



North West Scale Model Boat Club

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Club Minutes – Feb 2022 (Draft copy subject to agreement at next meeting)

Following another enforced absence of club meetings due to Covid restrictions coming back into place early December 2021 – it was nice to be back at the legion for the first meeting of 2022, and a good turnout from members – even though the weather was ludicrously foul, wet, windy and generally very nasty....

Matters arising

Upcoming shows :-

Coppull model show

Sun 20th March 2022

The club has been booked in to take part in the Coppull Model show. Venue is St Johns Church Hall - Hewlett Street Coppull Chorley PR7 5AD. Set up was confirmed for Sunday Morning from 8am – doors open 10am – closes 4pm

Kevin Fleming, David Southern, David Lawrance and David Perry confirmed as attending – David Perry will be bringing the pair of club tables.

Leigh Model Show

Sat & Sun 10th & 11th Sept 2022

Club agreed to attend – its another general modelling show so not just boats

New Pond seating

It was confirmed that the work to pond seating will take place early in the new year and the scheme for the works will be worked out over the next month or so.....Funds had already been secured by the club secretary from local grants prior to Covid.

The Landlord / Landlady of the Legion have retired and Dave Lawrance confirmed a gift of thanks had been presented to them several weeks ago (an engraved model yacht trophy) with help from club member Paul fryer on the engraving.

Styrene stock are back up again – as always sheets can be picked up from David's House, or dropped off at the pond.

Past club member Brian Lomax's partner Sue Wilcox sadly passed away late 2021, and it was agreed to provide a nameplate in memory of her on the club bench as well as sending Brian a belated letter of condolence and thanks for all Sue and Brian have done for the club in the past.

Our club President Peter Knowles had an unfortunate accident at the pond last month, and slipped and fell into the pond. Peter passed on his sincere thanks to club members who helped him out, and although wet, cold and generally shook up,



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he has managed to retain very good spirits. He did suffer a dislocated shoulder and needed a short stay in hospital to put things right, but is gladly back home and well on the way to full recovery. Peter commented on how lucky he was to part of such a good club, and thanked every body for the assistance and comments.

On a positive note, Paul Smith managed to rescue peters lost superstructure from his boat with a dragline the following weekend and this is currently under repair with myself so we can get peters boat back up to scratch





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Pond Safety

Following Peters incident we discussed pond safety and some basic suggestions. It is suggested that people generally don't sail a boat unless another club member or person is with them, but this is a suggestion and not a rule we would enforce. If you do sail at the pond on your own, we would strongly suggest that you stay close to the club jetty, as its relatively shallow at this point – just about waste height. If your boat breaks down, we would suggest that you don't attempt to retrieve it from the far side of the pond, as if you slip and fall in, getting out of the pond is almost impossible as its much deeper and the bottom of the pond is very soft and silty. If your boat breaks down, try and phone another club member to come and assist or just sit and wait to see if the wind brings it over to the shallow side of the pond. Ultimately, we don't want to bring in any rules that prevent people sailing, we all just need to be cautious and sensibly.

We have added the following basic guidance into the club constitution and rules:-

8.12 - Pond Safety. Try and ensure that club members sail with at least one other person present if possible. If you are the sole person sailing and no other member arrives, keep to the jetty side of the pond (this is generally a shallow area) and if your boat gets stuck or sinks, under no circumstance attempt to enter the pond. The pond is known to be deep in sections and very silty/muddy at its base.

Treasurers report

Club Membership renewals are now due

Normally any club member who have not renewed by the end of Feb will need to re-apply as a new club member. Obviously, things have been a little unusual with regard to club membership and attendance to meetings / sailing due to Covid. As such we have decided to extend the membership renewal period to the end of April to allow other club members to get back in touch and pay the club fees. Details for the membership renewals and how to pay are on the club web site.

We have asked for any club members who have changed address / contact details to please update them with the membership secretary.

Currently 22 members have renewed – our existing club membership list has over 60 members listed. We know there will be a number of people on the list who are no longer active members and will be updating the list as the year progresses

Bank Details:-

Cash £ 651.35
Bank £ 1111.31
Total £ 1762.66



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The next meeting will be on Monday 21st March

Next meeting is 'bring a boat night' and Dave Collier has kindly volunteered to bring along one of his boats that he does not think many of the club will have seen.

Suggestions for upcoming meetings:-

Dates for these have yet to be confirmed

Bring a boat night every alternate month

Talk on 3d printing

Talk on basic wiring up of your boats

Talk on building scratch models from plans