

Port Edgar Marina – Berth Holders Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7 pm on Monday 25th May 2015 at Port Edgar.

1. Attendance: Mike McGregor (Chairman)
Colin Scott (Hon Treasurer)
John Laurie (Membership Secretary)
Brian Smellie (Hon Secretary)
2. Apologies: Karl Weibye, Murray Carmichael, Colin Henderson, Margaret McGregor & Doug Ross
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 2nd February were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. Provisional Approval of Minutes for Annual General Meeting: The Minutes of the Berth Holder Association's AGM held on the 23rd March were provisionally approved subject to final ratification at next year's AGM.
5. BHA Boat Jumble: The Boat Jumble was held on Sunday 8th March and was generally considered to have been successful. The attendance was good and up on the previous year and the Scout Hall was a good location with better amenities than the Sailing School boat shed used previously. The feedback from the stall holders was all positive and many expressed an interest in participating again next year. A total of £230 was raised from the table hire and the items sold on the BHA table. A £40 contribution was made to the Scouts for the use of their hall and £190 has been donated to the South Queensferry RNLI. Our considerable thanks are due to South Queensferry Scouts for kindly allowing the use of their Hall and it is hoped that they will agree to join with the BHA in arranging the event next year.
6. Attracting New Committee Members: It was agreed to invite four attendees from the AGM to attend the next Committee Meeting as observers.

Action: BS

7. Matters Arising & Chairman's Report

a) Defibrillator: Further discussions with Russell have confirmed that any member of the public should be able to use the Defibrillator as full instructions are on the casing. The unit has protective sensors and will not operate if applied to unsuitable patients. This clarification is contrary to a previous report which suggested that only trained personnel could use the defibrillator.

b) Wash in Marina: DR has circulated email correspondence he has had with FCBC on the subject of the excessive wash arising from the "Linzi S"- one of the work boats used by the new bridge constructors. It was suggested that any future occurrences of wash from this vessel, which results in disruption within the Marina, should be reported to the Forth Ports Authority for further action.

Action: ALL

c) Yahoo Groups: It was agreed that it would be beneficial for the BHA to set up a Yahoo Group to make it easier to communicate with members. JL & CS agreed to update our current membership list and BS agreed to investigate the procedure for loading all the member's e-mails into the Group en bloc rather than inviting members to enrol individually.

Action: JL, CS & BS

d) Disposal of waste: The Marina has advised that the bin for disposing of oil & paint containers will not be replaced.

e) Waffle Boards: It was reported that a further supply of waffle boards have now been delivered and it is hope these will be fitted to the remaining walkways in the Marina within the near future.

8. Hon. Treasurer's Report: The Hon. Treasurer circulated draft Accounts for the Association for the year-to-date that showed a continuing satisfactory financial situation. In view of the current financial surplus, the Treasurer suggested that consideration should be given to reducing next year's BHA subscription to zero. It was agreed to place this on the Agenda for the next Committee Meeting so that it could be discussed further.

Action: BS

9. Website Update: Some action is needed to update the website as recent Minutes of Committee Meetings and this year's AGM Minutes have not been included. It was agreed to contact the webmaster.

Action: BS & KW

10. Port Edgar Safety Day: It was reported that the Safety Day run by Guthrie and the Sailing School on the 9th May had been a successful and worthwhile event. Over 100 out-of-date flares had been collected and disposed of.
11. East Coast Sailing Festival 2015: This is to be held at Port Edgar from 20th – 23rd August and will comprise a full racing, cruising and social programme. Over 60 yachts participated last year and it is hoped to exceed that number this year. The social programme includes a Beer Festival on the Thursday, a Buffet Cruise on the Forth Belle on the Friday and a Hog Roast on the Saturday evening. The on-water programme will comprise of four days of varied sailing for racers and cruisers alike including a cruising muster to Burntisland. More information available from: www.ecsf.org.uk

12. Any other Business:

- Silting of Yacht Basin: There have been a number of reports that certain areas of the Marina are silting up and that some maintenance dredging is required. It was agreed to circulate an e-mail to members asking them to feedback details of any unexpected groundings or areas within the Marina with inadequate depth.

Action: JL

- Location of Next Committee Meeting: Colin Henderson has kindly extended an invitation to hold the next Committee Meeting on board his Yacht in the Marina. It was agreed to accept this kind invitation subject to his yacht being available on the date in question. The Meeting is scheduled for Monday 3rd August.

Action: CH, BS

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

3rd August 2015

9th November 2015

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.