

# **RUNCORN AND DISTRICT SCALE MODEL BOATS**

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 13.08.2009

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. There were no matters arising.

### **Commodore's Report.**

Derek Lowe gave a brief update on the recent displays by the members at Woodvale International Rally (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August) and the Community Centre Open/Fun Day (8<sup>th</sup> August). It was reported that both events were considered successful and enjoyed by those members who attended.

Portable Pond – the new portable pond has now been used at the Cheshire Steam fair and the Community Centre Open/Fun Day. It had performed extremely well and so a sincere vote of thanks was recorded to Alan Summerfield who had carried out the vast majority of the work in constructing the pond. A vote of thanks was also recorded to Larry Richard who had provided the plastic sheeting free of charge to the Club.

Manchester Ship canal Trip – a vote of thanks was recorded to Arthur Taylor for organising this event. The weather was excellent on the day which helped in making the event all that much more enjoyable for those who attended.

### **Secretary's Report.**

Astle Park Traction Engine Rally: - Unfortunately this event has been cancelled and so the members would not be able to undertake their normal display. It has been discovered that the company who organises this event (and the Cheshire Steam Fair) has gone into liquidation due to bad debts. The impact of the resulting reduction in our income stream for 2010 would need to be considered by the new committee.

Birchwood Model Boat Convention: - All outstanding passes for this event were now available and were distributed at the meeting.

Fair Organ Rally, Victoria Park, Widnes (26/27<sup>th</sup> September 2009): - An attendance sheet was provided for all those able to attend to complete. This will be used to request the appropriate number of passes.

Invitations have been received to attend the following events:-

Liverpool Maritime Museum (17/18<sup>th</sup> October 2009) – no further details are available at this point in time but eight members showed interest in attending. This would be communicated to the organiser with a request for further information.

St Helen's Model Boat Club Fun Day – this event will take part on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009 and anyone who wishes to attend is cordially invited. The event takes place at Taylor Park, St Helens. Please note that after 1115hrs vehicular access to the park is prohibited.

New Brighton Model Boar Club Show – we have been invited to display at this event to be held on the 3rd and 4th of October 2009. An attendance sheet was provided for all those able to attend to complete.

## **Any Other Business**

Moving Message Sign: - The Commodore suggested that the purchase of this be reconsidered by the members. It is recognised that at the meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 it was agreed that such a sign would not be purchased. However the Commodore was of the opinion that it would still be worthwhile to the Club to own such a sign. After discussion it was agreed that further details of size, features, and cost would be obtained and presented at the next meeting.

Boat Show at the Lake – A suggestion was made that the Club should host a Model Boat Show/Fun Day at the Lake. It was recognised that we are regularly being invited to other Club's events but never hold one of our own. It was pointed out that such an event is difficult to arrange at the Lake due to its lack of facilities i.e. toilets, refreshment capabilities, inside cover in case of inclement weather.

Meeting Start Time – Confirmation was requested of the start time of the monthly meetings. It was confirmed that the meetings start at 7-30pm.

After this business the following presentations were given:-

Christopher Leach gave description of his sailing yacht

Upon completion of this presentation the meeting was closed.