



Ribble Cruising Club



Main Committee Meeting Minutes

Agreed Minutes of Main Committee meeting

5th June 2017

Those Present:

Richard Blackburn (RB)	Richard Freeman (RF)	Chris Butler (CB)	Peter Benett (PB)
Keith Lawton (KL)	Mike Leman (ML)	Richard Elsdon (RME),	Tony Robins (AR)
Mike Briers (MJB)	Martin Oldroyd (MO)	Don Flannery (DF)	Rob Jarman (RJ)

- 1.0 **Apologies** **Action**
Peter Pollock, Allan Williams, Tony Walker, Richard Hoad, Jackie Rawcliffe, Andrew Walls, Simon Redfearn, John Gallagher, David Miller
- 2.0 **Minutes of June Meeting:-** 2 corrections were requested by RJ to correct Adam McGovern's name in paras 8.2 & 8.4, RF spotted a typo in para 14, with these amendments the draft 2 minutes of the June meeting were approved, proposed by MO seconded by DF.
- 3.0 **Matters arising**
- 3.1 **Clubhouse Lease extension** **MJB**
MJB agreed he will pursue FBC during July.
- 3.2 **Mussel Tanks**
RME informed MC that at the request of FBC the Civic Society has agreed to delay the Mussel Tank works until Sept to avoid work during the 'summer season'.
- 3.3 **Marine License Application:-**
see Dock notes item 8.2.
- 3.4 **Cruising Seminar in 2018**
MJB informed MC that Winmarleigh Hall was now booked and speakers were being chosen. It was likely that Tom Cunliffe would be the keynote speaker but RCC's Clare and James were to be approached to give their talk, 'Sailing to the End of The World'
- 4.0 **Correspondence**
- 4.1 **RYA 'In Brief' and "Cruising News"**
MJB reported these RYA links included warnings re 'exhaust fumes', an offer re 'Sailing Today', the legal update informs us that the new business rate implementation is delayed. The RYA census is also to be done again this year, RME agreed to watch out for it
- 4.2 **5.2 Wind Farms:-**
MJB reported that some serious diving ops were underway a NOTAM requests 1km exclusion.
- 4.3 **RYA NW Cruising Seminar in 2018:-**
MJB reported a request from the RYA/NW to support the next Cruising Seminar, MJB has joined a small group to arrange this.
A venue in Warrington has been chosen and Tom Cunliffe may be keynote speaker.
- 4.4 **RYA:-**
We have been informed that Training is now zero-rated for VAT.
- 4.5 **RNLI Thanks:-**
RB reported a letter of thanks from the RNLI for our support to the recent 'Leg it'.
RF informed MC that over £4000 was raised and the Shannon Fund now stood at £125k, a superb effort.
- 4.5 **OYT:-**
MJB had circulated an offer from OYT to join a Cruise.
- 5.0 **Treasurer's Report**
- 5.1 **Monthly payments:-**



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MC reviewed and approved the monthly payments in May which totalled some £4540. The bank balance stands £117,728 with some £4095 in berthing fees.

5.2 **Advanced Training Course:-**

RJ informed MC that all the fees had been received for this course but probably needed identifying in the accounts.

RJ

RJ will approach DHM to resolve how these payments can be managed better.

5.3 **New Business Rate:-**

ML suggested we press FBC for further rate reductions, it was agreed we would wait until the new Business Rate valuations were available.

5.4 **Direct Debit :-**

Action still under review see 12.5.

6.0 **Sailing Report**

DF reported on behalf of the Sailing Committee

6.1 **Sailing**

DF reported an excellent turnout in May including the Advanced Sail Training Course and 3 day bank holiday series.

6.2 **Try Sailing**

DF reported a successful Try Sailing events through May with only one event being lost to weather. About 30 people attended each Weds, with some 158 overall.

DF explained that some 10 dinghies and 2 safety boats were involved which included 2 of our recent boat purchases. Over 14 RCC members were there each evening with some 21 in the pool. DF thanked everyone for their support to this superb RCC effort.

6.3 **Cruiser Weekend**

DF reported that due to weather this planned event was cancelled, however our intrepid solo sailor, Colin Bromage, ventured out and crossed Morecambe Bay.

6.4 **Regatta**

DF reported that the Regatta was planned for the following weekend.

RF and JR had agreed to cater with food to be on offer all weekend.

DF asked MC to come on down and support the weekend.

6.5 **Picnic Weekend**

DF reminded MC that over the last weekend in June a joint Cruiser/Dinghy event was planned, a picnic, the aim was also to encourage participation in our annual 'Big Race' on 25th June.

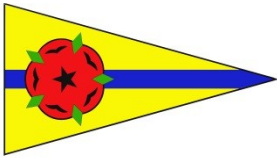
7.0 **Training Report**

RJ reported on Training matters.

7.1 **RYA – RTC Inspection**

RJ informed MC that on 27th May Alan Jones from the RYA had conducted our annual RTC inspection. Alan also enjoyed our Commodore's Lunch, with excellent food being provided by Jackie R and Richard F along with new, old and prospective RCC members. Over the day RJ recorded Alan gave us a thorough inspection including our new purchases, the Laser 2000 and Rigiflex safety boat. Alan also informed us of training opportunities both for Powerboat and Dinghy Instructor and even left with an RCC membership form. Alan's report was very positive with only one small issue identified, a need for laminated chartlets in the safety boats. This was an excellent result said RJ, recognizing both the hard work being put in by RCC volunteers but also the long term backing by MC itself.

The Try Sailing attendees can appreciate the positive value of joining RCC and RJ anticipated continuing training through the Wednesday evenings in June.



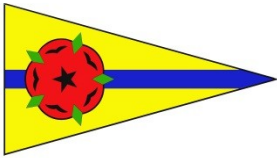
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- 7.1 DF asked “now that Try Sailing was over what would happen if Try Sailors arrived on a Wed during training”.
cont RJ said that Wed evenings were now for RCC members’ training and whilst Try Sailors would not be turned away every effort would be given to including them, however there was an expectation that they should join RCC if they wanted to continue.
RF had put a lot of effort into giving out membership forms, however RME said he had received only 5 applications to date.
- 7.2 **Future Training**
There some discussion over future training for RCC members, RJ was seeking a windsurfer to allow Powerboat training to include windsurfer recovery. Some suggestions were made as to possible loan craft.
- 8.0 **Dock Committee:-**
KL reported the following Dock matters
- 8.1 **Dock operations**
The summer work party was cancelled due to the effort to organise the ‘dredging operations. The replacement electric cable was to be connected shortly and all club electrical appliances PAT tested. The remaining creek perch will be placed on station over the summer and there was a plan also to test 2 ‘standalone’ mooring chains to see if it was a viable alternative to one central mooring chain.
A quote was awaited for the foul drain rebuild.
- 8.2 **Dredging Operations**
KL reported he had been very busy liaising with the EA’s contractor BAM.
Cabins would be arriving on site shortly with space allocated beyond Piscatrix.
The area has been cleared with Piscatrix being moved to the far end of the yard.
A letter had been sent to BAM giving approval for siting the cabins but with a list of conditions which they have agreed.
MJB with the RYA and MMO had been in contact with the EA over our concerns re the mud build up in the Liggard Confluence. The EA have now agreed by e-mail that this mud accretion will be addressed as well.
KL reported that work had begun on 17th May, an area some 15m x 12m had been concreted and services installed. The cabins had now been sited and support services installed.
In addition the old bonfire area had also been cleared and hard cored to provide parking.
Boats and rubbish near the cabin have been removed, the culvert works are expected to commence on 19th June .
- 8.3 **Dock Fees**
KL recorded that all dock fees have now been collected except Seamus Devine and Clive Butterworth. MJB reported no progress on Seamus Devine, the RYA recommend that the club try all efforts before resorting to ‘legality’. MB agreed to visit Seamus in Summer using the RYA guidelines.
- 8.4 **Dock Cabin**
KL reported that the Dock Cabin floor had rotted in several areas and was possibly dangerous. A temporary sheet of ply had been laid with a long term replacement being planned, a cost of around £1000 was expected.
- 9.0 **Fabric Committee** ML reported on behalf of the Fabric Committee
- 9.1 **Working Party**
ML recorded that a working party on 8th May made good progress on general maintenance. Plus the porch had been blasted clean and loose paint removed. After examination it was felt that the roof needed re-boarding and re-felting, some estimates would be gathered.
- 9.2 **Clubhouse Electric Supplier**

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- ML reported he had taken on a new supplier for Clubhouse electricity and had gas in hand.
- 9.2 From 28th April we would be paying 14p/day + 12.79p/kw hour.
- cont MJB recorded that he had renegotiated with E-on re Dock electricity with a similar rate there.
- 9.3 **Padlock for top gate**
There was a discussion re the padlock for the top gate, it was agreed we needed to find the 3 keys available for the current lock, or, RB agreed to supply a second lock with 3 keys. These were deemed sufficient to allow opening, provided they were available at RCC Clubhouse.
- 9.4 **Clear Porch window**
There was a discussion for the need to have a clear glass window on the side porch window. It was agreed to have a waterproof notice board on the wall instead for important RCC notices and adverts
- 10.0 **Fabric Committee**
ML reported on behalf of Fabric Committee
- 10.1 **Working Party**
ML recorded that the working party continued to make good progress, in May a blocked drain was cleared.
- 10.2 **Porch Roof**
As reported in previous MC the porch roof required major repair and re-covering. ML presented 2 quotes, Bob Barker - £960 with A Whiteside - £780. MJB made a personal recommendation for A Whiteside who he had found over many years an excellent worker who always did a good job and always left a clean site. It was agreed by MC to engage A Whiteside as proposed by ML and seconded by MJB.
- 10.3 **External Notice Board**
ML was reminded of the previous MC's agreement, to have a waterproof notice board on the wall for important RCC notices and adverts rather than a clear window. Something cheap and cheerful was appropriate.
- 11 **House Committee:-**
RF reported on behalf of House Committee.
- 11.1 RF reported on a successful 'Commodore's Lunch' on 27th May where around 30 attendees enjoyed a lively afternoon.
- 11.2 **Social Events**
RF spoke about Regatta catering to include bacon butties, and pies during the day with a buffet on Sunday. He was however concerned that the 60's/70's Party for 1st July may be postponed.
- 11.3 **Last Tuesday Talks**
MB reported he had recently agreed 2 further talks for next winter, 'Trailer Sailing in North West' and 'River Lune' including Glasson Dock. He also was pleased to record that Clare and James, our trophy winning 'talkers' were to be approached to do their Arctic talk to RYA/NW.
- 12.0 **Development Committee**
RB reported on behalf of the Dev. Comm.
- 12.1 **Race Box Access**
RB reminded MC that an internal, straight ship's ladder/stair option was being considered. DHM had agreed with a friend David Blake, who was a jobbing builder, to scope the job and give us a view of costs. MC thought that costing for both wooden and steel ladders should be sought.



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- 12.2 **RNLI Mooring Buoy**
DHM was liaising with Preston Marina re the old RNLI mooring buoy, seeking to share the cost of replacement for the broken mooring. DHM
- 12.3 **RCC Basement Redevelopment**
RB reported that Dev Comm had recommended that the redevelopment of the clubhouse basement be seriously considered. A working group would be required, MJB and RME had now found the existing drawings and RME was arranging for these to be digitised.
- 12.4 **10 Year Plan**
RB reminded Committee Chairmen and budget holders that MB had circulated an updated 10 year plan. This was a working document but inputs were needed to progress it and allow further financial planning to be put in place, once the level of Capital spend was scoped.
- 12.5 **Direct Debit**
RB reported that RME was in favour of offering direct debit at next year's renewal. It was suggested that an incentive of 5% could be offered with a 5% increase in subs being proposed overall to cover it.
This would be considered further before proposal to MC and the club at the AGM.
RB said that there was little support from the Dock to offer Direct Debit on berthing fees.
- 13.0 **Communications**
MJB reported that RH had apologised for his non-attendance, the arrival of a new grandchild had dragged him away, he promised to be back in harness soon.
- 14.0 **Membership**
RME reported the following membership applications.
- 14.1 **New Members**
The following membership applications were received:-
a) Michael O'Donnell for Ordinary membership, proposed by Vince Bryson and seconded by Rick Grimshaw. Vince recorded that he had known Michael for some 15 years and could recommend him for RCC membership. Several MC members had also met Michael, MC agreed unanimously to admit Michael to RCC membership.
a) Alan Pook and Isobell for Family Membership, proposed by John Gallagher and seconded by MJB. John had written that although he had known Alan for only 6 months they were already good friends and he was happy to recommend him for membership. MJB recorded that Alan had given a super talk to RCC and met many members, MC agreed to admit Alan and Isobel Pook to Family membership of RCC.
- 14.2 **New Members**
RME reported there he had applications from 5 'Try Sailors' but they needed proposers and seconders by RCC members who had met them.
- 15.0 **AOB**
- 15.1 **Car adrift in river.**
RB reported a saga the previous weekend where a car trying to launch from 'Church Scar' got stuck along with a 'rescue tractor'. They all got inundated on several tides. As a result of this saga, RCC safety boat was sent to rescue the boat crew and the car was adrift floating about in the river for several tides before being recovered up the jetty. A sorry tale of inexperience, lack of local knowledge and some bravado.
- 15.2 **Lytham Proms**
KL requested that the Clubhouse be open for the Lytham Proms in August.
AR noted his request.
- 15.3 **RCC Marked its Respect & Support for the victims of the Manchester Bombing**



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at half-mast on behalf of the members of RCC, to show our respect and support to the victims of the Manchester Bombing.

Prepared by M J Briers 14th June 2017

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