



Ribble Cruising Club



Main Committee Meeting Minutes

Agreed Minutes of Main Committee meeting

Dated: 5th September 2016

Those Present:

Richard Blackburn,
Andrew Walls
Tony Walker
Mike Briers

Rob Jarman,
Richard Freeman
Richard Hoad
David Miller

Richard Elsdon,
Don Flannery
Peter Benett,
Tony robins

Item Action

1.0 Apologies

Alan Betts, Pauline Betts, Peter Pollock, Martin Oldroyd, Andrew Walls, Keith Lawton, Allan Williams, Stuart Hodgkiss.

2.0 Minutes

MB agreed to correct the date on the draft minutes & revise item 10.2 to indicate that RF was having some issues with The Glendower Hotel re our Laying Up Supper booking. With these changes the Main Committee meeting held on 4th July 2016 were agreed proposed by RF & seconded by DHM.

Matters arising :-

3.0

- 3.1 There has been no response from FBC to Bensteads regarding the lease extension, MB agreed to pursue this matter.
- 3.2 RB & MB reported on recent discussions with The Civic Society regarding developments on the Scruples site. The CS already has some significant funding, circa £130K but apparently they have not included a screen wall between their site and RCC. MB believes that RCC should design our own wall/screen and install it as a contribution to the development of the site. After much discussion MC agreed in principle to fund some sort of structure between RCC & Civic Society Garden. A budget of around £2000 was agreed, the screen would only extend along the side of the clubhouse & and would include an improved emergency exit onto the Garden area . MB will meet The CS at a Coffee Morning 7th Sept.
- 3.3 RB reported that Car Park wardens employed by FBC were now checking cars on the foreshore, any not displaying the agreed car stickers were being issued with a warning.

4.0 Correspondence

- 4.1 RYA cruising news including: Carbon Monoxide safety bulletin, massive new Wind Farm at Hornsea, & an interesting article by Sam Llewellyn.
MB reported an e-mail query re Pete's Light & Navigation Marks in River Ribble,
- 4.2 MB had responded informing them of RCC responsibilities & linking them to Trinity House & Heritage Society re Pete's Light
- 4.3 RB reported correspondence with Kensington Homes re boats moored on 'their land', on South Shore of Liggard. RB has responded that no RCC members were involved, the boats have now moved.
- 4.4 MB reported an e-mail that Dolphin Log had been found, Tim Simmons e-mailed to say that the visitors log at the Dolphin Pub has been found and is now open to record visitors, RH



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to put on website, N Lyons to be approached re article for future log,
4.5 MB reminded MC RYA NW Cruiser Forum, talk on 8th November by Tom Cunliffe

5.0 Treasurer's report

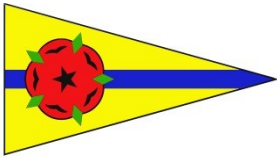
The July & August Treasurer's report was agreed, RCC 'total bank balance was reported at £101,565 and some 27 payments recorded. There was some discussion about an outstanding bill for work on SB2 trolley, DF agreed to follow it up, DM informed MC that a refund of berthing fees had been sent to Shiela Freear. DM also indicated income from dinghy parking, adverts & payment for RCC survey support.

6.0 Sailing report

- 6.1 DF opened by commenting on poor weather in August impacting sailing. A test of new sound system however had indicated some issues further work was required. RB reported an excellent evening sail with bar open afterward which should be repeated.
- 6.2 DF reported that the Wednesday evening' sailing on Fairhaven was drawing to a close, he thanked everyone in the team for their support through this season.
- 6.3 September Regatta was a success with excellent sailing especially on Sunday, unfortunately only 7 dinghies turned out & NO cruisers. DF will try to engage cruiser fraternity through George Prince.
- 6.4 DF reminded MC that The Big Race was approaching 18th Sept. This is a combined event for Cruisers and dinghies for the prestigious Blason Trophy, posters will be prepared and posted especially at RCC Dock.
- 6.5 Jetty repairs had been overtaken by events but DF reported that the toe board repairs were ongoing.
- 6.6 DF reported need for more drivers for Kubota tractor. MC agreed that MKO could provide this training provided he was himself certified by Myerscough as an instructor. Sailing Committee were asked to discuss this with Dock Committee to see if there was also a need there.
- 6.7 DF reported that both Willy Crichton & Martin Knott(MK) had been flying RCC burgees at their respective National Championship, MK had been placed 15th a creditable achievement.
- 6.8 MB raised again the issue of 'old outboards' in cellar, they represented a serious fire risk. Sailing Committee agreed to dispose of scrap ones & empty the fuel tanks of any they wished to store.

7.0 Training Report

- 7.1 RJ reported Wednesday sessions at Fairhaven had continued as were Saturday training sessions but these were both drawing to a close. He expressed concern about retention of the interest of these new members. Ideas for special events for them were discussed, including games nights & early doors sessions in clubhouse on Fridays, Facebook & website were seen as essential tools .
- 7.2 RJ reported that RCC was now certified to also provide 'performance Training' with MK as an advanced instructor and the Laser 2000, special thanks to RE for the loan of his boat.
- 7.3 RJ indicated that RCC would seek clearance for all instructors from the 'Disclosure & Barring Service', (DBS) , a prudent move considering the involvement of so many children. It was agreed that it was not necessary to clear volunteers in this way.
- 7.4 RJ reported that shore based training would continue at RCC this winter. Coastal Skipper, 1st Aid & SRC Radio course were planned subject to sufficient applicants.
- 7.5 Charging for training, there was some discussion re charging for RCC sail training, MC accepted RJ's view that RCC should see this at the moment as a service & coaching for members. It was still seriously influenced by tide & weather,



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8.0 Dock Report;- MB reported on behalf of KL who was on holiday.

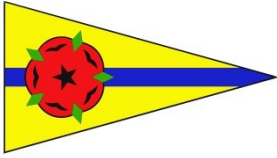
- 8.1 KL had met a potential contractor for The Environment Agency . After a look round they asked if they could use our slipway and site a few cabins on our land during the works (3 months). KL agreed , In principle, yes, depending on the package of works agreed with the agency, ie. we want the erosion of the bank sorted and the retaining wall they damaged re-established. According to this contractor the planning consent has not yet been given and the far bank is now a SSSI and Natural England won't let them put heavy plant on the far bank. So the intent is to dredge from an amphibious digger / suction pump and remove the soil by barge. They said they could work around our chains and replace any wires if they were damaged. They intend to extend the road culverts 15m into our land, dredge all of our section of the main drain and 650m up the Liggard removing 5 cu m of mud for every metre of creek. KL agreed to write again in Sept to the environment agency requesting we start formal discussions about the impact of the works on our operations.
- 8.2 A visit from Trinity House to inspect our Perches and Marks was scheduled for mid August , AW reported that went well & he was thanked for his efforts re our perches.
- 8.3 MJB reported some progress with debtors John Bosson's daughter, Amanda Sails, had agreed to join RCC, see membership application, and pay debts. MB informed RCC that John Bosson himself is suffering from Dementia & in residential care. MC agreed that no 'entry fee' should be charged on Amanda Sails membership application & that the 'late surcharge fee' should not be applied to his 2016 dock fees. MB reported no progress on Mr Theobald or Mr Devine, he had written to them in July recorded delivery, giving them 28 days to pay. MC agreed no further action re Mr Theobald it was a small debt for one months extra berthing, however MB agreed to continue to seek out payment by Mr Devine. . MB also reported that KL was now in contact with Eric Whitworth re his Cradle Storage.

9.0 Fabric Committee

- 9.1 DM reported that the flickering light in the ladies changing room was still under investigation.
- 9.2 DF raised the issue of race box access asking that it be given priority over 'disabled access'. There was a spirited discussion it was agreed that Dev Comm would continue to seek a 'combined solution to access for disabled people to RCC & improving race box access. Redevelopment of Lobby would be required to give space for either Scissors lift to Club level or Stanah Personnel Lift to both. Stanah lift alone £13,000 and previous enquiries indicated there were issues. Scissors to club level probably best with a staircase across lobby to race box., Dev comm agreed to give this study priority.

10.0 House Report

- 10.1 RF advised that RCC had lost it's booking for the Laying Up Supper at The Glendower Hotel, also that Social Committee were currently struggling to organise an alternate venue. He informed MC that the LUS would be cancelled unless an organiser with some free time was found.
- 10.2 RF advised that the Regatta buffet was extremely successful.
- 10.3 RF recommended a review of bar policy re draught beer, it was felt that the bar would benefit from only selling bottled or canned beer. There was some consternation re this matter & MC wondered whether 'Lytham Brewery' was an option for special events.
- 10.4 MB reported he had just arranged a talk for Sept to start season, Derek Sheppard '40+ years before my mast' , MB indicated he had 5 more talks in place, Oct, Nov, Jan & Feb & April 2017 . In March he was hoping for a history of Wyre & Skippool. There was some discussion re Tuesday Talks, RJ wondered whether alternate months would be enough. MB indicated other clubs just organised 1 or 2 big talks but he would prefer RCC to continue the currewnt format but was actively looking for a 'successor'



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11.0 Development Committee

11.1:- RB reported progress re Jetty;- FBC were replacing the toe straps, they had been advised that the central part was still going up & down & there was a build-up of rubbish at the end of the jetty some of it dangerous. There was also concern that members of public had been seen jumping in off the end of the jetty despite there being some dangerous underwater rubbish. DF agreed to review the matter with FBC.

11.2:- RJ informed dev comm that he had been approached by The RYA to see if RCC could support UCLAN in setting up a sailing club. It was agreed that RCC was probably not a good place to do that, opportunity for regular sailing being limited by tide plus mud & the tides themselves. It was agreed to suggest to The RYA that UCLAN approach an inland club with non tidal waters & boats.

11.3:- RB reported progress re Student membership, MC had agreed that Junior and Family membership revert to covering members children only up to 18. Student will then provide membership for over 18's up to 25 provided in Full Time Education or Training.

11.0 Communications

RH reported some website issues, he was in communication with James, hoping for resolution. The weather station was operational but there were some issues re wind shadow, Clive was to be asked to move the sensor. .

RME spoke about some 'Facebook' success, an RCC page now had some '24 likes'

12.0 Membership

The following membership applications were approved:

---Amanda Sails application for ordinary membership, proposed by Mike Briers and seconded by Keith Lawton. MB informed MC that Amanda was joining on behalf of John Bosson who had dementia, this membership would allow her to resolve John's boat issues & pay his berthing.

---James Peet, Martin Peet, & Anthony Peet had applied for ordinary membership all proposed by Alan Betts & seconded by Pauline Betts. Alan explained that the Peet family had been an active RCC family and these 3 youngsters were juniors also in their own right. Each of them now had a boat and were likely to be looking to berth at RCC. They had offered to get involved in Clubhouse maintenance, & training, he is sure they would all be active members.

13.0 AOB

13.1:-RF informed MC that it would appear Freckleton Boatyard was being cleared as Mrs Holt had sadly died. Boats were being moved off, some of us remember Allansons yard down there, David Moss & David Topping started down there.

13.2:_RME informed MC that he had nearly run out of handbooks, MC approved purchased of 20 more at a cost of £105.

Next meeting Monday 3rd October 2016

Prepared by M J Briers