

Port Edgar Marina – Berth Holders’ Association

(Provisional)

Minutes of Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Berth Holders’ Association held on Monday 21st March 2016 in Port Edgar Yacht Club at 7.30 pm.

1. Attendance: 19 Berth Holders plus 3 guests were in attendance. Mike McGregor was in the Chair
2. Apologies: Margaret McGregor, Murray Carmichael, Terry Kirchin, & Karl Weibye
3. Talk by Calum McNicol – HM Coastguards
Calum outlined the role of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency which is set by statute and includes: Search & Rescue, Vessel Traffic Management, Pollution Response and Maritime Safety. The following interesting points arose from his talk:
 - Their Search and Rescue Area amounts to 1.5 million square miles with 11,000 miles of coastline
 - The recent re-organisation throughout the whole of the UK has reduced the number of Coastguard Operating Centres from 19 to 9 with three in Scotland
 - The main Centre on the East Coast of Scotland is Aberdeen with other Stations in Stornaway & Shetland. There are other smaller Coastguard offices at various locations in Scotland to co-ordinate local responses including one in Port Edgar.
 - A flexible operating approach has been adopted and each Centre can cover for other parts of the Country.
 - The Search and Rescue Service has 22 dedicated SAR Helicopters throughout the UK operated by Bristow.

The Chairman thanked Calum for his most interesting and informative talk.

4. Talk by Russell Aitken – Port Edgar Marina Ltd:
PEML took over the running of the Marina almost two years ago and a number of improvements have now taken place that have been welcomed by Marina users. In his talk Russell outlined the progress of developments within the Marina. A summary of the main points is as follows:
 - Planning permission for the new Marina Hub was granted by the Council on 16th February and it is hoped that the new Hub will be completed for opening during 2017.
 - Work is currently underway to refurbish the East Section buildings which shall become the new location for Bosun’s Locker.

- The Marina Reception shall be re-located to the building adjacent to the new Bosun's Locker on the East Section and the existing marina offices will be vacated and let out.
- The Tyre Barrier breakwater has been completely refurbished and all of the ground tackle and moorings have been re-laid.
- Work has now been completed on the fibre grid system which now covers all the main walkways in the Marina.
- Two rounds of maintenance dredging have so far taken place mostly concentrating on the East Channel and the approach to the slipway. Further dredging of the West Channel shall be undertaken soon with dredging below some of the pontoon fingers planned for the end of the season.

The Chairman thanked Russell on behalf of members for a most interesting talk.

5. Approval of Minutes of previous AGM.

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on the 21th March 2015 have been on the Notice Board and the BHA Website since last May. Their adoption was proposed by Frank Pullen and seconded by Graham Sutherland and generally approved by the Meeting.

6. Chairman's Report

- a) Past Chairman - Murray Carmichael has intimated his wish to step down from the BHA Committee and the Chairman expressed grateful thanks to Murray for the considerable contribution he has made to the BHA over many years.
- b) PEYC Representative - Doug Ross is stepping down from the BHA Committee after several years in this role. The Chairman expressed appreciation to Doug for carrying out his duties so effectively and for providing an important channel of communication with PE Yacht Club.
- c) Developments: Further progress has been made with the Weather Station, the Web Cam and with improving access to the defibrillator.
- d) Communication with Members: It is hoped to improve communication with the Association's membership. Contact shall continue to be mainly by e-mail but a BHA Facebook page is being considered to allow for greater interaction and feedback from members.
- e) Boat Jumble: The Boat Jumble was held on the 13th March in the Scout Hall at Port Edgar. The attendance this year was a little disappointing and down on the previous year. This was a joint venture with the South Queensferry Scouts and thanks are due to

them for their assistance with the arrangements. The marketing of the event will be reviewed for next year.

- f) Projects for 2016/17: The Chairman invited members to put forward suggestions for projects to be carried out by the Association during the coming year. Extension to Wi-Fi coverage in the Marina and the provision of hoses on the pontoons are currently under consideration.

7. Financial Report

The Hon Treasurer, Colin Scott, reported on the financial situation of the Association. Membership numbers are down slightly from last year and stand at 53 however membership numbers for the current year look more encouraging and are likely to exceed this level. The Annual Accounts for the BHA for year ending 31st December 2015 were circulated to the Meeting and these showed a satisfactory financial situation. Their adoption was proposed by the John Laurie and seconded by Doug Ross and generally approved by the meeting.

8. Election of Office Bearers:

The Chairman suggested that the undernoted Office Bearers and Committee Members be elected en masse to serve for the coming year:

Mike McGregor Chairman:
Colin Scott - Hon. Treasurer
Brian Smellie – Hon Secretary
Frank Pullen - Past Chairman
John Laurie - Membership Secretary
Margaret McGregor – Yachting Representative
Colin Henderson - Professional Users' Rep.
Karl Weibye - Webmaster
Graham Sutherland
Debra Mills
Willie Mills

It was proposed by Craig Shirlaw and seconded by John Taylor that they be re-elected en masse for the forthcoming year and this was unanimously agreed.

There are several vacancies on the Committee including Representatives for Dinghies and Motor Boats and any members interested should contact the Chairman or Hon Secretary. at: contact@portedarBHA.org.uk

9. Date of next BHA Annual General Meeting :

The date of the next BHA Annual General Meeting is provisionally set for Monday 20th March 2017

The Chairman expressed thanks to Port Edgar Yacht Club for kindly allowing the Association to hold its AGM in their premises.

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