

Port Edgar Marina – Berth Holders Association

Minutes of Third Annual General Meeting of the Berth Holders Association Held on Monday 11th April 2011 at 7.30pm in Port Edgar Yacht Club.

1. Attendance: 35 Berth Holders were in attendance. Frank Pullen was in the chair
2. Apologies: Ian Thompson, Ian Malcolm
3. Talk from Transport Scotland:
David Climie, TS Project Director for the New Forth Road Bridge project outlined the plans for the construction of the New Bridge. The Contract commences in summer 2011 and is due for completion during 2016. The new bridge will have 3 towers, the central one will be on the Beamer Rock and each span will be 625 m wide. Transport Scotland will ensure that the Contractors give plenty of notice to sailors regarding exclusion zones during the construction phase of the tower bases. They are also happy to discuss with the Marina operators the possibility of some legacy improvements to the surrounding areas. Ross Hornsey, the Communications Manager, stressed that one of Transport Scotland's main objectives is to ensure continuing consultation and communication with the local community and others affected by the Project and a Contact and Education Centre will be opened later this year in South Queensferry.
David Climie offered to return later in the year once the Contract was underway to give an update and this offer was gratefully accepted.
The Chairman thanked both speakers on behalf of those present for their most interesting presentations.
4. Report from Marina Managers
Adam Cruttenden, the Marina Manager, sent his apologies as he was unable to be present owing to a personal commitment. He had briefed the Chairman who gave the report on his behalf:
 - a) Diesel Prices: there are three pricing levels for diesel depending on use – commercial, heating and leisure propulsion - and the associated prices vary because of different taxation levels. The Marina's aim is to price competitively but current usage is relatively small. A new larger (1800 L) tank is planned and this will allow diesel to be purchased more competitively.
 - b) Craning: Craning boats must be restricted in high winds and it has been agreed the limit will henceforth be 15 knots. Craning charges for masts have been increased to £60, £80 & £100 depending on size to take account of the time spent by Marina staff.

The Marina may turn away yachts for craning if they have not been properly prepared for craning by the owners.

- c) New Crane: A new supplier has been identified and it is hoped the New Crane will be installed by the end of the year. The previously appointed supplier had gone into liquidation.
- d) Pontoon Maintenance: The Marina staff are currently upgrading the brackets and bolts at the pile supports and joint sections. Pontoon boards are replaced as required but consideration is being given to covering the existing pontoon surfaces with a synthetic grating system.
- e) General Improvements: Work continues to improve the appearance of the Marina. and all the classrooms will be refurbished in due course
- f) The Sailing School: The Sailing School is to be operated as a separate Cost Centre and its operations will be accounted for separately from the Marina
- g) Car Parking: The renewal of the Road Bridge Anchors will result in the closure of the east side car Park for a period. The contractors will carry out improvements to the surface of the car park which will be of longer term benefit.
- h) Antifouling: Pad areas should be anti-fouled by owners in the boat park using additional supports as required. If time and circumstances permit - Marina staff will paint the underside of keels during craning.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 22nd March 2010 have been on the BHA website since last May. Their approval was proposed by Douglas Auld and seconded by Peter Sykes and generally approved by the meeting.

- 5. Chairman's Report: The Chairman reports on developments at the Marina on a regular basis via the Chairman's Blog on the BHA Website. A brief summary of matters arising during the past year is as follows:
 - a) The New Crane should be installed by November 2011.
 - b) The New pontoons have been installed and are now in use.
 - c) Renewing the surface of existing pontoons is under consideration at a cost of £90k.
 - d) Weather Station – it is hoped to get this project on track following hesitation by PEYC
 - e) Berthing fees increase limited to 2% this year and it is hoped for the same next year.
 - f) Emergency/Environmental Action Plan – members of the Committee have been involved in preparing both.
 - g) BHA Boat Jumble was held on 20th March 2011 and was successful and resulted in a donation to RNLI (South Queensferry Branch) of £103
 - h) Port Edgar Re-Development has been affected by the current financial climate but BHA has been pressing with others for a strategic decision to be made.
 - i) A new BHA Notice Board is on order and should be installed in the near future. The cost of this is being shared with the Marina

6. Financial Report: The Hon. Treasurer, Colin Scott, reported on the current financial situation of the Association and circulated Annual Accounts for the BHA for year ending 31st December 2010 and the budget for the forthcoming year. These were discussed and their approval was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Ian Smith and generally approved by the Meeting.

The Treasurer advised that the BHA currently has 129 Members and he encouraged all members to try to persuade more PE Berth Holders to join. The more members we have the more powerful our voice with the Marina and Edinburgh Leisure.

7. Election of Office Bearers:

The undernoted members offered themselves for election/re-election:

Chairman – Frank Pullen

Vice Chairman – Murray Carmichael

Hon. Secretary – Brian Smellie

Hon. Treasurer – Colin Scott

Member's Secretary – John Laurie

Webmaster – Karl Weibye

Yacht Representative – Douglas Auld

Power Boat Representative – Ken McLeod

Dinghy Representative – Peter Sykes

PEYC Representative – Douglas Ross

The election of the above Office Bearers was proposed by Graham Sutherland and seconded by John Taylor and generally approved by Members present.

8. AOCB and Discussion:

During the discussion that followed a number of points were raised by Members concerning safety, state of existing pontoons, improving the facilities and the wave motion within the Marina and it was agreed that these points should be raised at the next meeting with the Marina Management.

12. Date of next BHA Annual General Meeting :

The date of the next BHA Annual General Meeting was set for Monday 26th March 2012