



## North Cheshire Cruising Club

### Minutes of the Board meeting

held on Saturday 8 February 2025 – 1.30pm

Meeting held at NCCC

#### Present

Mike Robison – Chairman  
Nigel Stanley – Premises Director

Heather Stanley – Company Secretary  
Ian Jewell – Commodore

#### Apologies

Dave Hood – Director without Portfolio  
Eric Roberts – Land, Water & Space Director  
Ruth Smuth – Finance Director

John Fenton Director without Portfolio  
Pam Russell Membership Services Director

The meeting went ahead with approval given to Heather Stanley from Pam Russell and John Fenton, and also views on items given by Dave Hood

1. **Approval of January 2025 Minutes – Proposed – Nigel Stanley      Seconded – Ian Jewell**
2. **Matters Arising – None**
3. **Approval of Directors Reports – Sent to the board in advance for approval – Approved by all**
4. **Approval of Company Officials Reports – Sent to the board in advance for approval – Approved by all**
5. **Tasks Completed**
  - ***Club and Cottage Purchase Update – See AOB for latest update***
6. **Any other business**
  - ***Dogs not on leads on the arm (Heth)*** – It has been noted that a few dogs have been seen around the arm that are not on leads – A general email is to be sent out and then if this is not adhered to, Mike will speak direct to those concerned.
  - ***Sending password on email (Heth)*** – It was agreed at the previous meeting that the password for the members section would be sent out on email. Heather has been on a cyber security course with work, and asked the question about sending it on email. Their answer was NO. If the password is required get members to either ring Heather or message her on an encrypted service like 'whats app'.
  - ***Potholes in car park (Heth)*** – Mike Robison advised that this is on the list of jobs to do, but at the moment the purchasing of the Club is taking priority. The next job will then be the lighting and then the potholes. The potholes need to be done is good weather.
  - ***Good to see all the shelves of the library visible again but only half of them are filled with books, do we need to advertise for more books? (Ian)*** – We all agreed to send an email out to see if members had any more books.

- **How do we get more people in the club on a Friday? (Ian)** - We are going to look at trialling some nights with different events on. Music in the background, picture quiz, film night, karaoke, and maybe a 'Takeaway' Night planned in advance.
- **For Discussion - Dear North Cheshire Cruising Club, we're on the lookout for a venue nearby to the Cheshire Ring canal network to act as an ultramarathon checkpoint during a 100 mile race. We treat all venues with care and respect at all times and would have a medical team and event team on site supporting runners with top up refreshments, snacks and perhaps the likes of pasta if there is a kitchen facility available. The race starts at Media City Manchester and would reach the venue at 22 miles into the event. Date Saturday 27th September provisionally. Thanks in advance. Timings required would be approx 8am until 12:45pm. Please let me know your thoughts. (Mike)** – Mike has had a meeting with the organiser of the event, who came over to NCCC to have a look around. Everything looks good, and as this is a chargeable event, Mike just needs to agree a cost.
  - a. **Comments from Dave Hood – Who would police the gates as they would be coming of the canal. Who would clean up after the runners with muddy feet, and who would clean up after the event.**  
Mike advised that the organisers of the event would ensure that they have stewards at the gates and on the arm. The runners will come up the fire escape to come into the room for refreshments and possibly food, but will not step off the dance floor. This way the carpets stay clean. There will be plastic put over the carpet which is near the fire door.
  - b. Pam Russell and John Fenton have agreed for us to progress with the event.
- **For Discussion – Slipway open to Non Members after Easter (Mike)** – Mike asked for approval for non members to use the slipway after the Easter period. Mike advised that there is approximately 78 member crafts which are a mixture of cruisers and narrowboats. There are currently 29 bookings from members. Heather has sent out an email with the available dates, and on receipt of the first email, Mike received 3 bookings. It was agreed to send the updated list of availability out every two weeks upto Easter which gives members plenty of time to book if they wish to do so.
  - a. **Comment from Dave Hood – make sure that the maximum length of craft is confirmed (60ft), that if non members are having work done on their boats, that it must be running when they are due out, and also that the insurance is fully comprehensive and attached to their slipway form.**  
*Mike advised that the length is 65ft and this will be adhered to as normal.*
  - b. Pam Russell and John Fenton agreed to this.
- **Tyres for the Tug** – The two replacement tyres for the tug need doing prior to the first boat coming out on the slipway in March. All agreed to get Julian to order the tyres and get them fitted. Mike to speak to Julian.
- **Update on the purchase of NCCC (Mike)** – We have now had done the Fire Safety Report and the Asbestos Report as requested by the Surveyor. All parties concerned have been informed and have accepted the reports. We are now just waiting on the Offer Letter. Once the offer letter has been received a members meeting will be called (this maybe at short notice), to advise the membership of the next steps.
- There is another amendment to the terms of purchase from C&RT which is that no additional signage can be added to the bridge, but we can update or enhance the signage we have, but it must be the same size.
- **Members pledge of a loan** – Mike will ask each person who has pledged to loan NCCC some funds towards the purchase, to come into NCCC and have a short meeting with him. This will be to discuss the terms of the loan with each person, and if both parties are agreeable sign the relevant document.

**For Discussion at a future meeting (Nothing more being done on this until we have more details of what is involved in Setting up a Trust.**

- 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.

7. Meeting started later at 2.15pm and finished at 3.15pm

**8. Date of Next meeting**

Saturday 8 March 2025 – 1.30pm

Minutes Approved Mike Robison Chairman on Sunday 23 February 2025 .