



Ribble Cruising Club



Main Committee Meeting Minutes

Agreed Record of Main Committee meeting

Date: 7th March 2016

Those Present:

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

Don Flannery,
Rob Jarman,
Andrew Walls,
Richard Freeman

Richard Elsdon,
Tony Robins,
Peter Benett,
Allan Williams

Item	Action
1.0 Apologies Mike Briers, Tony Walker, Alan Betts, Pauline Betts, Richard Hoad, Stuart Hodgkiss, Peter Pollock	
Sue Beach The meeting commenced with a moment of silent reflection to remember Sue, and the contribution that she had made to the life of the Club.	
2.0 Minutes	
2.1 Minutes of the Main Committee meeting held on 1 st February were presented. Approval was proposed by Alan Williams, seconded by Rob Jarman, and accepted unanimously.	
3.0 Matters Arising	
3.1 The Club Handbook is at the printers. A Log and “What’s On”, is being produced, as agreed, together with contributions from each committee. Franking will be arranged by Richard Blackburn.	
3.2 Mike Briers is attending RYA Cruiser Forum on 9 th March	
3.3 Liverpool Sailing Club talk by Bill Brockbank “Scotland to Faroes in Wayfarer” 18 th March	
3.4 Letters of response to Robert Marsh have been sent by Mike Briers and Keith Lawton.	
4.0 Correspondence	
4.1 Dev Comm had suggested we nominate Danielle Begley for Youth Award in the RYA Community Awards, supported by the Training Group	
4.2 RYA News: Redesmere have been selected as “Top Club”	
4.3 RYA Membership survey “Vital Signs” – Mike Briers will respond	
4.4 E-mail from Pete Whalley regarding a report of a “Dog Death” on the Promenade. No conclusion was reached, but it was noted that extra vigilance should be taken by all users of the foreshore, when dealing with fuel spillages or disposal.	
5.0 Treasurer’s report	
The February purchases and statement were circulated and discussed David Miller presented a paper for discussion on “The Case for deregistering for VAT”. Discussion took place regarding the proposed timescale, and accepting that this would be subject to further discussion with the VAT office. Clarification was requested on the relative merits of a sale of the Dock tractor, before or after deregistration. A proposal to accept the case presented, in principle, was made by David Miller and seconded by	



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Allan Williams. This was accepted unanimously by the Committee.

6.0 Sailing report

Major work has been completed on the Clubhouse basement, with a new drainage system installed in the extended garage area.

Racking has been fitted to allow additional storage for Club equipment.

A new launching trolley for safety boat 2 is being manufactured, and is due to be available by mid' March.

Flooding in the Ladies' changing room remains a concern, and was discussed under the Fabric section

Dinghy sailing will commence on Friday 25th March, with the Early Season Shakedown. "Try Sailing" will commence on Fairhaven Lake on Wed 4th May, and continue for the following six weeks.

As a recognised RYA Training Centre additional events will take place on the River and at Fairhaven. Purchase of additional boats for this purpose have been identified in the 2016 Sailing Budget and the January training report.

Working Parties will take place on 13th March for repairs on club Race Marks, including ODM; and on 20th March for work around the Clubhouse and boat preparation.

A proposed Cruiser trip to the Isle of Man in May/ June was discussed. Club members were requested to circulate their intentions, in order to maximise the success of this venture.

7.0 Training Report

Good news was reported that all the candidates for Power Boat Level 2 were successful, and were now looking forward to practicing on the Lake or River.

A Safety Boat course is being planned for later in the season at BFYC, which will be of value to prospective Senior Instructors and other safety cover afloat.

There are plans to run several courses this season on both the Lake and the River, which will be shown in the Handbook.

Assessment sessions will take place in April, for participants in last season's courses, in order to award them with appropriate certificates.

8.0 Dock Report

A letter of response has been sent to Robert Marsh, by the Chairman

Dock Working Party was held on 21st February. A new 20ft pontoon was launched to replace damaged item in the main drain, and a new 16ft pontoon completed, excluding the barrels, which are in short supply. The garage was tidied in preparation for the planned raised platforms for cupboards and tug. A road roller was hired to continue repairs of car park and footpath coverings.

Maintenance: The tractor has not been sold; the advert has expired, and Alan Betts will re-list. An update to the Electrical Safety Certificate is required by the Dock for Insurance purposes.

Capital Projects: A budget for the winch, ramp in garage and trailer has been agreed by Main Committee. Drawings for a new winch frame to be passed to a structural engineer. A trailer within budget has not yet been found. A ramp and raised storage area in the garage are being considered. Quotes on tarmac and drainage are being sought.

Berthing: There are issues regarding people who owe monies, and the need for a policy on a structured process of recovery, and consideration of continued berthing.

Environmental Agency proposed works: Some uncertainty exists regarding the exact path and depth of the proposed dredging, and impact on chains and boats. An initial



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response was suggested of supporting the activities, but maintaining an involvement in discussions on the methods and impact before a contractor was appointed. Richard Elsdon felt that it was unlikely that this could be achieved, as a contractor was likely to be appointed at an early stage. This work is planned for Summer 2017.

Allan Williams commented on the blockage to the Dock entrance, which is due to temporary work on electrical cables. It was felt that access was still possible. Rob Jarman wondered how we could record boat activity at the dock to present to the RYA.

9.0 Fabric Report

Carpet cleaning is to take place before the Commodore's Sherry Evening

Major work to the garage has been completed. The specification had been changed after the quote had been submitted, and the final cost increased to **£1350**. As the work had been completed appropriately and satisfactorily, David Miller proposed to the Main Committee that the cost be accepted. This was seconded by Richard Elsdon, and accepted unanimously by Main Committee.

Persistent leakage into the garage will be addressed directly by the Fabric Committee.

Don Flannery noted the flooding in the Ladies' Changing Room. It was felt to be due to the exceptional weather over the winter with a raised water table, and would hopefully resolve, and not require specific intervention. The situation would be monitored.

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

10.0 House Report

The Curry Evening was felt to be a success, with thirty people attending. Some problems with the sound system were identified, and Richard Hoad was seeking a solution to this. The Commodore's Sherry Evening is taking place on 13th March, and a Fitting Out Supper on 16th April, although a theme for the latter had yet to be decided. A Laying Up Supper was planned for 12th November, hopefully, at the Glendower Hotel, St Annes

Last Tuesday Talk took place in February on Sand Yachting; the next talk "To Russia with Love" would be by Tony and Louise Halliwell from WLYC & RYA NW.

11.0 Development Committee

The 10 year plan has been produced, and discussion taken place on funding mechanisms, including social membership. The possibility of upgrading the kitchen was considered but felt not to be cost effective. Discussions continue with regard to Land Acquisition at the Dock.

An extension to the Clubhouse Lease needs to be considered, and a request was made for Bensteads to act on behalf of the Club. This was approved by the Committee.

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

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 being prepared.

Keith Lawton raised concerns about access to the Club facilities during the Lytham Festival, especially as this year it fell over a river sailing weekend, and was for a longer period. It was agreed that our concerns needed to be raised with Fylde Borough Council, and that a letter should be sent to seek clarification.

11.0 Communications

In the absence of the Hon. Communications Sec. the only issue raised was the location



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of the old computer.

12.0 Membership

Two new memberships were considered. Following the last Main Committee, Donald Stein has since attended the Clubhouse and spoken to a number of committee members. Richard Elsdon proposed that his membership now be accepted, and this was seconded by Tony Robins. The proposal was accepted unanimously. James Lawton was presented for Family Membership (proposed by Andrew Smith, seconded by Andrew Thistlethwaite). He had met several committee members, and is a Senior Dinghy Instructor. His proposal was accepted unanimously.

Richard Elsdon noted that, as of this date there remained 42 members who had not paid their subscriptions.

13.0 A. O. B.

No matters raised

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