



**North Cheshire Cruising Club**  
**Minutes of the Board meeting**  
**held on Saturday 12 April – 2.00pm**  
**Meeting held at NCCC**

**Present**

Mike Robison – Chairman	Eric Roberts – Land & Water Space Director
Nigel Stanley – Premises Director	Heather Stanley – Company Secretary
Ruth Smith – Finance Director	Ian Jewell – Commodore
Pam Russell – Membership Services Director	

**Apologies – John Fenton**

**1. Approval of March 2025 Minutes – Proposed : N Stanley    Seconded : I Jewell**

**2. Matters Arising - from the last meeting**

DWP position – Ruth advised that Catherine would be available if agreed to attend the May and September meetings. It was agreed that we do not do anything with this position until the AGM, as we have already had another member request the paperwork for the position. That member was advised that this would be available at the beginning of September. Mike will have a chat with Catherine when they return from their winter break. Everyone agreed to put Catherine forward for the trust.

**3. Approval of Directors Reports (Sent to the Board for Approval) Approved by all**

**4. Approval of Company Officials Reports (Sent to the Board for Approval) Approved by all**

**5. Tasks Completed**

- **Club and Cottage Purchase Update** – NOW PURCHASED. Mike wish to say thank you to everyone involved from the board for all their help over the past 18 months, and also to thank Dave Hood, Lyndsay Hillman and Sheila Barlow for their assistance as well. A final thank you must go out to Heather Rowley, as without her input and assistance with specific contacts this major project may not have happened.

**6. Any other business**

- **Rule Book Approval before printing (Heth)** – No further updates so ok to proceed.
- **Membership Forms final approval (Heth)**
  - Addition from Ruth - Following the update of the Membership form, I would like to suggest that the Mooring form be amended to include the boat length that has been used to calculate the mooring fee.

It was agreed that the Mooring Form should include the boat length in the calculation of the mooring fee.

It was agreed that the Full Membership form should have the length of the narrowboat or cruiser on, For the Full Membership form it was agreed that the new section about attending events/work parties etc should be a minimum of 6 events per year

A similar agreement was made for the Associate members with these members attending a minimum of 3 events per year.

➤ **Confirmation of Board Meetings (Heth)**

- May 10<sup>th</sup> – Commodore Cruise Friday 2 to Sunday 11 May – Originally we were cancelling this meeting as it also covers the week before. Due to the breach on the Macclesfield and Bridgewater Canal is there anything else planned or does the meeting go ahead as planned. Are we holding extra meetings in July and August due to the June and September meetings being cancelled as some maybe on the Commodore Cruises (Friday 30 May to Sunday 29 June and Friday 29 August to Saturday 20 September).

It was agreed that the May meeting would go ahead as planned on Saturday 10 May at 2pm, and we would discuss the June and September meetings at the next board meeting when we will have further information from C&RT about the breach.

➤ **Obituaries and Book of Remembrance (Ruth)**

It was agreed to have a section on the website for obituaries of the members that have passed away, and also to have a Book of Remembrance in the function room. Heather will organise the book (Now done and in situ), and will speak to family members of those that have passed for their obituaries for the website.

➤ **Oil Leak from Waste Vehicle (Heth)**

On the day of Bobs funeral Monday 31 March, when we got back to the arm, there was a large oil leak that had come from one of the waste wagons that had come in overnight. As nobody had been at the arm in the morning it was not noticed until we got back. Luckily, we had some sand available to put down, but this could have been very dangerous if anyone had slipped on it. Nigel has a video from the camera's of the vehicle leaking oil outside the main doors. Should this be sent on to them for their comments? (Heth)

No further action is being taken as a new supplier will be taking over in due course.

➤ **Company Official – how often do the board get reports from Sheila (Fund raising), Jackie (C&RT Licence), Dave (Moorings). Should we ask for an update to go with David and James report, so we know where they are up to and if there is any problems. This is not checking up on anyone. (Heth)**

Yes this was agreed. Heather will keep in contact with Sheila and Jackie to see if they have any concerns and report back at each meeting, and Mike will speak to Dave Hood to get the current mooring availability position.

➤ **Party to celebrate the purchase of the club. (Ian)**

The above party is to be organised by a small team to also coincide with VE Day – Date agreed as May 11. A meeting is to be arranged on a Friday night after the easter cruise. A what's app group has been set up for those involved. Ian will advise what needs to be sent out to the members in due course.

➤ **Letter to CRT requesting licence rebate for 5th year of buggeration. (Ian)**

Heather advised that we had already received an email from C&RT for feedback about the breaches etc and advised that we have had a couple of comments back. Ian J said he would send something over to go with the comments, and Heather would sent it back to C&RT (this has now been done). When a reply is received this will be relayed to the board.

#### **Additional AOB asked at the meeting**

- **Has an email been sent out about Dave's resignation from the board only and John to take over the role that Dave did (Ruth)**

Heather will draft an email and sent to Mike for his approval

- **Canoe Club (Mike & Nigel)**

Mike would like to set up a canoe club as an additional part of NCCC. A friend of Nigel's has offered the club 12 canoes free of charge which will also include the life jackets. Mike and Nigel to arrange to collect some of the canoes (5 have now been collected). A majority vote was agreed, and anyone external to the club must become an associate member to hire the canoes out.

Further discussion to take place about how we set up the club and the rules and regulations involved.

- **Piling (Eric)**

Eric would like the piling to start again, but we need more people to assist. We need two teams of five people and most of the work will take place during the week. You do not need to be physically fit and one of the jobs will be using the hammer. Current team is Eric, Ian H, Ian J and Mike.

Heather to draft an email for Mike to approve and then for it to be sent out, on a regular basis if necessary.

- **Gate Sensors and Club Steps (Nige)**

After the recent accidents concerning John F (Stairs) and Clare W (gate sensors), Nigel advised the meeting that we need to make the gate sensors easier to see when its dark, maybe a fence, and also for two more handrails to be put on the steps . All agreed

Update : Nigel has brought some handrails to the club which he had, and will make the handrails for the gate at the next work party.

- **Wharf Cottage – whose remit does this come under (Nige)**

The cottage comes under the Premises Directors remit

- **Tools from Sheila Barlow (Nige)**

Sheila has donated a number of items that were the late Bob Barlow's to the club., These have been collected by Ian and Nigel today April 12. There maybe further items, but Sheila will keep Nigel informed.

- **New Signage for NCCC**

Heather has redone the signage for the front and the end of the arm, and has got prices from a printer that she uses on a regular basis. This is to be discussed at a future meeting, along with the signage that Mike showed the board.

- **Holes in the Car Park (Mike)**

Mike R has asked Mike H to get together some prices for the holes in the car park to be filled.

**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 – Mike and Heather Rowley are going to have a meeting about setting up the trust and planning ahead. It was suggested that Catherine Jackson would be a good representative on the trust.

**7. Date of Next meeting**

Saturday 10 May 2025 – 2pm in the club house

Minutes Approved by Ruth Smith Finance Director on behalf of Mike Robison on 30 April 2025 by email.