

RUNCORN AND DISTRICT SCALE MODEL BOATS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 10.12.2009

Derek Lowe welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened it at 7.30 pm

The minutes of the last meeting had been copied and circulated. They were confirmed and approved.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary gave an update of the various activities that had taken part since the last meeting.

Halton Housing Trust – the application for funding has now reached its last stage when it will be considered at the December meeting of the Trust. Hopefully the results of this meeting will be available some time in the New Year.

Ellesmere Port Model Boat Show – this event will be held on the 6th and 7th March 2010. A request has been received for a list of those attending for the provision of passes. An attendance list has been prepared for completion by those wanting to attend. It will also be available at the January 2010 meeting for completion by those wanting to attend.

Port Sunlight Xmas Market – this event was attended by club members, there being 13 members present and 35 boats on show. Yet again our efforts were well received by the organisers. We will be given a list of their events for 2010 with a request to confirm which ones we will be able to attend. It was also mentioned that a small donation would be given and included with that outstanding for the previous show. To date this donation has not been received.

Halton Borough Council – A letter has been sent to Halton Borough Council with a request that they again consider the refurbishment of the derelict public conveniences situated next to the lake. It is hoped that any refurbishment can be undertaken such that the building could be used by the club as a refreshment and storage area but this would depend upon what the Council would be willing to undertake. The request has been made after the disbandment of the Steering Group preparing the Application for Lottery Funding to refurbish the whole of the Runcorn Hill Area.

Royal Mail/Communication Workers Union – John Grundy has brought to the attention of the Club that these two organisations have a funding policy for groups such as ours. A fletter has been prepared by the Secretary and John Grundy has kindly presented to these two organisations on our behalf. The Application needs to be considered by a number of individuals within the organisations and so we will await any developments.

Steam Fair/Traction Engine Rally 2010 – The Secretary has written to the organisers of these events requesting that, should they be taking place next year, our Club be considered to attend as usual. The letter has also requested that our request for forwarded onto any such organisers who may be taking over these events such that we are still considered.

Nunsmere Hall Hotel – Our Club has been contacted, via our website, by a PR consultant acting on behalf of the manager of Nunsmere Hall Hotel, Delamere. It would appear that the original owner of the Hall designed the Queen Mary vessel and it is being considered that a commemorative day would be held at the Hotel to celebrate this association. Our Club has been asked to attend this event should it take place. A meeting to discuss details and review the sailing and parking arrangements was to be held with the Hotel on Friday 4th December 2009 but had to be postponed due to the consultant being admitted to hospital. A revised date will be organised in the New Year.

After this business a Hot Pot supper was provided by the Community Centre Staff.

During the meal a quiz was presented by Arthur Taylor who also acted as Question Master and Adjudicator. Our thanks must go the Arthur for his efforts in preparing the questions.

Upon completion of the meal and quiz the meeting was closed.