



Ribble Cruising Club



Main Committee Meeting Minutes

Agreed Minutes of Main Committee meeting

6th February 2017

Those Present:

Richard Blackburn (RB)
Keith Lawton (KL)
Mike Briers (MJB)
Martin Oldroyd (MO)
Peter Benett (PB)
John Gallagher (JG)

Rob Jarman (RJ),
Richard Freeman (RF)
Richard Hoad (RH)
Chris Butler (CB)
Jackie Rawcliffe (JR)

Richard Elsdon (RE),
Don Flannery (DF)
Andrew Walls (AW)
Tony Robins (TR)
David Miller (DHM)

1.0 Apologies

Peter Pollock, Allan Williams, Tony Walker.

2.0 Minutes of January Meeting:- Draft 3 of the Minutes of 9th January 2017 Main Committee meeting were agreed as a true record, proposed by RF, seconded by DF.

3.0 Matters arising:-

3.1 **Clubhouse Lease extension:-** There is still no response to FBC regarding lease extension MB agreed to pursue this matter in 2017. **Action MB**

3.2 **Fairhaven to Church Scar Marine License Application:-** RYA have taken up RCC comments re the need to retain the 2 slipway access points at Granny's Bay & Church Scar to allow emergency recovery of RCC safety boat, action now with FBC & Environmental Agency.

4.0 Correspondence

4.1 **RYA 'In Brief':-** MB highlighted 2 key issues, 'Dinghy Show & RYA activity re Marine Protection Zones.

4.2 **RYA Cruising News:-** MB commented that this included info on upcoming new VHF procedures, & recommendations re use of AIS.

4.3 **Wind Farm & Eskmeals Range:** MB continued to forward these 'Navigation Notices'. Walney Wind Farm extension is now buoyed & a 'building site' & therefore an exclusion zone!!

4.4 **WLYC Dinner:** RB informed MC of invite to WLYC annual Dinner (post meeting note RB & MB attended)

4.5 **Lancs CC circular** re Allergens Warning, passed to RF for House Team to note.

FBC 'Club Business Seminar', RCC invited to attend this Seminar on 2nd March, DM to respond and attend.

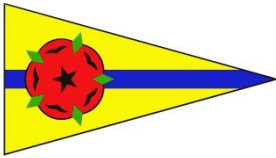
4.5 **RYA Joining Point:-** MB reminded MC that RCC has registered with the RYA Joining Point initiative, benefits will accrue for each full RYA member recruited the number is 008100942

5.0 Treasurer's Report

5.1 **Bank Balances:-** DHM highlighted the monthly payments circulated previously by e-mail, MC approved the spend of some £5179 in January. RCC's bank balance was some £93,750 with £10,049 subscriptions income being received already.

5.2 **Budgets for 2017:-** DHM presented his budget for RCC 2017 Club year. He explained that he had received inputs from all budget holders & these had been reviewed in detail at a budget meeting held on 26th January. The draft budget had been circulated by e-mail at draft 2 on 2nd Feb.

5.3 **Revenue Budget:-** He noted that the revenue budget forecast a loss this club year of £12619,



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however DM reminded MC that this included some £15,000 in total for major repairs at the Dock, £9000 for the winch which had been approved by the previous MC, & £6000 for property repairs. He also told MC that the Dock income had exceeded expenditure by some £36k over past 6 years. MC reviewed each Sub Committee budget noting the following:-

--- Admin included all the insurance costs DM agreed to apportion this appropriately

--- Sailing Committee agreed to remove another £200 re Regatta Trophies.

--- DM noted an apparent error in 'Safety Equipment that would be corrected post meeting.

It was proposed by RF, seconded by DM, that MC agree the presented Revenue Budget with the above changes. This was passed with 1 against. (*post meeting note DM has circulated this final budget to MC members at 9th Feb 2017*) MB will hold a copy of the final budget on file.

Note that DM was actioned to review whether the Winch renewal or repair should be capitalised as a major expense or stay in revenue. He agreed to do this before finalisation of the accounts.

5.4 **Capital Budget:-** DM presented 3 items of Capital for 2017:-

--- Dock Committee already bought a trailer £700 approved in 2016 but lying on 2017 year.

---- Sailing Committee requested purchase of 2 Toppers to expand the fleet to 6 and allow special courses to be run. Cost £1000

--- Sailing Committee had requested a further Laser 2000 to allow 'performance training', at £2000

--- Sailing Committee additionally requested a further £1000 to purchase a 'Rigiflex' particularly Suited for use at Fairhaven lake with its concrete edges.

After discussion the Trailer for the Dock was confirmed, Sailing Committee was requested to work with a budget of £4000 for the 2 x Toppers, 1 Laser 2000 & the Rigiflex safety boat. It was agreed by MC that it would be better to buy cheaper boats with knocks & scrapes than try for as new. This 'Capital Budget was proposed for agreement in principle by RF, seconded by DM, all in favour.

6.0 **Sailing Report:-** DF reported the following:-

6.1 **Sailing Committee:-** DF reported 90% attendance from new Sailing Committee and that George Prince had also agreed to stay on as 'Cruiser Rep'.

6.2 **Prizegiving:-** DF confirmed that 'Prizegiving' would be reinstated, Friday 10th Feb was final date agreed. Trophies had been sorted out with DF & MB. RB was to judge the 'best Tuesday talk in 2016', Culpan Trophy was still being sought, (*post meeting note it was thought likely that Ian Blundell had it*) **Action MB**

6.3 **Race Marks:-** A new supplier of weighted rope was being sought, samples had been requested.

6.4 **Maintenance:-** DF reported some issues with the repairs to the 2nd safety boat trolley.

6.5 **Training:-** DF informed MC that a 1 day course had been arranged at Myerscough to train 2 'trainers' in the use of the mini tractor. MO & RJ would attend & would then be able to train RCC.

6.6 **RCC Boats:-** There was some discussion as to whether there were surplus boats in the RCC training fleet. Sailing Committee thought that of the possible surplus boats non had any real value. They however did inform MC that RCC boats were often offered to new members.

7.0 **Training Report**

7.1 RJ only reported that there were still 2 vacancies on the upcoming 1st Aid course, these were immediately filled by 2 MC members.

8.0 **Dock Report:-** KL reported on a Dock progress in December including meeting held on 10th Jan

8.1 **Working Party :-** Working party held on the 29th January at which about 45 attended. Main jobs undertaken were: Completion of 2 pontoons, replacement of worn pontoon chains and wires, repairs to potholes, winch maintenance, a trench was dug for new cable to repair electrical fault, a security light was replaced & the foul drain cleared. In addition some 'core samples' were taken on winch plinth to confirm concrete depth before the new winch was installed.



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- 8.2 **Other items:-** Dock Committee (DC) had noted that MC requested that berthing charges be increased to £10 per foot. It was also confirmed that the contractors still had the job of the access road repair on their work schedule & that Safety Awareness Training to be organised for the tug/winch once the new winch is in place. Crane Hire is to be arranged as usual in April.
- 8.3 **Internet Access at dock.** Despite lack of support from DC for this provision it would seem that the wireless booster put on the cabin by a member, aimed at receiving a free internet service from O2 is allowed, it would seem to be not in breach of the service provider's terms and conditions.
- 8.4 **Berth Holder's meeting:-** DC agreed to review the possibility of a 'berth holders meeting'.
- 8.5 **Dock Bye laws:-** KL reported that Alan Betts was preparing an update of the section of Dock Bye Laws that dealt with Late Payment, a 28 day period was only to be allowed, unlike 2 months on club subs. This difference was because finalisation of berthing allocations would be held up.
- 8.6 **Main Drain Dredging:-** KL reported he had met with dredging contractor on two occasions to show them round. They may wish to site work cabins on our land & may wish us to move boats. There is also a risk they may disturb mooring chains. Dredging methods still under investigation but it is looking like it may be more intrusive than we were led to believe. The Main Drain / Liggard confluence is a problem – more material to be removed than originally planned. KL has a three way meeting arranged for 7th Feb he proposed to offer as much support we can to get job done as quickly as possible whilst respecting the concerns raised in our correspondence last September. Will be pushing for no cost / effort on our side and as much new 'stuff' as we can on a 'work in kind' basis, this approach was approved by MC.
- 8.7 **Eric Whitworth's Cradle:** KL reported that the saga of this cradle was nearly complete, he had written to RM as requested by MC with 28 days to reply requesting confirmation of ownership. No reply had yet been received but most of the cradle had since re-appeared albeit cut up.
- 9.0 **Fabric Committee:-** DM reported that the new LED light bulbs had already been ordered. RJ hoped they would improve clubroom lighting as those on the RYA Theory Course found the lighting too little. It was noted that a professional carpet clean should be organised before the Commodore's Sherry Evening. **Action Fabric C'tee**
- 10.0
- 10.1 **House Committee:-** RF reported the following :-
- Burns Night:-** RF reported an excellent Burns Night & thanked Alison & Roger Audsley for their support. He noted a profit of £464 which will help defray costs of upcoming 'free' events. He noted that the celebrations also included He & Jackie's engagement and Jackie's birthday. Unfortunately George Chiles was taken ill during the event, Pauline & Peter B attended to George until the ambulance came, George was kept in BVH overnight for observation. Due to this attack Pat & George will no longer be helping RCC out & we will need find other ways of supporting events. Pat & George have expressed an interest in joining RCC in the future & will attend the upcoming Sherry Evening as RF's guest.
- 10.2 **Curry Night:-** RF reported a 'film & curry' evening was planned for 25th Jan, £8 per head.
- 10.3 **Sherry Evening:-** The Worshipful 'Mayor of Fylde' has confirmed her attendance at the 'Sherry Evening' on 18th March. RF will be inviting WLYC & B&FYC & RNLI. It will be a 'Jacob's Join' & Jontie, Diana, Pauline & Sue will be organising the food. RF will organise Menus but washer's up need to be organised
- 10.4 **Clubroom Bookings:-** RF said they had around 6 bookings for clubhouse this year so far. MC approved 2 requests from RF supporting RNLI fundraising for the new lifeboat with no charge:-
- The use of RCC toilets during an RNLI fund raising run in 14th May
 - The use of RCC Clubhouse over 1940's weekend, 19/20 August, to run a 'Café'
- Jackie has taken on the clubhouse diary with 5 further bookings, it was thought an 'Events Planner' in clubhouse & on website might help. RF noted that Pat & George Chiles had a long term booking to celebrate their Golden Wedding, 29th July. MC agreed that there would be no charge for this as a token of our appreciation for their long term support to RCC.
- Prizegiving:-** DF reminded everyone of upcoming prizegiving, eventually held on 10th Feb, he said he would



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10.5 bring some Pies as refreshments.

10.6 **Tuesday Talks:-** MJB reported that the last talk was 31st Jan 'Cruising to Turkey', we had some electronic problems but used a laptop in front & had a good talk with good attendance. Next talk is 28th Feb, 'Cruising to the Arctic' MB reminded everyone that this was by Clare & James who were previous prize winners, & a good talk was expected. March is Port of Poulton, & April Stars & Navigation. JG offered to arrange a talk on Air Sea Rescue.

Development Committee :- RB reported from a Dev Comm meeting in Jan;-

11.0 **Mussel Tanks:-** RB informed MC that MB was in discussion with Civic Society Architects re the wall & gate, he had reminded both that RCC was very much self- help club & would be organising the build themselves. DM said he had been buttonholed by Marion Coupe re our involvement.

Winter Retention:- Discussion held on how to raise junior interests, but a champion was needed.

11.2 **Disabled Access:-** It was agreed this was a priority action a scissor lift in Foyer was one option especially if race box access was external, longer term integration into a new porch was best option. drawings were needed

Possible rules change:- Possibility of a Rules change to introduce 30 members to sign for Rules Change, however it was thought best left till 2018 avoiding a knee jerk reaction.

11.4 **Fairhaven:-** It was noted FBC had some £160k from lottery fund, RJ was ready to re-open discussions with FBC

11.5 **Communications:-** RH reported good progress on web site, all comments now integrated, RCC specific front page now open, with access on into web site by searching. James is trying to improve pictorial aspects of front page

Membership:-

New Membership:- RME recorded one new membership application:-

13.0 Patrick Kiernan for family membership proposed by Andrew Walls & seconded by Emma Philips. Andrew introduced Patrick explaining he had known them for 10 years, he was a successful local contractor, member of 2 local golf clubs & he assured MC that he would be a good & helpful member. This application was approved unanimously.

Subscriptions:- RME said about half the subs had already come in, around £10,000.

13.2 **Handbook:** RME reminded sub committee chairmen that the Handbook would go to print end of Feb & inputs were required in advance of that to update the diary, committee pages, rules /bye laws, boat lists etc.

13.3 **Honorary Membership:** MJB proposed Harry Taylor for Hon Membership, seconded by DF. MB reminded MC that Harry had been an outstanding member of RCC, Man & Boy. He had been very active in building RCC Dock in 70's and had been a key worker in the Dock Community ever since. In fact he had been berthing master for as long as MB could remember. Harry had never sought Main Committee or Commodore always refused it. In his prime Harry raced all over Irish Sea crewing for many RCC 'legends'. He has also been an active cruiser in many boats but latterly Extra Stout. He wrote the 'dock history' & has a fund of knowledge about all RCC characters. This was approved by a majority of MC there were 4 abstentions.

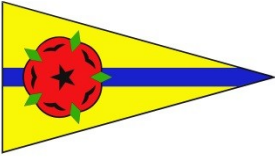
There followed some discussion re the principle of Honorary Membership with no outcome

AOB:- There was none

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Prepared by M J Briers 1st March 2017

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