



Ribble Cruising Club



Main Committee Meeting Minutes

Agreed Record of Main Committee meeting

Date: 6th June 2016

Those Present:

Richard Blackburn,
Martin Oldroyd,
Tony Walker,
Alan Betts,
Pauline Betts

Don Flannery,
Rob Jarman,
Andrew Walls,
Richard Freeman
Richard Hoad

Richard Elsdon,
Tony Robins,
Peter Benett,
Allan Williams
David Miller

Item

Action

1.0 Apologies

Mike Briers, Keith Lawton, Mike Leman, Stuart Hodgkiss, Peter Pollock.

2.0 Minutes

2.1 **Minutes** of the Main Committee meeting held on 9th May were presented. An amendment to record apologies sent by Andrew Walls and Pauline Betts was made. Approval was proposed by Martin Oldroyd, seconded by Richard Freeman, and accepted unanimously.

3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 No formal response had been made regarding Robert Marsh's letters, but Keith Lawton was pursuing informal channels.

3.2 Foreshore Parking – there were no responses noted to the advice regarding the need to display RCC carstickers

3.3 RYA Survey of members continues-the club response has increased from 14 to 53, and members were encouraged to continue the uptake of the survey, now closed 31/05/2016

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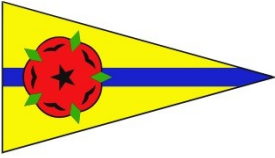
4.0 Correspondence

4.1 RYA Cruising News – SAFETRX App. has been launched, and was seen as a useful aid to contacting personal numbers and rescue services when needed

4.2 RYA News: Discount tickets for the Sailing World Cup were on offer

4.3 RYA noted plans for a national coastal path development, and were willing to represent any concerns about the impact on sailing clubs

4.4 RYA Regional Teams were holding meetings to discuss environmental matters. These are taking place in Kendal on 12th July, and Liverpool on 13th July.



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5.0 Treasurer's report

The May purchases and statement were circulated and discussed

Features of note were the dinghy rudder, which would be recovered at a later date, through an insurance claim. An electrical inspection and the water rates were also noted.

Tony Walker asked about the possible resolution of the VAT situation. This remains ongoing.

6.0 Sailing report

A six week course of "Try Sailing" was coming to an end this Wednesday. It had received a good response, with up to twelve boats on Fairhaven Lake, and three safety boats present. Richard Freeman was thanked for the efforts put in to welcoming the novices, and introducing a register to monitor continued interest.

The "Push the Boat Out" event had received a poor response.

Continued sailing for club members on Fairhaven Lake was to be continued in June, with encouragement to take part in sail training on Saturdays, at the Club, and on the river.

The June Regatta had taken place on 4th/ 5th weekend. Due to light winds only one dinghy race was completed on each day. Cruisers took part in a race on the Sunday, but the race was abandoned due to light winds. Richard Freeman and the House Committee were thanked for the fine hospitality on each day.

Richard Hoad questioned the audibility of the new racing signal horns, and agreed to investigate further.

A number of members took part in a cruise to the Isle of Man, and enjoyed the hospitality of the Douglas Sailing Club. Difficulties were encountered on the return voyage, and reflection on the lessons learned was encouraged by the Committee.

David Miller noted difficulties encountered in picking up the new visitors' mooring buoy, near the "V" buoy. Don Flannery agreed to look into this.

The Committee was asked whether it knew the whereabouts of the Culpan Trophy

7.0 Training Report

Rob Jarman reported that assessment certificates had been completed, and that follow-on training was to take place in June. Individual progress was going to be assessed, rather than formal courses, and in view of this, no course charges were going to be made.

An inspection of the training facility is due to take place soon.

51 individuals had attended the "Try Sailing"

8.0 Dock Report

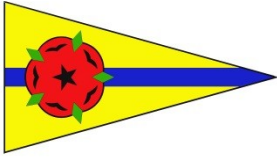
Andrew Walls reported in the absence of Keith Lawton.

Work had taken place to install the new perches, and this was near completion.

Plans to provide a new winch were being actively pursued

Concern over a recent development of non-payment of fees was expressed. A need to reconcile the names of boat owners with membership payments and dock fees was identified. It was noted that this may need to be approached sensitively if issues such as illness or similar circumstances were identified

The contents of a letter to the Dock Chairman from Mr Pickering were noted, regarding the 20% surcharge for late payment. Pauline Betts noted that it should be clarified that the responsibility to follow up on late payments lay with the club member, as this could



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be an onerous burden for the dock Berthing Sec and Hon Membership Sec.

9.0 Fabric Report

The adjustments to the gate to the ramp have been completed, allowing improved disabled access to the club. Concern was noted that railings or further alterations may impede the movement of dinghies in and out of the tank. The size of the padlock was identified by Rob Jarman as a problem for a potential break-in. This would be addressed, with a smaller lock.

Persisting dampness in the Ladies' Changing room was noted.

Richard Blackburn mentioned that improved access to the Race Box is being actively considered by the Development Committee

10.0 House Report

There had been no further development on a summer event for the Juniors.

Last Tuesday Talk for September was being pursued, with a lecture on "Stars and Astronomy" by Professor Kurtz of UCLAN being considered. Talks for October, November 2016 and January, February 2017 were already confirmed.

The Civic Society are hoping to hold their AGM in the Clubhouse in late September. The Committee had been approached by Bernard Worsfold to explore the use of the clubhouse for an event around the 1940's weekend. Richard Freeman was going to clarify the details, and felt that this should be given the club's backing.

11.0 Development Committee

The new safety boat outboard engine has been commissioned, and is working well. Race Box access has been discussed further with new avenues to pursue regarding external stairways, and single person lifts.

The dishwasher problem has been identified, with new parts being sought, and with a view to repair in the near future

Student Membership had received approval to be taken forward for consideration by the next AGM.

Delays in the production of the "Welcome Pack" were noted by Tony Walker. Rob Jarman accepted that there were challenges due to time constraints.

A proposal was being made by the Civic Society to create a "Sensory Park" on the site adjacent to the clubhouse, and invitations had been made for contributions to the funding of this. Following discussion, little enthusiasm was shown by the Main Committee as benefits to the club and membership could not be identified.

11.0 Communications

Richard Hoad reported that new developments were taking place to improve the Club website, particularly in relation to security.

Plans were afoot to provide clear instructions on the use of computer and AV equipment in the clubhouse.

A replacement part for the wind monitor on the weather station had been installed. It was felt that it may need to be re-sited, as the shielding effect of the race box may be causing inaccurate readings in some wind directions.

Discussion took place on forming a Club Facebook page, in the form of a "Closed



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Group". It was felt that a champion was needed from amongst the younger, more knowledgeable members, to take this forward.

12.0 Membership

Richard Elsdon presented 2 new memberships applications to be considered by Main Committee who unanimously voted that their membership applications be granted. They are:-

Perry and Kate Sinacola for Family membership, proposed by Adrian Deyne,
Seconded Rob Jarman, they have 2 daughters,

Ian and Whitney Schofield for Family membership, proposed Simon Begley & Seconded Richard Freeman, who have 4 daughters

13.0 A. O. B.

Don Flannery noted the increased use of the jetty by the public during the weekend of the Regatta, and the safety concerns that this raised.

The Commodore noted that a formal meeting would not take place in August due to likely poor attendance, but that availability to discuss any urgent or pressing matters would be appreciated.

Next meeting: - Monday 4th July at 20:00, RCC Clubhouse.