



# Ribble Cruising Club

## Main Committee Meeting Minutes

### Agreed Minutes of Main Committee Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017

#### Those Present:

|                        |                       |                   |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Richard Blackburn (RB) | Jackie Rawcliffe (JR) | Andy Walls (AW)   |
| Peter Benett (PB)      | Keith Lawton (KL)     | Mike Leman (ML)   |
| Chris Butler (CB)      | Tony Robins (AR)      | Don Flannery (DF) |
| Richard Freeman (RF)   | John Gallagher (JG)   | David Miller (DM) |

#### 1.0 Apologies

Tony Walker, Allan Williams, Mike Briers, Richard Elsdon, Rob Jarman, Peter Pollock, Richard Hoad, Martin Oldroyd, Simon Redfearn.

#### 2.0 Minutes

The minutes of the July meeting at draft 3 were approved.

Proposed by DF seconded by RF.

#### 3.0 Matters Arising

3.1 Clubhouse Lease extension MJB will continue his efforts.

3.2 We have had confirmation that work on the Mussel Tank will commence on 4<sup>th</sup> September With a planned completion date of 1<sup>st</sup> December.

#### 4.0 Correspondence

4.1 RB reported that following an enquiry from a club member he had made contact with Cuffe and Taylor the Lytham Festival organisers who confirmed that RCC had not taken up the usual free ticket offer this year but that the offer was still open. RB duly sourced the tickets and a free raffle was held in the Clubhouse on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July

4.2 RB reported that an email had been received from Lytham Sportsfest inviting RCC to participate. The event is being held at Park View 4 on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August and is intended to showcase sports and activities in the local area. August Bank holiday weekend is a sailing weekend and we tend to concentrate recruitment in the spring the meeting agreed we would pass on this occasion RB has replied accordingly.

4.3 RE has replied to the RYA census.

#### 5.0 Treasurer's Report

5.1 The Treasurer's cash flow reports had been previously circulated.

June showed Income of £807 Expenditure of £1,718 and a Balance of £116,683.

July showed Income of £2,236 Expenditure of £4,203 and a balance of £114,717.

#### 6.0 Sailing Report

6.1 DF reported good sailing last Sunday and that attendances have been good for sail training both at Fairhaven on Wednesday evenings and on the River on sailing Saturdays.

6.2 The recently acquired Rigiflex has been proving it's worth on Fairhaven and we will shortly have a customised launching trolley to aid launching and retrieval.

- 6.3 The Ladies changing room improvements are now more or less completed only requiring some floor paint.
- 6.4 DF said that he was most concerned about the long term future of the jetty which is vital for the continuation of dinghy sailing on the river. The grass is now higher than the jetty in some places and mud is encroaching onto the jetty itself. When this happened previously it led ultimately to the closure of the jetty. The only remedy would seem to be removal of the grass and mud where it is encroaching on the jetty. RF said that he would speak with FBC and stress our very real concerns.
- 6.5 The next big event on the river is the September Regatta and the next Sailing Committee has been brought forward for final planning.

## **7.0 Training**

In the absence of RJ there was no formal training report. The members were reminded that a Dinghy Instructor course is being organised primarily so that four of our keen young Members can get qualified and join our training team. After a short discussion it was agreed that in principle the Club should support this initiative and contribute to the costs. The Course is being run at RCC using the clubs facilities so costs will be kept to a minimum.

## **8.0 Dock**

In the absence of a recent Dock meeting KL updated the meeting regarding the contractors. There appears to have been several delays and dredging has not yet commenced we are continuing to monitor their activities. There was nothing else of any note to report.

## **9.0 Fabric**

ML reported that the Porch roof repair has been completed and that painting was now in progress.

DM reported that the builders he had in mind for the racebox access are not interested. He will liaise with RE to see what drawings a contractor will need to be able to price up in steel or wood.

Finally Fabric are looking for an extra member.

## **10.0 House**

- 10.1 RF reported that the clubhouse will be open as a café for the Saturday of the 1940s Weekend. He and Jackie will be keeping an eye on things.
- 10.2 The Laying Up Supper is at the Clifton Arms on 4<sup>th</sup> November £30 per head including wine.
- 10.3 Ian Lythgoe is organising a Barbeque at the Dock next Saturday
- 10.4 There will be a log going out in August all Chairmen are asked for contribution by 3<sup>rd</sup> week August.

## **11.0 Development**

- 11.1 RB reported that the committee has been looking at possible improvements to the lower ground floor of The Clubhouse. RE had drawn up some ideas to tidy up and improve the use of the space. After some discussion there was some concern that the costs may outweigh the benefits of the relatively minor improvements. We decided to look at a more radical approach to try and achieve more useful space in the clubhouse as a whole. Nothing of course can be considered without a lease extension in place.
- 11.2 Detailed proposals for the implementation of Direct Debit for membership subscriptions should be ready for the next meeting.

11.3 Some discussion took place regarding the old Lifeboat mooring. The meeting felt it would be a good idea to have it back in place and DM is confident of getting support from other parties. DM,AW and CR agreed to work together to design and price the new mooring.

**12.0 Communications**

RB reminded the committee that RH will be relinquishing his post and that a volunteer is Urgently sought.

**13.0 Membership**

No memberships were tabled although KL was concerned that someone in the process of joining the club might have been expecting their membership to be confirmed tonight.

**14.0 AOB**

DF again brought up his worries and concerns regarding the jetty

Next meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Meeting minutes prepared by Richard Blackburn 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017`