



North Cheshire Cruising Club

Minutes of the Board meeting

held on Saturday 14 December 2024 – 12.30pm

Meeting held at NCCC

Present

Mike Robison – Chairman	Eric Roberts – Land & Water Space Director
Nigel Stanley – Premises Director	Heather Stanley – Company Secretary
Dave Hood – Director without Portfolio	Ruth Smith – Finance Director
Pam Russell – Membership Services Director	John Fenton – Director without Portfolio
Ian Jewell – Commodore	

Apologies

Non received

1. **Approval of June 2024 Minutes – Proposed** Nigel Stanley / **Seconded** Eric Roberts
2. **Matters Arising** – Can we email the minutes once approved. We put them on the website but can email out the password for that section of the website.
3. **Approval of Directors Reports (Separate Attachment) Approved by all**
4. **Approval of Company Officials Reports (Separate Attachment) – Approved by All**
 - a. Mike confirmed that the forklift must be licenced.
 - b. Ruth advised that there will be a bar stocktake on 31.12.24
5. **Tasks Completed**
 - **Club and Cottage Purchase Update** – See below
 - **Rule Book** – this has been rewritten by Heth Stanley and is being checked over by Catherine Jackson. Sections have been added as per the request from Eric Roberts, and a draft should be available very soon.
 - **Handbook** – this has been amended and the maps of the arm, maps of the building taken out. Just waiting on the rule book for both to go onto a new page on the website
6. **Any other business**
 - Card payments for social events – the last couple of Commodore/social events have been cash only, not sure of the reason for this but we should be encouraging card payments. We still have the Sumup machine that was previously used on the Wharf, this is very straightforward and has been used before at Commodore events. (Ruth)

It was agreed to use the sumup machine at the fitting out supper. Heth will take the sumup machine payments. Cash is needed on the night to pay for the artist. Ruth offered to take the money out of the NCCC account in advance if needed. Raffle must be cash. Catering decision to be made at January meeting.
 - I have had a request to allow a boat in the arm, this is from a relative of the recently passed away member, Gareth, as a member you would normally get 2 weeks use of the arm but in this situation if the board agree, I propose to allow his family to use the arm to empty his belonging from the boat prior

to moving to a brokerage. Under normal situations we would say no, it's for the member only, but in this situation if you all agree we could show some additional support.

That said it would be for 2 weeks maximum so the boat must be moved in that time with no excuses, it must have the fully comprehensive insurance, and no personnel are to be staying on it during this time, If the board decides against this due to insurance/security (gate codes) etc then that will have to stand. I can only ask (Dave)

The board fully agreed for this to happen. Mike/Dave to speak to the family. Email to be sent out to the members.

➤ Do we really want fitting out supper the week after race night? (Ian)

Fitting out supper – it was agreed to move the event to Saturday 5 April 2024. Heth to send an email out to the membership. It was mentioned that the race night and fitting out have followed each other for a number of years.

Update on the purchase of NCCC – Mike Robison

There is a survey taking place on Wednesday 18 December. If NCCC is undervalued, the land we own could be used as collateral. All Agreed. The loan document was agreed by all. Mike to call outstanding pledges.

Eon – Ongoing invoice bill – Mike Robison – Mike has contacted Eon along with Ruth to explain that this is not our bill. They are currently looking into the situation (must be about 9-10 months now).

Compensation will be requested for the time involved in this by Ruth and Mike.

Tress on the arm (far side near Cricket Club) – Mike Robison – Mike has put in a 2nd request to the council (Peter Pollard) videos have been sent awaiting a reply

Member staying on boat – Eric Roberts – Eric to speak to the member in question to ensure that they know that it is four days only on the arm.

New Accountants – Ruth advised that there will be a meeting with the new accountants in January.

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 positions 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.

Setting up a trust – to start the process in January and email out to the membership – more details to follow.

7. Date of Next meeting

Saturday 12 January 2025 – 1.30pm

Minutes Approved Mike Robison Chairman on by email.