



North Cheshire Cruising Club
Minutes of the Board meeting
held on Saturday 11 January 2025 – 1.30pm
Meeting held at NCCC

Present

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

Apologies – Dave Hood Director without Portfolio / Mike Robison – Chairman

Mike Robison has asked Heather Stanley to chair the meeting.

1. **Approval of June 2024 Minutes – Proposed** Nigel **Seconded** John
2. **Matters Arising - Reminder that the minutes are to go out on email (Ruth)**
3. **Approval of Directors Reports (Separate Attachment) Approved by All**
4. **Approval of Company Officials Reports (Separate Attachment) Approved by All**
5. **Tasks Completed**
 - ***Club and Cottage Purchase Update*** *Awaiting the paperwork from the survey that took place.*
6. **Any other business**
 - **Any update on Adante coming into the arm after the passing on Gareth Jones?**
From Mike - Spoke to Jason his friend who was trying to sort things out but he lives in London so has passed it on to Gareth s brothers but they have not been in touch with me so I assume they have got it all sorted out now. The funeral took place yesterday (Friday 10 January) I believe but nobody notified us.
 - **Any update on Meanderin On and Portia swapping moorings?**
From Mike - Meandering On is all ready to move, and will do so whenever Portia is in a position to do so
 - **Any update on a member staying on their boat?**
From Mike - Eric has spoken at length with the member concerned and come to mutually agreeable arrangement. I think that member is waiting for some parts to arrive and has set a date with Eric so all sorted out now. Eric is monitoring the situation..
 - **Bill Wilkinson's Macmillan – I did send an email to check the donation that NCCC was giving, but only got one response. Bill raised £844.23 in September. Can the donation from NCCC bring this upto £1000, and we can also put on our website that NCCC supports Macmillan. We could also ask Bill if we could have tins for the bar for any spare change that people may have. (Heth)**
All agreed to give Bill a cheque for Macmillan for £155.77 – Heth will contact Sheila to raise the cheque. It was also agreed to put on the website the NCCC supports Macmillan Cancer Research.

- **David Mason has requested a meeting with Ruth, Mike, Nige and myself to discuss the bar prices. I will request a date for this meeting separate with the above people. (Heth)**

This meeting will take place after the board meeting.

From the meeting - prices will be reviewed, including prices for non-member's functions and that the price list(s) will be produced to be displayed on the bar.

- **Moorings List – this was brought up in an earlier meeting to have a list up in the club (workshop) if you are looking for a mooring, and also to put it on the website – do we still want to do this, if not I can remove from my list? (Heth)**

It was agreed that a form be put on the notice board in the workshop, but not on the website, for members who wish to put a note of interest in a mooring. An update will be sent to Dave as well to ensure that Dave is aware of who is interested in a mooring. A note will be put on the bottom of the form on the lines of 'Although your name is on the list, this does not mean you are next for a mooring, this all depends on the availability of space and the discretion of the Moorings Officer – Dave Hood

- **Mary Sunley – Brian Pateman has contacted Nigel for use of the club house in February for the First Aid course – it would be 4 days 9am to 4pm suggested dates are Wednesday 12 Thursday 13 Thursday 27 Friday 28 February – there is nothing on these days. Who would be available to open up? (Nigel)**

This was agreed. We need to see who is available to open up on these dates.

- **Mary Sunley – Brian has also asked if he can have a meeting with Nigel and the slipway team re the blacking of the Mary Sunley to discuss purchasing of supplies, blacking etc. It is booked in for March 6th for one week. Brian would like to come over and have a face to face meeting either after a board meeting or on a Friday social night. Can we confirm when we can meet and who would be involved. (Nigel)**

Nigel to contact Brian to confirm the size of the boat and date for the meeting. Ian, Mike and Nigel to speak with Brian, and possibly Julian if he is available

- **in view of Dave's comments about the timing of the meetings is it worth considering having every other meeting on Zoom, perhaps on a weekday? Also, if the work party doesn't go ahead on Saturday (if the weather doesn't improve), could we hold the meeting earlier, say around 11am? (Ruth)**

Mike has requested that the meetings stay as they are.

- **SSL Certificate for the NCCC Website – how do we get this paid as it is on Coffee Manchester's Server.**

Ruth asked why it cannot go direct to us. Heth explained that the NCCC website is currently on Mike Robison's server and would be expensive to move it. Ruth asked if Mike could send an invoice in from Coffee Manchester with a copy of the invoice for the SSL Certificate.

- **Are all direct debits and standing now in NCCC's name and not personal.**

Ruth advised that there is the virtual landline which is still in a personal name, but as soon as Mike has sorted the cards out that we will ask the member to cancel it.

- **Commodores Fund – who is doing the paperwork for the Commodores account?**

John has agreed with Ian that he will do the paperwork for the Sunday lunches and functions, and keep Ian informed on a monthly basis and John will send the spreadsheet and all the paperwork to Ruth at the end of each month.

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.

Meeting started at 1.35pm and ended at 2.06pm

7. Date of Next meeting

Saturday 8 February 2025 – 1.30pm

Minutes checked by Ruth Smith in the absence of Mike Robison

Approved on Monday 13 January