



Ribble Cruising Club



Main Committee Meeting Minutes

Agreed Record of Main Committee meeting

Date: 4th July 2016

Those Present:

Richard Blackburn,
Martin Oldroyd,
Mike Leman,
Keith Lawton,
Tony Walker

Rob Jarman,
Richard Freeman
Richard Hoad
David Miller

Richard Elsdon,
Tony Robins,
Peter Benett,
Alan Williams

| Item | Action |
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| 1.0 Apologies Mike Briers, Alan Betts, Pauline Betts, Peter Pollock, Don Flannery, Andrew Walls | |
| 2.0 Minutes Peter Pollock had reminded Mike Briers of his standing apology due to other commitments, which had been missed from the minutes of the previous meeting | |
| 2.1 Minutes of the Main Committee meeting held on 13 th May were presented. Approval was proposed by Richard Hoad, seconded by Tony Walker, and accepted unanimously. | |
| Matters Arising | |
| 3.0 | |
| 3.1 There has been no response from FBC to Bensteads regarding the lease extension. | |
| 3.2 Richard B reported on the recent meeting of the Civic Society regarding developments on the Scruples site. The CS has set themselves a budget of £160K of which they already have £130K. 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. There appeared to be little enthusiasm from the MC to pursue this. | |
| 3.3 RF reported that FBC were reviewing all of their car-parking. Apparently wardens have been instructed to enforce the restrictions once the sign is in place. | |
| 3.4 The Try Sailing initiative had seen 51 new sailors attending over the 6 weeks. Efforts were being maintained to convert many to club membership. | |
| 3.5 PTBO received a poor response from the public. | |
| 3.6 RCC's RYA RTC inspection would be taking place at 14.00 on Saturday the 9 th July. | |
| 4.0 Correspondence | |
| 4.1 RYA cruising news including: RYA's comment on Brexit More carbon monoxide poisoning casualties Free RYA tickets to the Southampton Boat show | |
| 4.2 A free subscription to the 'e' version of Y&Y | |
| 4.3 E mail from Richard Freeman to FBC (on behalf of the RNLI and RCC) regarding the condition of the jetty following damage caused by an errant cabin cruiser bouncing on the decking in the tide. Photographs and explanation of why the cabin cruiser was moved seawards on its mooring, by RCC members, had been forwarded to FBC. | |



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5.0 Treasurer's report

The June purchases and statement had already been circulated and there were no questions

6.0 Sailing report

- 6.1 RE reported that Don was making good progress. The MC extended their best wishes to him wishing him and a return to RCC.
- 6.2 Don's contact with FBC regarding the missing edge rails to the jetty had been overtaken by events reported at 4.3 above.
- 6.3 The Sailing Committee had postponed the works to widening the ramp down into the lower dinghy tank.
- 6.4 RJ is investigating SRC courses at RCC and making enquiries with a provider.
- 6.5 The internal layout of SB2 was being reviewed to improve access to the drain plug by moving the battery case forward and at the same time extending the seat backwards. It had been noted that SB2 was slow to plane and the committee were reviewing the shift in weight forward and whether to 'un-flood' the hull.
- 6.6 Recently during calm conditions there had been interference on the VHF radios from WLYC at Southport making it difficult for the safety boats to understand each other's communications.
- 6.7 The committee had reviewed the possibility of attaching a pick-up buoy to the large orange visitors mark, but had concluded that it would be almost impossible to do.
- 6.8 Dinghy park fees were being collected.

7.0 Training Report

- 7.1 Wednesday sessions at Fairhaven have developed from Try Sailing to more structured sailing for members.
- 7.2 Sail training is also being offered at the clubhouse on the river on Saturdays
- 7.3 Unfortunately 2 weekend training courses planned at Fairhaven did not happen, the first one had no takers and the second one may have had takers but for the club entry in the Lytham Club Day procession.
- 7.4 Instructor group actively ensuring that progress made by trainees during the Wednesday and Saturday sessions are recorded and signed-off in their RYA training books.
- 7.5 RYA RTC inspection confirmed as 14.00 on Saturday the 9th July.

8.0 Dock Report

- 8.1 The work to the perches is now complete.
- 8.2 MB is compiling letters to the Dock non payers
- 8.3 The Police are still compiling information regarding the break-in at the dock
- 8.4 No reported response from letters to Robert Marsh sent by Mike Briers and Keith Lawton.

9.0 Fabric Committee

- 9.1 The flickering light in the ladies changing room had been investigated but there was no evidence that it flickered (Post Meeting Note: at sailing on the 10.07.16 the ladies once again complained that it was flickering –possibly related to the shower use?)
- 9.2 The sailing committee asked if the front locking gate might be eased slightly to ensure that the padlock was not being stressed.

10.0 House Report

- 10.1 Noted that the next event was scheduled to be for the younger members organised by Simon Redfearn and Mike Lynch. However no one was aware of any plans for the event and it was assumed that it had not been organised.



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10.2 RF advised that plans to hold the Laying Up Supper at The Glendower Hotel were currently in doubt, he was having some issues with the Hotel.

10.3 There was still a vacant slot for the September 'Last Tuesday talk'

11.0 Development Committee

The race box access had been further discussed. It had been agreed that there was an efficiency in considering a lift/hoist access to both the main clubhouse floor level and the racebox via a common lift although the space requirements for both differed in that it was not necessary for wheelchair access to the race box.

Student Membership or full time education (18-25) 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 prepared. RJ had circulated a pdf copy to the MC and handed out a copy for perusal.

11.0 Communications

Apparently the webcam has stopped (post meeting note: it appears to be ok)

The weather station is showing the correct live data but incorrect data on the internet and website but the correct data on the race box computer

12.0 Membership

The following membership applications were approved:

Estelle Warhurst application for ordinary membership, proposed by Rob Jarman and seconded by Richard Blackburn

Ross Thornton application for ordinary membership was proposed by Mike and Michelle Briers

Amelia Cole application for junior membership proposed by Rob Jarman and seconded by Julia Laing

Martin and Marina Blore application for family membership proposed by Richard Blackburn and seconded by Rob Jarman

Gordon and Katie Birt application for family membership proposed by Colin Harper and seconded by Alan Williams

Amanda Lee application for ordinary membership proposed by Richard Blackburn and seconded by Don Flannery

Graham and Beth Wilson application for family membership proposed by Jeanette Richardson and seconded by Rob Jarman

Karl and Ruth Barker application for family membership proposed by Jonty Miller and seconded by Rob Jarman

13.0 A. O. B.

The club entry into the Lytham Club day had been a great success. Two boats with the theme of Cowes Week had been suitably dressed and won first prize.

Next meeting: - planned-Monday August 1st at 20:00, RCC Clubhouse. (maybe reviewed when attendance known)