



North West Scale Model Boat Club

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Club Minutes – March 2022

(Draft copy subject to agreement at next meeting)

Back at the Legion for another club meeting....

Matters arising

Coppull model show

The club attended the Coppull model show and displayed several boats. It's a fairly small show but it was a good turnout from different clubs displaying all sorts of models/ toys / other RC related hobbies. Not very busy with attendance unfortunately – but its local and an easy load in / setup for day's show. Thanks to Kevin Fleming, Jim Alsop, Dave Reece who brought along boats along with myself for the club stand.

Only a few club members came to visit the show, which is a shame as its very close to home and we should try and support shows where possible.

We have the Blackpool Models Show coming up on the 15th & 16th October. The Blackpool show is essentially a three day show, as we need to be set up on the Friday Afternoon (Friday 14th) from around 2pm onwards. Before we book and confirm the tables at the show for the weekend it was requested that members check to see if they are available for the weekend. Previous years have been a struggle to get a reasonable number of club members to attend and display boats for the full weekend. Last year we only had 4 members at the show for the full weekend.

It is a fair amount of time to commit, and fair distance to travel for some members. ~Before we book the tables it was requested that members check if they are in a position to attend for the full weekend and display boats. We need a minimum of 6 people for the full weekend – ideally 8. If we don't get enough members who can commit to the full weekend then we will not book the tables, and members can just attend as visitors instead and the club will not display.

It was requested for all members to assess if they are in a position to attend for the full weekend and let the committee know at the next meeting.

A Plaque has been secured on the bench by the pond in memory of Sue Wilcox (Brian Lomax's partner) and a letter will be sent to Brian once we have his home address confirmed.

Leigh Model Show

Sat & Sun 10th & 11th Sept 2022

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



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New Pond seating

We are finally getting round to the carrying out the first stage of work to the pond seating – replacement of some of the rotting wooden seating. It was confirmed that the club had ordered some large plastic based units (normally used for inspection chambers below ground) and these are to be used for the base of the seating, filled with soil and topped with paving flags that we had already obtained – Total cost of materials for this is approximately £480

This work is to be carried out on Sunday the 3rd April, 9.30am. It was requested that if any members could attend to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

Hopefully once this section has been carried out, assuming it all works out well, we will then obtain the materials for the remaining set of seating.

We have previously successfully obtained grants from Horwich Council to help with these works at the pond and once the first stage of seating is completed, we will apply again for another grant for the second set of seating.

The Fishing club have been in touch and are awaiting a date for some stone to be dropped off at the pond to help fill in the potholes in the access track. They asked if any of our club members could assist. Once I know the date I will let members know and hopefully we can get a few members down as improving the access way is beneficial to all of us, as its like driving on a lunar landscape at times.



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Treasurers report

Club Membership renewals are now overdue. Currently we have 29 fully paid up members, several more still to pay, and several new members just appeared.

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

YTD EXPENDITURE = £357.47
YTD INCOME = £780
ANNUAL INSURANCE PAID £68.80
MEMBERSHIP PAID MARCH £51.00
ONE NEW MEMBER RODGER LUCAS AND SON MILO
PAID UP MEMBERS 29

Cash £ 631.55
Bank £ 1131.31
Total £ 1762.86

Due to the easter break, the next meeting will be a little later in the month than usual - Monday 28th April

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. This was meant to be at the last meeting but due to a clerical error...ie he forgot about it – it will be the next meeting! We will look forward to it

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