



**North Cheshire Cruising Club**  
**Minutes of the Board meeting**  
**held on Saturday 8 March – 1.30pm**  
**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	John Fenton – Director without Portfolio

**Non received**

1. **Approval of February 2025 Minutes – Proposed – Nigel Stanley      Seconded – Pam Russell**
2. **Matters Arising** – Directors Reports – Commodores Sunday lunch sheets not received. Pam requested that as there was only a couple left for Ruth to receive this in one go. All agreed // Company Official Reports – H&S James has requested an email be sent out to members re their H&S concerns. It was decided to do a poster to put up in various places around the arm
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**
6. **Any other business**
  - **How do we encourage more new members to attend New Members Night? (Ruth)** – Pam contacted all the news members by text, email and by telephone call. There is not much more we can do. Themed nights do seem to work though. Maybe look at doing one themed night per month. Heth to monitor the Friday nights over the next couple of weeks.
  - **Following Dave's resignation – as Catherine Jackson stood for DWP at the last AGM, I would like to suggest we approach her with a view to co-opting her onto the Board as DWP if she is still interested (Ruth)** – Ruth to speak to Catherine, and she if she is still interested, and as we are doing face to face meetings, if she would be available to attend the meetings – Ruth to report back at the next meeting.
  - **Approval of Glynis and David Critchlow from Directors Reports (Pam)** – Approved by all
  - **Board Meetings May, June and September – Three board meetings clash with the commodores cruises. Cruise to the Caldon May 2-11 BM May 10 / Summer Cruise May 30 – June 29 BM June 14 / Autumn Cruise Aug 29 – Sept 20 BM Sept 13 (Heth)** – Who from the board is cruising with Ian?
    - **Suggestion – as we can run a board meeting with a minimum of four members, those cruising send in their comments to the Reports and AOB, approvals or disapproval prior to the meeting so we have your input. If anything is brought up in the meeting, then this could be sent to you on whats app for approval / disapproval whilst the meeting is taken place. As our meetings are face to face, I would not suggest doing a zoom meeting as this goes against what we have previously agreed.**

It was agreed to cancel the May, June and September board meetings. It was also agreed to amend the time of the meeting to 2pm.

- **Final approval for the GB Ultra race to use NCCC (see document sent with AOB) (Mike)** – A price has been agreed for GB Ultra to use the arm/premises for part of their race. The board gave their agreement.
- **Message received from a member for discussion - Please would you be kind enough to answer the following question:- Is there any reason why Directors' Reports are not attached to Minutes of Board Meetings when they are sent out to members? Speaking personally, I am interested in what duties Directors carry out per month. There is a lot of work carried out by Directors in the background of which members are not aware of and if informed they would have a better understanding of Directors' responsibilities. (Heth)** - The minutes do not have the directors reports in as the board want to keep the minutes short, and the AOB is the most important items at the time of the meeting. The directors reports have been on the website since 2023. If any members wishes to know more about what the directors do behind the scenes, that are not part of their Directors role, then they can just ask that particular Director. The Board have recently received a nice comment from a member about the way the minutes are written, and the actions taken.
- **Update on the purchase of NCCC (Mike)** - We are very close to the offer letter which will be either 70% or 75% of the mortgage. All reports have been sent and all parties are happy with the documentation. If there is any problems with anything that we have the option of using the land that NCCC own as extra security. A members meeting has been called to advise the membership of the current status. This will take place on Friday 14 March from 7.30pm onwards
- **Purchase of New Karcher Jetwasher (Mike)** - Mike advised the meeting that he has received an offer from Karcher for the possible purchase of a new jetwasher as the old one is not upto standard. The original purchase price is £2200 plus vat, but we have been offered for £1000 plus vat. The consensus was yes to purchase, as an offer like this might not come up again, and it will be an essential part of the slipway

**For Discussion at a future meeting (on hold – until further information has been researched)**

- **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 April 2025 – 2.00pm

Minutes Approved Mike Robison Chairman on 30 March 2025 by email.