

Port Edgar Marina - Berth Holders Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7 pm on Monday 27th May 2013 at Port Edgar.

1. Attendance: Frank Pullen (Chairman)

Murray Carmichael (Vice Chairman)

Colin Scott (Hon Treasurer)

Brian Smellie (Hon Secretary)

Ken McLeod (Power Boat Rep)

John Laurie (Member's Sec)

Colin Henderson (Professional User's Rep)

Margaret McGregor (Yachting Rep)

2. Apologies: Doug Ross, Karl Weibye

3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13th February 2013 were approved subject to one correction and signed by the Chairman.

4. Provisional approval of AGM Minutes: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 25th March 2013 were provisionally approved with one additional point on RYA Membership to be added.

5. Report on up-to-date situation on Port Edgar Marina:

There has been no significant change since the previous meeting. It is understood that negotiations between Edinburgh City Council and Port Edgar Holdings (a company affiliated to Bosun's Locker) are continuing with it still likely that they will take over the management of Port Edgar Marina with effect from April 2014.

It was reported that a renewed planning application has been made for the Granton Harbour Area and CS agreed to investigate this further and report back.

Action: CS

6. Proposed Closure of the Sailing School at Port Edgar.

The Chairman read out a letter he had received from Edinburgh Leisure indicating that because of exceptional circumstances and the funding situation faced by the City of Edinburgh Council, that EL had to make difficult choices in an effort to reduce costs and regrettably had decided to close the Sailing School from October 2013

There was a general feeling of disappointment at this decision and it was felt by the Committee that the closure of the Sailing School would be a detrimental step that would result in a lack of training facilities for the water sports and leisure boating community in the Edinburgh Area. The Chairman

agreed to send a letter to Edinburgh City Council expressing this view and requesting that the date of the proposed closure be delayed until April next year and that everything be done to try and locate an alternative operator that could take over the running of the Sailing School.

.Action: FP

7. BHA Membership of the RYA:

A question was raised at the AGM as to the benefits of the Association being an Affiliated Member of the RYA. The Hon Treasurer reported that the Association pays an Annual Subscription to RYA of £110. The matter was discussed and it was acknowledged that the RYA is able to provide advice and guidance to the Association on a wide range of issues and a degree of indemnity insurance. It was agreed to continue RYA Membership meantime and to review the matter again in the future.

8. Matters Arising & Chairman's Report

a) Weather Station: It was reported that further progress is being made and the software and the monitoring equipment is all tested and ready for connection. Information will be provided on wind speed and direction, tidal state and barometric pressure. There is a hold up regarding the internet broadband connection and it is hoped this will be resolved soon. A Web Camera has been kindly donated by Colin Henderson and this is already installed and operational. It is hoped to have the weather station operational in the near future.

Action: KW

b) Dredging Thumper has broken down again and it seems that the prop-shaft bearings require to be replaced. The Marina has indicated that they hope to have the necessary repair work completed within the next few weeks.

c) East Coast Sailing Week: There has been no recent meeting of the ECSW Organising Committee however everything seems to be progressing according to plan with a full sailing and social programme. A request has been made for a caravan to act as the organiser's office and Margaret McGregor kindly offered the use of her caravan. The next meeting of the Committee is due to take place in mid July.

d) Toilets at Shed 4: The Toilets at Shed 4 have been repaired and are now back in use after several years of being out of commission. The repair work required was carried out by Marina Staff.

e) Indemnity against possible liquidation of New Operator: The BHA has written to The City of Edinburgh Council seeking clarification in the event that any new operator appointed to run Port Edgar Marina goes into liquidation. The concern is that the liquidator subsequently appointed could restrict access to craft in the Marina and seek a new operator to take over the lease who would not necessarily be committed to running the site as a Marina. The BHA feels that the terms of the lease to be issued by the Council should contain safeguards for Berth Holders in the event of liquidation and stipulate the need for the site to continue to be operated as a Marina. A written reply recently received from the Council does not address the concerns raised and the Chairman agreed to take the matter up with them again.

Action: FP

9. Hon. Treasurer's Report: The Hon. Treasurer reported that the opening balance in the bank account for the period was £927. There have been outgoings amounting to £30 and we have received membership subscriptions from 151 members amounting to £453 resulting in a current bank balance of £1350. Invoices have been sent out for the annual charge to the Companies that have a web link from our Web Site.

10. Web Site: The new Website is looking good and is nearly ready to go but still needs some content from the respective Committee Members. There is also a need for more photographs and the Chairman asked for contributions as soon as possible. The Chairman also wished to record the Association's thanks to Karl Weibye for the considerable work he has done developing the new website and setting up the Weather Station.

Action: All

11. De-fibrillator for Port Edgar: MC has made further enquiries and reported that Edinburgh Leisure are planning to have de-fibrillators located at all EL premises by the end of May and to carry out staff training in their use shortly thereafter.

12. Any other Business

➤ In view of recent thefts, it was suggested that we seek clarification about the security arrangements from the Marina management.

Action: FP

➤ It was agreed that an acknowledgement should be sent out by e-mail to all those that have joined or renewed their membership of the Association.

Action: JL

➤ It was requested that the BHA Notice Board should be refreshed more frequently.

Action: BS

➤ Approval was given to purchase a new Header for the Notice Board at a cost of £35 + VAT.

Action: BS

13. Dates of future Meetings: The following dates have been agreed for the next BHA Committee Meetings as follows:

5th August

11th November

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding