

Ribble Cruising Club



Main Committee Meeting Minutes

Agreed Minutes of Main Committee meeting

3rd July 2017

Those Present:

Richard Blackburn (RB)	Richard Freeman (RF)	Richard Elsdon (RME),	Peter Benett (PB)
Keith Lawton (KL)	Martin Oldroyd (MO)	Don Flannery (DF)	Tony Robins (AR)
Mike Briers (MJB)	Andrew Walls (AW)		Rob Jarman (RJ)
Tony Walker (JDAW)	John Gallagher (JG)		Jackie Rawcliffe (JR)
	Richard Hoad (RH)		

- 1.0 **Apologies** **Action**
Peter Pollock, Allan Williams, Chris Butler, Mike Leman, Simon Redfearn, David Miller
- 2.0 **Minutes of July Meeting:-** The minutes of the June meeting at draft 2 were approved, proposed by RJ seconded by RF.
- 3.0 **Matters arising**
- 3.1 **Clubhouse Lease extension** **MJB**
MJB agreed he will pursue FBC during Autumn.
- 3.2 **Mussel Tanks**
No further progress Mussel Tank works will start in Sept to avoid work during the summer.
- 3.3 **Marine License Application:-**
see Dock notes item 8.2.
- 3.4 **Cruising Seminar in 2018**
MJB informed MC that RYA NW Cruising Seminar in 2018, 10 March 2018 planning progressing well, the Hall was booked, Tom Cunliffe to be keynote speaker, Sailing to the End of The World confirmed plus much more.
- 4.0 **Correspondence**
- 4.1 **RYA 'In Brief' and "Cruising News"**
MJB reported these links were excellent giving links to all RYA sites, well worth a visit.
- 4.2 **Wind Farms:-**
MJB reported lots of activity but this month all within exclusion zone.
- 4.3 **RYA Census:-**
RME is formulating a reply to RYA Census, see item 14.3.
- 4.4 **RYA North West:-**
MJB has circulated a Newsletter from Geoff Meggitt RYA North West, he commended this well worth a visit, updates from all the team covering Governance, Comms, Training Forum, Performance, Course dates & a couple of opportunities for grants. MJB was reminded that these grants were not available to Private members clubs. ???
- 4.5 **Manchester Cruising Association (MCA):-**
MJB reported a correspondence with MCA who are actively seeking speakers, MJB was exchanging ideas and contact details.
- 5.0 **Treasurer's Report:-** Treasurer on holiday, no report, catch up in August.

Sailing Report:- DF reported on behalf of the Sailing Committee

- 6.1 **Sailing**
DF reported difficulties in June with disappointing weather, June Regatta was cancelled but catering continued thanks to JR & RF and an excellent day at RCC was held. Cruiser Picnic was also cancelled but Big Race held, Martin Knott won this with 8 dinghies & 1 cruiser. A



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full calendar is planned for July with the hope of better weather.

6.2 Try Sailing

DF commented on the success of Try Sailing, with some 15 new members.

6.3 MBSA Dinghy Regatta:-

DF reported that RME & Martin Knott competed at this MBSA event held at Roa Island

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 Maintenance:-

DF reported that thanks to RF 2nd hand trolley for the Rigidflex safety boat had been obtained although some mods will be required. DF had continued to improve the ladies changing facilities with better seating and coat hangers.

6.6 Cruiser Rep on Sailing Committee:-

DF & RME explained that there was an urgent need for an active Cruiser Coordinator who could/would work with the Sailing Committee, Several names were suggested DF would approach them. _

7.0 Training Report

RJ reported on Training matters.

7.1 Training Activities:-

RJ reported mixed weather had impacted sail training giving opportunity for several successful 'clubhouse' sessions with theory & rope work. He commended the contributions of RCC volunteers & the improved involvement & fellowship which ensued. On the water RJ reported that the large dinghies were very useful on Fairhaven with the Adult trainees with the Picos & Toppers popular with the youngsters under PP & Lewis Richardson

7.2 Future Training

RJ reported that, with the support from Alan Jones RYA, a DI course is planned at RCC for some of our older teenage members, this replaces the proposed Assistant Instructor training. RJ also indicated that a Powerboat Instructor Course planned, it was proposed to allocate 4 places to RCC members at a cost of up to £1000. This planned expense was approved unanimously by MC, when proposed by RB & seconded by MJB. DF asked if current RCC safety boats were OK for this course, RJ confirmed they were. KL reminded Sailing Committee that if larger safety boats needed then an appropriate business case should be submitted to MC. JG informed MC that he had recently purchased a 20ft powerboat & offered to support RCC training activities with it. MC thanked JG for this offer.

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 site works .

8.2 Dredging Operations

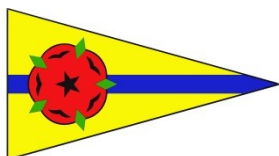
KL reported that he continued to be busy liaising with the EA's contractor BAM.

The License issue was delaying matters but a start in July was planned using their license 'to maintain'. They had partitioned off another area which again would be available to RCC when the site cleared.

8.3 Dock Fees

KL recorded that all dock fees have now been collected except Seamus Devine and Clive Butterworth. KL thought that Butterworth had paid & would check with Alan Betts. MJB reported no progress on Seamus Devine, MB agreed to visit Seamus in Autumn .

MJB

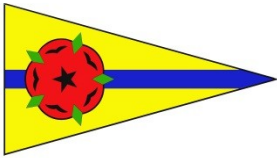


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- 9.0 Fabric Committee:-** MB reported on behalf of ML who was away:-
- 9.1 ML has progressed roof repair, Andrew Whiteside will be starting in the next 10 ,days! He has also sourced a lockable outdoor notice board, which was approved in June's meeting. DHM was to be asked if any progress on racebox access, David Blake was to come & give us a quote for wood or steel ladders'
- 10.0 House Committee:-** RF & JR reported on behalf of House Committee:-
- 10.1 Social Events:- RF reported that The Regatta was rained off but a great day was held in Clubhouse with Bacon Butties & Lunch for all. This was followed by a super 60's/70's Night organised by Emma Philips & Andy Walls. Some 50+ members enjoyed a nostalgic 'Chicken in basket' & 'black forest gateaux' with dancing to the small hours to 60's/70.s music making some £190 profit, many thanks to both Emma & Andrew.
The next social event is September Regatta 23/24 Sept & The Laying Up Supper is booked at The Clifton Arms for 4th November.
- 10.2 Next Club Log:-** A discussion was held & it was agreed a paper log should be prepared by end of August to publicise both the Sailing & Social events in the Autumn at RCC. Inputs to RME & RB by mid August ???
- 10.3 **Clubhouse Diary:-** RF on behalf of JR outlined the clubhouse diary:-
25th July:- Lytham WI, Jontie Miller organising.
29th July:- Pat & George Chiles Golden wedding, set up Friday evening, no charge.
19/20th August:- RNLI fundraiser, 40's Weekend, Vanilla organising a 'café' in RCC.
30th August:- RNLI Charity Quiz evening .
21st Sept:- Lytham Ladies Guild Beetle Drive,
23/24 Sept:- RCC Regatta,
30th Sept:- RNLI Mayor's Charity Evening Quiz.
- 10.4 **Last Tuesday Talks:-** MJB has now confirmed 4 talks for this coming winter season but needs 3 more. Will approach Charles Morris re Bluebird
- 11.0 Development Committee**
RB reported on behalf of the Dev. Comm.
- 11.1 **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.
- 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



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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 reminded MC that Dev Comm & RME were in favour of offering direct debit at next year's renewal. The suggestion was that an incentive of 5% could be offered with a 5% increase in subs being proposed overall to cover it. This would need further consideration by MC before proposal to 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

RH apologised for his non-attendance recently but explained that family priorities had dragged him away, he went on to inform MC that because of these issues & his own health he would be unable to continue as Comms Sec after the AGM. RB thanked him for informing MC & for his efforts over the years. RB suggested that Dev Comm consider who might take on the role of Comms Sec. RH reported on his progress:-

Web Site:- RH said he had continued to update the web site & diaries especially capturing the RYA & other Navigation notices. However Rich Media were totally overloaded, RCC training was still outstanding. Until training was completed MC nominees would not be able to update the website themselves. Training was obviously a priority, RH would try & get dates from James at Rich Media.

Facebook:- RH said that RCC Facebook pages were also a success with around 60 members exchanging views & photos. The photo posting in particular was much simpler on Facebook than uploading them to the website. RH explained that we did need a 'photo man' as currently he loaded old photos onto CD to store & retain. RME said he would carry on the uploading task.

Webcam:- RH informed MC that the webcam had finally expired, he would be arranging for a replacement but would need help to install it.

14.0 Membership

14.1 New Membership:- RME reported the following new membership applications:-

1:- Stewart & Rozamund Healy, 28 Eastcliffe, Lytham, proposed for Family Membership by Katie Birt, seconded Peter Pollock

2:- John & Heather Morrow, 74 Church Road, Lytham St Annes, proposed for Family membership by Katie Birt, seconded by Richard Freeman.

3:- Graham Lee, 3 Shannon Street, Blackpool, proposed for Ordinary membership by Richard Freeman seconded by Richard Elsdon.

4:-Kit & Debbie Harrison, 17 Southfold Place, Lytham, proposed for Family membership by Richard Freeman seconded by Richard Elsdon.

5:- Bill & Dallas Cohen, 40 Beconsall Lane, Hesketh Bank, Preston, proposed for Family membership by Chris Butler, seconded by John Gallagher.

6:- Nigel Lingines, Flat 254 Holmeffield Road, Lytham St Annes, proposed for Ordinary membership by Richard Freeman, seconded by Richard Elsdon.

7:- Andrew Galaguley, 14 Park View Road, Lytham. Proposed for Ordinary membership by Adrian Deyne seconded by Richard Elsdon.

8:- Jon Schofield & Beccy Turner, 27 Rawstorne Road, Penwortham, Preston, proposed for Family membership by Peter Pollock, seconded by Richard Elsdon

9:- Richard & Susan Mayor, 66 Victory Boulevard Lytham, proposed for Family



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membership by Richard Freeman, seconded by Richard Elsdon.

10:- Andrew & Yvonne Coyle, 14 Rowsley Road, Lytham St Annes, proposed for Family membership by Richard Blackburn, seconded by Richard Elsdon.

11:- Niel & Helen Lindsay, 27 Warton Street, Lytham, proposed for Family membership by Peter Pollock, seconded by Richard Elsdon.

12:- Stanislav & Elena Chulkov, 6 Moorfield Drive, Lytham St Annes, proposed by Richard Freeman, seconded by Richard Elsdon.

13:- Suky Atwel-Weir & John Weir, 263 Garstang Road, Fulwood, Preston, proposed for Family membership by Julia Laing, seconded by Richard Freeman.

14:- Matthew & Rebecca Fitzjohn, 17 Beechwood Close, Lytham, proposed for Family membership by Don Flannery, seconded by Richard Elsdon.

15:- Mark (Iain) & Catherine Jagger, 11 Texan Close, Warton, proposed for Family membership by Adrian Deyne, seconded by Richard Freeman.

Richard Elsdon & Richard Freeman explained that with the exception of application 5 above all of these applications were from 'Try Sailing' attendees. Every one of them has attended several events & had become well known to several RCC members. They were happy to support their applications 'on block'. John Gallagher also supported the application from Bill Cohen explaining that both Chris & he had met him, he had a boat in The Douglas & was hoping to bring it to RCC.

With this support all the 15 applications above were approved unanimously by MC.

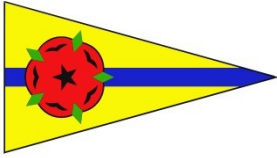
- 14.3 **RYA Census:-** RME prompted a discussion by MC re his input to the RYA census. It was agreed that the Club Capacity was around 400 adult members & this was limited by berthing capacity, clubhouse capacity, level of volunteering, & RCC waters being tidal & muddy. MC agreed that the aspiration was to maintain club numbers & that Try Sailing was very important in this regard. Some 19 applications being received this year so far from Try Sailors.

- 14.4 **Good News:-** MB informed MC that Baby Alexander had been safely delivered to Clare Thorpe & James Boyce, MB explained that whilst they had just let their membership lapse he had sent a Card on behalf of MC. They were in fact good supporters of RCC including doing 2 Tuesday Talks & winning our 2015 Trophy/ winners

15.0 AOB

15.1 Cruising Incidents:-

Tony Walker (JDAW) asked that MC review the several cruising incidents last year which caused the 'Rescue Services' to be called out & asked if any lessons should be learnt or action taken. There was a long discussion with the facts as understood by other MC members being tabled. RF assured MC that in the opinion of RNLI Operations team RCC members did do the right thing eg calling RNLI before getting into trouble & using 'pan pan' where appropriate. MC thought that the important thing was for more experienced members to support those involved & advise them re Seamanship & Safety preparations. RJ reminded MC that RCC ran regular RYA Cruiser courses which covered safety but that one could not drive people to attend nor make such qualifications mandatory, better to encourage such activity. MB thought he perhaps should arrange another 'Safety Talk' or Seminar to support this learning perhaps also covering 'Heavy weather sailing'. RF would see if the RNLI could support that. JDAW wondered whether carriage of a Liferaft should be a 'Club Rule' if going Offshore. MC thought this would be unwieldy & inadvisable. Rather to advise & recommend carriage of a liferaft or other inflatable dinghy when going offshore.



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