ruth Smith

Going Forward – members must attend three events per year – Ruth asked what events – Mike advised that this could be work parties, Friday night socials, organised events etc

Information and Procedures Handbook – The policies it contains are not confidential and I believe it is important for members to be able to access and refer to them easily so would suggest moving the Handbook to the general Members Page - Ruth asked if this could be on a separate page so that members do not have to access the members section if we take out the confidential items. Heth agreed to sort this out. Send a list of the contents to the board to ensure we are taking out everything that is confidential.

Paint Shed – Ruth asked where this was up and if it had been certified. - Mike advised that it had not been certified but it is safer than it was before, work is planned to upgrade it to certification standard shortly. It will be brought upto IP44 standard. Gordon Smith and Martin Tattersall have agreed to assist Mike with the upgrade.

Ruth also asked if we could have a health and safety email for James and also a DWP2 for John. Heth will sort these out. Mike also advised that all members need to attend a H&S training day at the club.

3. **Approval of Directors Reports (Separate Attachment)** Approved by all
4. **Approval of Company Officials (Separate Attachment)** Query on Health and Safety Report re forklift – the health and safety officer is absolutely correct in his statements, vehicles of this nature must be licensed etc to be used on the road.
Approved by all.
5. **Tasks Completed**
➤ **Club and Cottage Purchase Update** – Currently at the mortgage stage with the board to decide which mortgage to go for, a 3 year fixed rate over 15 year term was selected after discussion
6. **Any other business**

- 3 new members for approval – see Pams report (Pam) - All members approved
- Rule Book – We need to get this amended and approved as soon as possible - It was agreed that Heather and Ruth would sort this out. It needs rewording. Eric asked if it could be put into sections like Membership, Whiteley Green etc to make it easier for members to find the information they require.
- Face to Face meeting - it was agreed that we do face to face meetings on the Saturday of a work party from 12.30pm – this enables the board to do part of the work party and also the meeting. The meeting must not take any longer than one and half hours.
- 24hrs for moorers over 80. It was agreed that everyone should do their hours except under special circumstances and this would need to be agreed by Land & Water Space Director.
- Rules Regarding Dogs – there is currently five board members that have dogs. Mike asked if the board could lead by example when they are taking their dogs out on the arm that they put them on a lead, and also clear up and dog poop whilst walking their dogs even if it doesn't belong to their animal.
- Mobile Homes/Camper Vans – the ongoing situation regarding camper vans was discussed following further concerns raised by a number of members, it was concluded that the rules would need to be changed, a vote was taken and carried by majority with one vote against. The situation has now therefore been sorted and agreed with the member concerned and the board. Going forward all motor homes that are left on premises for a long period of time must pay for the hard standing charge for their vehicle.
- AWCC event 2025 – We were approached by John Suggitt to see if we could host the AWCC AGM next March. Since the initial conversation took place, John has let us know that he does not think that the car park would be big enough to hold 60+ vehicles. We have agreed to look at the car parking for the next event.
- Tug Tyres – Mike advised the meeting that the back tyres on the tug now need replacing as the tug was sliding when bringing out the boat last Thursday. This have been ordered.
- Saving Money – This is only for information.

Reducing expenses - £2,000 off accountancy fees by changing accountants

Once bought £6,000k off electricity with solar panels

Electricity for moorers becomes income of approximately £2500 pa

Rent costs of £44,000 / Mortgage £28,000 Saving of £16,000 - **Total £26,000 saving**

Ways to Increasing income - Additional moorings when the piling is done £9,000 hopefully Spring 2025.

Always have a waiting list.

Additional slipway income of £5,000 minimum - Booked solid every year mainly members at £65.00. By doubling up after removal of hard standing boat we can accommodate substantial numbers of non members.

Non members £450 - 10 would be £4500 / 20 would be £9,000k. **This would make a minimum of £14,000.**

This could make a net gain £40,000

Insurance rebuild valuation 3+ yrs ago of clubhouse was £540k alone.

Extra AOB

- Ruth asked if there was a security fee to pay for the mortgage. Mike will find out and report back to the board.
- End of fixed rate – will there be another arrangement fee. If we stay with Nat West, it would probably be a better arrangement fee.
- Accountancy move – Ruth advised that this is in progress, and the new accountants are just waiting on items being transferred from Chadwicks.

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.

- **Membership Prices** – Further discussion to take place at a future meeting – 3 tier system
 - a. **Moorers**
 - b. **Active Moorers**
 - c. **Non Active Moorers**

7. Date of Next meeting

14 December 2024 at NCCC Function Room at 12.30pm

Meeting ended at 12.25pm

Minutes Approved Mike Robison Chairman on M R