

THE NORTH CHESHIRE CRUISING CLUB LTD

Minutes of the digital “zoom” Board meeting of the Board of Directors of the abovementioned Club held on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT:-

John Fenton (Chairman) joined the meeting at 20.04 pm. He was welcomed by all present. Pam Suggitt (Company Secretary), Pam Russell, (Membership Services Director), Lyndsay Hillman (Director without Portfolio (Bar), Martin Tattersall, (Premises Director), Eric Roberts (Land & Water Space Director) Willie Walker (Director without Portfolio)

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:- Ruth Smith (Finance Director)

2.APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Proposed by ER and Seconded by PR

3.MATTERS ARISING:-

PS was asked why DW received previous minutes when she was no longer a Board member. Answer. DW was still Director without Portfolio at the time because the AGM had been postponed until 11 December 2022, so DW remained on the Board until then.

4.CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:- Nothing to report

5. COMPANY SECRETARY’S REPORT:-

a) PS asked the Board to consider Honorary Membership for Sheila and Bob Barlow. The Board all agreed to this suggestion. However, JF said he would look into the Rules concerning this request and report back.

b) Please would the Board kindly consider co-opting MR onto the Board from tonight. Approval received. This would result in LH becoming Bar Director and MR would be Director without Portfolio. MR to attend Board meetings from February 2023. MR to be informed accordingly.

c) Would the Board consider monthly members’ open meetings? MT suggested quarterly meetings to “test the water” so to speak. First meeting arranged for Sunday 12th March 2023 commencing at 2 pm, following on from Sunday lunch.

d) Discussion took place concerning lifting boats into the canal when it is frozen. See ER reply to Board on this matter. Three written complaints had been received from members. PS sent emails to two members informing them of the decision that this would not happen again. The third member does not have an email address and therefore letter will have to be sent. A question was asked “Define thick ice”.

Addition to Rule Book: No boat movements when the canal is frozen. PR to deal with this.

e) Following on the receipt of complaints both written and verbal about BBo’s attitude to members, (copies of complaint letters sent to all Board members), a final written warning is to be sent to him. When the draft letter is approved by all Board members, the final letter will be sent “signature required”, by Royal Mail. A copy of the Code of Conduct letter to be included with BB’s letter, although it is displayed in the workshop for all members to read.

6. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I won't have a balance sheet for tomorrow I am afraid, I am still completing this quarter's accounts. I have a meeting with LH and SB on Thursday to hopefully tie up the last loose ends and get the accounts to the accountant for the VAT return by the middle of this month. I can then also update the board.

This quarter has been quite a slow process due to me having to learn both the workings of the club and also how to use the online accounting system, Xero. I have also been liaising with the accountants to fine tune the Xero set up to suit the club's needs. However, going forward things should be quicker as we will be up to date and I will aim to update the accounts at the end of each month.

7. LAND & WATER SPACE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

Nothing to report. Work party next Saturday 14th January 2023

8. MEMBERSHIP SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:- Nothing to report

9. PREMISES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:-

Unfortunately, the chair lift 'man' didn't come back to me before my holidays. I will try again on my return. The fire alarm system still needs an inspection.

All the coloured lights in the main room are now LED and look OK.

10. DIRECTOR WITHOUT PORTFOLIO - BAR REPORT:-

Next Thursday pipes to be cleaned and stock to be checked.

I need to send another e-mail requesting volunteers to help behind the bar.

WW volunteered to help behind the bar when required.

11. DIRECTOR WITHOUT PORTFOLIO REPORT:-

I do not have a report as such. I am proposing to have another film night towards the end of February. I hope to be a useful member in the discussion about the serious situation facing the board and perhaps with me being " new" a fresh pair of eyes and ears might be beneficial.

12. COMMODORE'S REPORT:-

Compliments received from members concerning the artist booked for the Christmas Party on Saturday 3rd December 2022. Vocalist Jean – the Belle of Bolton was the artist. It has been suggested that Jean be asked to entertain us again. All agreed.

I am trying to sort out a Programme for New Members Night.

13.ANY OTHER BUSINESS:-

- a) Mike Robinson to check the cameras recording period – answer 3 weeks
- b) Lighting needed in area where dredger will be moored.
- c) Check insurance rules for moorings.
- d) PR reported leak in cistern in Ladies toilet. MT to attend to this on his return from holiday.
- e) Complaints received by members saying that they cannot speak directly to HB on her mobile phone, so members always have to ring and speak to BBo when he does not hold any position at the club. ER says he has no problem ringing HB. This is not acceptable and ER to speak to her about these complaints.
- f) It was mentioned that our new Director without Portfolio Willie Walker should now receive complaints from members, should they have any. Notice to be sent out to Members via Postmaster.
- g) JF complained that all the 2023 Wall Charts were missing out of the Towpath magazine.
- h) When will Edna Roberts’ bench be returned to the club. At the moment it is in the garden at BBo’s house. It is believed that he has kept the bench in his garden for three years. JF paid £50.00 towards repair work and has not yet received any money for this repair from the club. BBo to be asked to return it asap.
- i)It was decided to alternate our Board meeting nights so that RS can join us. February’s Board meeting has been booked for a Wednesday night. March’s meeting will return to a Monday night.

There was no further business and the meeting ended at 21:45 pm

14)DATE OF NEXT ZOOM BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 7.30 pm

Chairman

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