



Ribble Cruising Club



Main Committee Meeting Minutes

Agreed Minutes of Main Committee meeting

6th March 2017

Those Present:

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

Rob Jarman (RJ),
Richard Freeman (RF)
Richard Hoad (RH)
Chris Butler (CB)
Simon Redfearn (SR)

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

1.0 Apologies

Peter Pollock, Allan Williams, Tony Walker. Jackie Rawcliffe (JR)

2.0 Minutes of January Meeting:- Draft 3 of the Minutes of 6th January 2017 Main Committee meeting were agreed as a true record, proposed by RF, seconded by DF. The proposal that there would be no dinghy racing on the 1940s weekend was confirmed: proposer AW, seconded by J G

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 WLYC Dinner – attended by RB and MB. It was noted that there were many guests and dignitaries, and that the age range of the membership had risen. FBC Club Business Seminar was attended by DM. Marine Planning Event on 28th February was attended by RB.

4.0 Correspondence

4.1 **RYA ‘In Brief’:-**

4.2 **RYA Cruising News:-** VHF channels changes will take place in September 2017. Channels 23/84/86 should not be used, and 62/63/64 should be used for Safety info. And medical advice.

4.3 **Wind Farm:-** MB continued to forward these ‘Navigation Notices’. Walney Wind Farm extension is now buoyed & a ‘building site’ & there is, therefore, an exclusion zone on the direct course to IoM and Scotland.

4.4 **Eskmeals Firing Range:** Firing taking place through March. Advice on 01229712200

4.5 **“Heroes of the Waves”** a new book by Stephen Musgrave about the Fleetwood lifeboat, with the proceeds going to RNLI. It was suggested that we should send an invitation to Stephen to present a Last Tuesday talk.

4.6 **Honorary Membership** for Harry Taylor. MB presented a letter from Harry gratefully accepting the award. The letter advises that as a joint owner of their boat, Margaret would prefer to become an Ordinary Member of the Club, rather than an Associate Member.

4.7 **Mussel Tanks:-** A letter from Tom Hollick had been received regarding the Mussel Tanks project, and would be discussed in Dev Comm.

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 £2,663 in February. RCC’s bank balance was some £102,004. DHM noted the benefits to the Incomes from no longer being VAT registered. RH expressed appreciation for the format and presentation of the report. KL requested that a



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further spreadsheet column be added to demonstrate the subcommittee attribution of each item.

- 5.2 **Final Budget for 2017:-** amendments to the budget presented at MC meeting February 6th 2012 were presented, as follows: Insurance - Apportioned from Admin to sailing, Sailing - Addition error in cost of Safety Equipment, Sailing - removal of £200 for regatta trophies
The resulting Budgeted loss of £13,153 is largely due to the dock budget of £15,000 for property and winch repairs. It should be noted that in the past six years the Dock income has exceeded the expenditure by £36,000 . The discussion on whether to capitalise the repairs will be resolved before the Final Accounts are agreed in October.
- 6.0 **Sailing Report:-** DF reported the following:-
- 6.1 **Prizegiving:-**The Clubs 2016 Sailing Season was completed with a Prize Giving Evening which was held, here in the Club House on the 10th Feb.
The Prizes were presented by Margaret (the Commodore's wife) and along with food and entertainment resulted in a very pleasant evening.
The Evening was open to all club members but was dominated by the Dinghy Sailors who collected most of the Trophies on display, the only cruiser award being the Ribble Trophy which was presented to Peter Hardman sailing "Sussy Two" which he tread on a trip to the IOM. Dave Miller was also awarded the Thompson Trophy for the Best Tuesday Talk" in2016-
(Records show, that this used to be awarded for the "Best Colour Slide" but was awarded last to HT for best "Club Log" still to nice to leave in the cupboard
- 6.2 **Sailing Programme:-** The new 2017 Handbook with a number of Rule changes will be out later this month and the Sailing Committee have again listed a full sailing programme for the coming year. This will not only include events run from the Clubhouse but also Cruiser Trips across Morecambe Bay and weather permitting further a field to the IOM.
The first sailing event will take place later this month when on Sunday 26th the Early Season Shake Down day will blow off the cobwebs. Although it is intended to get the Dinghies out on the water, it would be encouraging to see some Cruiser members participating. (note - BST Starts)
Sail Training and the Spring Series starts in April, and over the Easter Weekend Cruiser Trips to Piel Island are being planned.
- 6.3 **Try Sailing:-** The end of April will again see the start of the Try Sailing which will again be held on Fairhaven Lake and will continue for the following 5Wks.
It is hoped this will attract people to take up the sport of sailing by joining the Club and later progressing onto the Clubs RYA Sail Training Programme.
It is intending on (suitable tides) will continue throughout the summer months, and will (weather permitting) be run most Saturdays by our own dedicated qualified instructors.
- 6.4 **Tractor Training:-** Two of our Club Members, later this week will be taking a course (run by Myerscough College) which will allow them to become qualified instructors in the use of the Club Tractor. This will allow training to be given to members wishing to use the Tractor when retrieving boats from the river.
- 6.5 **The Safety Boat Launching Trolley** manufactured by Lytham Forge last year, is now at last completed and back in the garage.
- 6.6 **Race Marks:-**The ODM Race Mark damaged last year requires to be put back on station.
A suitable tide late on Sunday afternoon seem promising, any help from young fit club members would be appreciated. A Dinghy working party will also take place on Sunday 19th March.
- 7.0 **Training Report:** On approaching the RYA RJ reported that he had had to increase the cost of the
- 7.1 First Aid course by £3.50 – they now have their own version of the First Aid Manual, which is



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more relevant to our needs. The course will run on 11 March although there have been a few unable to attend for various reasons. We are still nearly fully subscribed, which is very gratifying. At this rate, it appears that one course every third year might become the pattern we follow. We are still aiming to run the two advanced courses at the end of April and a fortnight later. We are still hoping to use the local RYA Vagos, although that has gone quiet recently. Without them, we should still be in a position to create the necessary matched boats that Martin Knott will require. No progress to report on the Powerboat Instructor course, although we have been informed that Alan Jones will be inspecting us this year

8.0

Dock Report:-

8.1 Dock Committee met on Tuesday 14th February 2017. The majority of the meeting was taken up arranging the forthcoming Working party on the 26th February at which about 37 attended.

8.2 Main Jobs undertaken were:

Recovery of damaged pontoons in main drain. Steelwork recovered for future use.

Launching and placement of new pontoon

One 20ft pontoon requires completion. This and the completed 16ft pontoon will be held back pending receipt of dredging plans.

Replacement of worn pontoon chains and wires

Repairs to potholes in car park

8.3 New cable installed to repair fault. Needs electrician to connect

Other issues:

Repairs to dock entrance is still outstanding, Contractor should have done it last week.

Berthing applications have been sent out. It was noted that the new owner of Piccolo has still not made contact with the club

8.4 A quote is being prepared for the foul drain rebuild.

The Pioneer 9 owned by Shea Devine has been moved off the hardstanding. RYA note on dealing with abandoned vessels has been obtained. We need to ensure our process of dealing with them is robust. Unfortunately this concentrates on selling assets and does not cover methods for recovery

8.5 of disposal cost, which is likely to become the norm.

An accident occurred whilst hauling out and moving vessel. Trapped finger whilst trying to align a caster. Resulted in hospitalisation and lost fingertip. Discussion took place, and MC reaffirmed the importance of the Accident forms being filled in, at the time, with eyewitness accounts. These

8.6 should be sent to the Dock Chair, or Club Secretary to be kept centrally at the Club.

A letter has been received from Rick Grimshaw re internet at dock. He has requested the aerial booster being used to receive a local open wifi signal be allowed. He has provided a copy of the sites T&Cs which could be interpreted as OK. It will be allowed to be used on a trial basis.

8,7 A date in April is to be arranged for Crane Hire. A notice has been placed in the cabin.

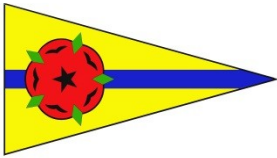
8.8 KL met with Environment agency and contractor. They outlined the plans. Dredging methods and extent of work on paddle valves and pumps still under investigation. Proposed we offer as much support we can to get job done as quickly as possible whilst respecting the concerns raised in our correspondence last September. They would like to site cabins on our property during the works and will likely need some boats on the hardstanding to be moved to allow access for a crane. We will be requesting equitable exchange for services provided. They may need the ground chains raising This could be quite intrusive but they say they will replace anything disturbed. They said all the right words we will see if they are of substance. The plans should be developed over the next few weeks and work is due to start on 1st June.

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9.1 **Fabric Committee:-** ML reported:-

LED lights:- that the new LED light bulbs had been installed in the Gents Changing Rooms, Foyer and Clubhouse.

9.2 Carpet cleaning would take place on 15th March, before the Commodore's Sherry Evening. It was noted that the Club cleaner was away until after the Commodore's Sherry Evening. A plan to



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automate the heating system with “Hive” was being considered.

- 9.3 RB requested that the refurbishment of the Gents changing room needed to be planned soon, in order for it to take place during the winter period. RF mentioned that it may be an appropriate time to review the full use of the basement space, including for Training. Further consideration of general access to the Racebox, and disabled access to the Clubhouse is taking place.

10.0

- 10.1 **House Committee:-** RF reported the following :-

On Saturday 25th February some 25 club members gathered to enjoy a Film & Curry Evening at the clubhouse. A homemade Indian meal was consumed before we all sat down to enjoy a showing of 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'. Special thanks to our 'projectionist' Richard Hoad who overcame the technical challenges to bring us the movie, to John Gallagher for manning the bar and to Gilda Gallagher for her assistance in the galley. A small profit of £110 was made, which brings the total events profit for the club year to date to £774. This will be used to cover the costs of the 'free' events, hopefully leaving sufficient to pay for either wine or live entertainment at the 'Laying-up Dinner' which has been booked at the Clifton Arms Hotel for Saturday 4th November.

10.2

The next event will be 'Commodores Sherry Evening' on Saturday 18th March - 7.30pm for 8.00pm. RCC will be hosting The Worshipful the Mayor of Fylde, Councillor Christine Akeroyd, the Commodore of WLYC (to be confirmed), the Vice Commodore of B&FYC and the Coxwain of RNLI Lytham St Annes lifeboat (also to be confirmed). This is of course a 'Jacobs Join' event so usual contribution would be gratefully appreciated.

10.3

The Committee were reminded that next weekend the clubhouse is in use all day on Saturday 11th March for the 'First Aid' training course and on the afternoon and evening of Sunday 12th March The clubhouse would be in use for a private booking.

10.4

Tuesday Talks:- MJB reported that the last talk was 28th Feb, 'Cruising to the Arctic' was well received, but that only 40 attended. March is Port of Poulton, & April Stars & Navigation. JG offered to arrange a talk on Air Sea Rescue, by an RAF winchman. The Committee discussed a possible replacement for the projector, although this was not, at present, within a budget.

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- 11.1 **Development Committee :-** RB reported from a Dev Comm meeting on 21.2.2017 :-

Mussel Tanks:- A letter had been received from Tom Hollick, stating that FBC had agreed that this was a “permitted development”, and that RCC access would have to be considered as separate work. He had offered to provide a statement of work for a “schematic plan” of gated access.

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RE kindly offered to reply on behalf of the Club.

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

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Disabled Access:- was still in hand.

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Race Box Access:- KL had asked that all viable options for an internal access be explored before going for an external option.

Fairhaven:- There was no further news from Ian Brookes regarding plans to use the Lottery Heritage money. RCC would be inspected by Alan Jones this year.

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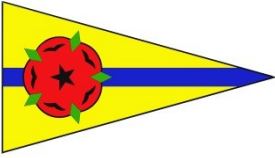
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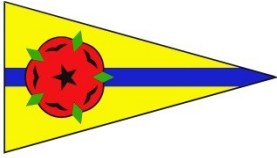
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