



Ribble Cruising Club



Main Committee Meeting Minutes

Agreed Record of Main Committee meeting

Date: 9th May 2016

Those Present:

Richard Blackburn,
Martin Oldroyd,
Mike Leman,
Rick Hoad

Don Flannery,
Richard Freeman
Tony Walker
David Miller

Richard Elsdon,
Tony Robins,
Peter Benett,
Alan Williams

Item	Action
1.0 Apologies	
Mike Briers, , Alan Betts, Keith Lawton, Rob Jarman, Pauline Betts, Alan Betts	
2.0 Minutes	
2.1 There were no comments on the previous minutes of the Main Committee meeting held on 4th April. Approval was proposed by Don Flannery, seconded by Mike Leman, and accepted unanimously.	
3.0 Matters Arising	
3.1 No one was aware of any response to the letters sent to Robert Marsh.	
3.2 RB reported on his attendance at the recent Marine Management Organisation presentation. He advised that the operation of the Marine Planning was to be arranged nationally along lines similar to the coastguard zones. Leaflets are available in the clubhouse.	
4.0 Correspondence	
4.1 There had been some communication with the Environment Agency, although there was nobody present from the Dock Committee to report.	
5.0 Treasurer's report	
The April purchases and statement had been circulated and was discussed DM reported that a donation had been made to Southport rescue and a very pleasant thankyou letter had been received. RE asked about the possibility of the club arranging a Credit/Debit card for the purposes of paying for goods online. There was a discussion about a number of possible arrangements including 'Paypal', Sage. DM was pursuing the possibility of arranging direct debit payments into the club account.	
6.0 Sailing report	
With the improvement in the weather had come an increase in sailing activities both on the river and at Fairhaven Lake. The first Wednesday of Try sailing had brought 20 new sailors, including 4 family groups. The new 4 stroke engine for the safety boat had been successfully run-in and was now performing well.	



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Unfortunately during a capsizing the rudder assembly to the '2000' had been lost in the channel. The sailing committee were discussing its replacement with the treasurer and Alan Slorick to understand if an insurance claim was the most effective way of obtaining a replacement.

On the previous weekend there had been 11 dinghies competing in the spitfire trophy. The RYA 'Push the boat out' planned for the 14-22nd May. RCC were providing 'Try Sailing on the Wednesday evening at Fairhaven, sailing from the club on the weekend of the 21-22 May as well as a PTBO/Try Sailing Commodore's Lunch Buffet on Saturday the 21st May.

Don reminded everyone of the Regatta on the weekend of the 4-5th June. Food will be available during the day at the clubhouse.

A new very large race mark had been purchased at a recent boat jumble.

It was pointed out that 2 cruisers had sailed through the dinghy fleet, adjacent to the start line off the clubhouse, during the racing. At the time the race start sequence had commenced and several dinghies including several novices were attempting to get to the start line.

This note is by way of a reminder and to those representing cruiser sailors to advise them to note the status of the racing start sequence and avoid the vicinity of the clubhouse when racing is on, unless they are racing.

7.0 Training Report

Richard Elsdon and Peter Pollock had recently qualified as Senior Instructors Stage 1 and 2 assessment courses had run on Fairhaven and on the river in April

8.0 Dock Report

There was no one present from the Dock Committee to provide a report. It was noted that there had been a break-in at the dock. Entry was gained via the security fence at the far end of the club premises along the Liggard. Several items had been stolen.

The tractor had been sold.

Letters had been sent to members regarding overdue berthing fee payments.

9.0 Fabric Report

The speakers had now been mounted on the wall and were proving very successful in conjunction with presentations.

Richard Blackburn mentioned that improved access to the Race Box is being actively considered by the Dev Comm.

10.0 House Report

The recent Greek Evening (Fitting Out Supper) was recorded as a success. Diners were treated to a showing of Shirley Valentine with improved sound thanks to the speakers.

A PTBO lunch is planned for the 20th May (see Sailing above)

RF reported that the dishwasher in the galley was not working. The manufacturer of the machine (Crono) had been identified and RF was actively seeking a replacement heating element.

The most recent 'Last Tuesday Talk' was 'Anchoring in the Balearics' which was well attended.

11.0 Development Committee

The 10 year plan was reviewed and updated.

Funds were re-assigned on the basis of recent events, including the agreed purchase of the new 4 stroke safety boat engine

Purchase of a second 2000 dinghy was delayed.



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Purchase of 2 more toppers delayed

Potential spend on replacement safety boat deferred until later.

Replacement clubhouse boiler moved back

Refurbishment of the gents changing rooms deferred.

Future actions for consideration: Effluent Capture at the Dock needs to be a high priority. Race Box access, and Disabled Access, possibly by simplifying access to the dinghy tank were considered

Bensteads now appointed to negotiate an extension to the Clubhouse Lease.

There had been a discussion about the protocol for late payment of fees at the dock and how the club would seek to recover them. It was recognised that possession of the assets did not necessarily solve the problem. It was agreed to consider a route via the small claims court. It would first be necessary to ensure that the by-laws were in line with this policy.

Student Membership was proposed in line with other local clubs, for consideration by the next AGM. £30 was felt to be in line with OOP and Associate membership

The Welcome pack is still being prepared.

It was not clear if a letter had been sent to FBC expressing the clubs concerns over access during the Lytham Proms weekend.

RB reminded the committee that there was a link on the website to the RYA survey and encouraged the committee to fill it in and encourage others to do so as well.

11.0 Communications

The old computer has been located.

RH advised that he was going to prepare a diagram to help understand the use of the lap-top, projector, DVD player and speakers.

Apparently James Ritchie, club web designer was now back in circulation and was working through the backlog of changes and improvements to the website.

12.0 Membership

No new applications this month

Richard Elsdon read out a list of resignations and non-payers

13.0 A. O. B.

It was understood that a new notice was to be mounted at the top of the ramp next to the RNLI shop advising that only RCC and RNLI members were permitted to park on the foreshore. Noted that RCC club badges would need to be displayed.

Next meeting: - Monday 6th June at 20:00, RCC Clubhouse.