

Port Edgar Marina – Berth Holders Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7 pm on Monday 9th November 2015 aboard CH'S Catamaran Berth 21 in Port Edgar.

1. Attendance: Mike McGregor (Chairman)
Colin Scott (Hon Treasurer)
Brian Smellie (Hon Secretary)
Colin Henderson (Professional User's Rep)
Margaret McGregor (Yachting Rep)
Doug Ross (PEYC Rep)
John Laurie (Membership Secretary)
Graham Sutherland
Willie Mills (Observer)
Debra Mills (Observer)
Ian Harrower (South Queensferry Scouts)
2. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed Willie and Debra Mills as observers to the Committee and invited them to feel free to participate in the discussions. He also welcomed Ian Harrower from South Queensferry Scouts.
3. Apologies: Murray Carmichael, Karl Weibye
4. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 3rd August were approved and signed by the Chairman.
5. BHA Boat Jumble: The date now of the 2016 Boat Jumble has now been confirmed as **Sunday 13th March** in the South Queensferry Scout Hall at Port Edgar from 11am to 1 pm. Ian Harrower of SQ Scouts had kindly joined the meeting and he confirmed that the Scouts were still interested in joining with the BHA to try and develop the event further. The Scouts feel there is a need for an outdoor clothing exchange and the idea is to incorporate this into the existing Boat Jumble format. It was agreed that the joint event

should now be called the “**BHA & SQ Scouts – Boating and Outdoor Clothing Jumble**”. Ian indicated that the Scouts would assist in promoting the event among the Scouting community and they would also provide a tea & coffee service on the day. The BHA shall produce a suitable Poster to be displayed around Port Edgar and circulated to all sailing clubs in the Forth.

Action: BS,DR

6. Projects for 2015/16:

- a) Hoses on Pontoons: The Marina has previously indicated that it will not provide hoses at the water outlet points on the pontoons. The BHA has pointed out that most other marinas in Scotland provide these. However a compromise in the situation might be to provide travelling hose trolleys. MM agreed to obtain more information.

Action: MM

- b) Rescue ladders: A survey of the existing safety ladders produced the following results: Pontoon A – 2 ladders, Pontoon B – 4 ladders, Pontoon C – 3 ladders, Pontoon D – 2 ladders and Pontoon E – no ladders. It was generally thought there were sufficient safety ladders in the Marina but that a safety ladder should be provided for Pontoon E. It was also suggested that the main safety ladders mounted on stands should have longer lanyards to allow them a further reach. MM agreed to raise these matters with Russell.

Action: MM

7. Contractors Access to the Marina: A BHA Member had approached Ferry Marine to carry out some work on his boat but was advised that Ferry Marine personnel were not allowed access to the Marina. It is not unusual for Marina operators to require advance notice of any external Contractors working in the Marina to ensure that health & Safety procedures are observed and that the appropriate insurances are in place etc. With regards to Ferry Marine, the reason that access has been denied is because Bosun's Locker feel that they are able to provide any services that Ferry Marine can provide.

8. Marina Charges for 2016 Season: MM agreed to discuss this matter with Russell and report back on any proposed increase in charges.

Action: MM

9. Matters Arising & Chairman's Report

a) Yahoo Groups: MM reported that he had discussed this matter with MC who had been involved in initiating the proposal. Further discussions concluded that the drawback with the Yahoo Group scheme was that it required every BHA member to take steps to opt- in to be involved in the Group. It was suggested that an alternative group communication software called "MailChimp" might be more suitable. It was agreed to follow this suggestion up.

Action: MM & BS

b) East Coast Sailing Festival: The event was a success with a full racing, cruising and social programme with good participation and attendance

c) Exclusion Zones: Recent initiatives to encourage better compliance with the Exclusion Zones around the towers of the new Forth Road Bridge appeared to have been successful as there had been no recent communications from the FCBC regarding craft violating the Zones.

It was reported that Forth Ports had recently lodged a complaint with FCBC regarding the speed of some of their contractor's vessels. They had introduced a new speed limit reducing the speed for lighter displacement vessels from 16 to 12 knots.

d) Marina Maintenance: Most of the new waffle boards have now been fitted to the main Marina walkways but the number of boards required had been underestimated and more will be required to complete the job.

e) BP Vessels in Marina: It is understood that these vessels have now all been sold and will be removed from the Marina in the near future.

10. Hon. Treasurer's Report: The Hon. Treasurer circulated Accounts for the Association for the year to September that showed a continuing satisfactory financial situation.

He agreed to continue discussions with the Marina concerning the collection of BHA subscriptions for next season and the possible payment by PayPal.

Action: CS

11. Website Update: It was reported that the Chairman had submitted a Chairman's Blog for inclusion on the BHA Website a number of weeks ago and that so far this had not appeared. It was suggested that the Webmaster should provide the Chairman with the access codes for the site so that he could access the Website himself and lodge future Chairman's Blogs. A suggestion was also made that a link should be considered between the Website and Facebook. It was agreed to take this up with KW.

Action: BS & KW

12. Committee Member: Willie and Debra Mills had been invited to attend the Meeting as observers and with their approval they were both unanimously co-opted on to the Committee.

13. Any other Business:

- Feedback from RYA: BS had approached the RYA to ask if they were able to give any feedback to the BHA about how other Berth Holder Associations operate in other Marinas. In particular it was asked about the relationship with the Marina Managers, the sort of projects undertaken, the typical annual subscriptions and the percentage of berth holders that join Berth Holder Associations. The initial response from the RYA was that it did not record such information from affiliated BHA's but they agreed to look in to the matter and report back further.

Action: BS

- PEYC Representative: Doug Ross intimated that he was planning to step down as PEYC Representative at the Association's AGM in March. He also mentioned that he felt it would be advantageous for both parties if there was closer cooperation between the BHA & PEYC.
- Members Secretary: John Laurie also intimated that he hoped a replacement could be found for him by the next AGM

14. Dates of future Meetings:

The following dates have been agreed for BHA Meetings:

1st February 2016
6th March 2016 –BHA Jumble
21st March 2016 – AGM
23rd May 2016
1st August 2016
7th November 2016

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