

Port Edgar Marina – Berth Holders Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7 pm on Monday 3rd August 2015 at Port Edgar.

1. Attendance: Mike McGregor (Chairman)
Colin Scott (Hon Treasurer)
Brian Smellie (Hon Secretary)
Frank Pullen (Past Chairman)
Karl Weibye (Webmaster)
Margaret McGregor (Yachting Rep)
Doug Ross (PEYC Rep)
Graham Sutherland (Observer)
2. Apologies: Colin Henderson, Murray Carmichael.
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 25th May were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. BHA Boat Jumble: The provisional date for the 2016 Jumble was confirmed as Sunday 6th March. It was agreed to check if this date is suitable for the South Queensferry Scouts Group and to invite their representative, Ian Harrower, to the next BHA Committee Meeting in November.

Action: BS
5. BHA Annual Subscription: A discussion took place about the possible merits of reducing the BHA annual subscription to zero in an effort to increase membership numbers. However it was agreed to retain the membership subscription meantime at its current level of £3

6. Projects for 2015/16:

- a) Hoses on Pontoons: As most other marinas in Scotland provide hoses at water supply points for the use of berth holders and visitors, it was agreed to raise this matter again with the Marina.

Action: MM

- b) Rescue ladders: It was agreed to check the number of rescue ladders available in the Marina to assist with the recovery of people who have accidentally fallen off boats or pontoons.

Action: BS

7. BHA Email Address: KW advised that the current email address

mail@portedgarbha.org.uk is being overwhelmed with more and more junk mail. He suggested that the easiest solution to overcoming this problem is to change the email address to either "info@" or "post@". It was agreed to proceed with this recommendation and KW shall advise when this change has taken place.

Action: KW

8. Matters Arising & Chairman's Report

- a) Wash in Marina: DR reported that the "Linzi S" is about to be withdrawn and replaced by a different type of vessel capable of accommodating more people and with a speed of only 8 knots. This should resolve the issue of wash in the Marina.

- b) Yahoo Groups: It was agreed to progress with this and to set up a working link to be sent to each member asking them to enrol in the Group. As a first step it was important to test the link on Committee Members to ensure it worked correctly. The Chairman agreed to discuss the matter with MC who had been involved in initiating this proposal.

Action: MM & MC

- c) East Coast Sailing Festival: The BHA has been invited to assist with this event as follow:

Meeting and greeting visiting yachts. - Wednesday 19th afternoon & evening

Join in the Pub Night: Thursday 20th evening

Help entertain crews not going on the Forth Belle Cruise: Friday 20th evening

Join in the Hog Roast event: Saturday 21st evening

Members able to assist should contact Mike at: m2mcgregor.aol.com

Action: All

The BHA has also been asked to assist with encouraging participation in the Cruising Muster to Burntisland. It was suggested that a flyer could be produced and circulated

to the boats in the Marina. MM agreed to follow this up and to make contact with GB of the organising committee for details. **Action: MM**

d) Silting in Yacht Basin: Further dredging has taken place and “Forth Sentinel” was commissioned for 5 days to carry out maintenance dredging within the Marina. This has improved the situation particularly around the East Breakwater.

e) Waffle Boards: Most of the new waffle board have now been fitted and complete coverage of all the main Marina walkways has almost been achieved. Some further boards are still needed to complete the job on “D” pontoon.

f) BP Vessels in Marina: There are a number of Orange BP Patrol Vessels currently being berthed in the Marina. These are all up for sale and will be based at Port Edgar until they are sold. (probably by the end of the year)

9. Hon. Treasurer’s Report: The Hon. Treasurer circulated cash book Accounts for the Association for the year-to-date that showed a continuing satisfactory financial situation. As the BHA is affiliated to the RYA, it was suggested that we approach them to ask for some information about how other berth holder associations operate. In particular to ask if the Marina Operators assist with the collection of annual subscriptions and the sort of projects that they undertake. BS agreed to contact the RYA.

Action: BS

10. Website Update: The BHA website is primarily used by for access to the Weather Station and the Webcam. The number of hits for obtaining information about the Association or to access minutes etc is limited. However the minutes listing does need to be updated since there are none listed for 2015.KW agreed to attend to this as soon as possible

Action: KW

11. Committee Member: Member Graham Sutherland had been invited to attend the Meeting as an observer and with his approval he was unanimously co-opted on to the Committee.

12. Any other Business:

- Exclusion Zones: DR reported that there have been a number of reports of yachts ignoring the Exclusion Zones around the bases of the new Forth Crossing and this is a matter of some concern to the FCBC. The Exclusion Zones form part of the Instructions to Mariners and have statutory status for navigational purposes. The BHA was asked to assist by encouraging members to respect the Zones which are identifiable on the water by marker buoys. JL has already sent out an e-mail on this subject but it was agreed to supplement this by placing a suitably

prominent notice on the BHA Notice Board. DR agreed to email a chart to BS for this purpose.

Action: DR & BS

13. Dates of future Meetings:

The following dates have been agreed for BHA Meetings:

9th November 2015

1st February 2016

6th March 2016 –BHA Jumble

21st March 2016 – AGM

23rd May 2016

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

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