

Port Edgar Marina – Berth Holders’ Association

(Provisional)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7 pm on Wednesday 17th February in Classroom 2 at Port Edgar

1. Attendance: Mike McGregor (Chairman)
Colin Scott (Hon Treasurer)
Brian Smellie (Hon Secretary)
Colin Henderson (Professional User’s Rep)
Doug Ross (PEYC Rep)
John Laurie (Membership Secretary)
Graham Sutherland
Willie Mills
Debra Mills
Frank Pullen (Past Chairman)
2. Apologies: Murray Carmichael, Karl Weibye, Margaret McGregor
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 9th November 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. BHA Boat Jumble: The arrangements for the BHA Boat Jumble were discussed generally and it was confirmed that the event will take place in the Scout Hall at Port Edgar from 11am to 1 pm on Sunday 13th March. Access to the Hall has been arranged from 10 am onwards to allow for setting up the tables etc. South Queensferry Scouts are our partners in this event and they shall occupy three tables and concentrate mostly on outdoor clothing. A poster prepared by Doug Ross was circulated to the meeting and generally approved and it was agreed to issue this by e mail to all members and other interested parties. Assistance on the day is requested from as many committee members as possible and the Hon Treasurer agree to collect the table charges etc.

Action: All

5. Arrangements for Annual General Meeting: The Association's AGM is due to take place on the 21st March at PEYC. A number of guest speakers and topics were suggested to add interest to the AGM proceedings and it was agreed that MM and BS would take these forward and endeavour to arrange suitable speakers for the evening. Russell Aitken of the PE Marina has already agreed to address the Meeting and provide an update on the developments in the Marina.

Action: MM & BS

6. Office Bearers and Committee Members 2016/17

The three members of the Committee that are currently co-opted will be proposed for election at the AGM and those existing Committee members that have agreed to continue shall offer themselves for re-election. There are a number of vacancies on the Committee and in particular Dinghy and Motor Boat representatives and it is hoped to attract some interest in filling these roles.

Action: MM

7. 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. However it was agreed to obtain more details about Hose Reel Trolleys that are used in many other marinas. JL agreed to get more information on these.

Action: JL

- b) Rescue ladders: There is no safety ladder on Pontoon E and it was agreed to raise this matter with the Marina along with the prospect of improving the signage for existing ladders on other Pontoons.

Action: MM

{Note: The Marina indicate that rescue ladders have been removed from Pontoon E to facilitate the upgrading of the fingers }

- c) WiFi: The WiFi coverage in the Marina is patchy and some berths find difficulty in getting any reception. It was agreed to look into the costs of upgrading the WiFi system and to providing more transmitters. CH & MM agreed to progress this.

Action: CH & MM

{Note: The marina indicate that no complaints about WiFi coverage have been received by them }

8. Matters Arising & Chairman's Report

- a) Yahoo Groups/ Mail Chimp: A general discussion took place about how the Association communicates with its members and other interested parties. The following points were agreed:
- E-Mail: We should continue to use email as the principal way of contacting and informing members. An update to our email listing should be carried out to ensure it is as up to date as possible.

Action: JL & CS

- Face Book: The BHA should look into setting up a Face Book page to allow for a more interactive means of communicating and receiving comment back from members on current issues.

Action: DM

- b) Marina Charges: The Marina Charges for the 2016 Season appear to have increased by about 8% when taking account of the early payment discount being reduced from 10%.to 5% .

{Note: the Marina state that berthing charges have increased by 2.5% but with the early payment discount reduction this amounts to an increase of 7.66% }

- c) Marina Maintenance: The breakwater is now back in position having been repaired. It was reported that some broken planking on the pontoon fingers have remained unrepaired for several weeks. These will become a safety issue once the season starts.
- d) BP Vessels in Marina: It is understood that, despite previous information to the contrary, these vessels have not been sold and will be remain in the Marina for the foreseeable future.

9. Hon. Treasurer's Report: The Hon. Treasurer circulated the draft Accounts for the Association for the Financial year to December 2015. These accounts were approved by the Committee and shall be submitted to the AGM for final approval.

Action: CS

10. Website Update: The Website requires to be brought up to date and maintained in a more active manner. BS & WM agreed to raise this with KW

Action: BS &WM

11. Any other Business:

- Electricity Supply: DR reported that the electricity supply to his yacht on the hard standing had been erratic with the supply tripping out on several occasions leaving his yacht without a heater or dehumidifier for periods during the harsh weather.

- PEYC Representative: Doug Ross intimated that this would be his last attendance at a BHA Committee Meeting as he was stepping down as PEYC Representative at the Association's AGM. PEYC are not planning to appoint a replacement for him at present. The Chairman thanked Doug for his contributions to the work of the Committee over several years.

12. Dates of future Meetings:

The following dates have been agreed for future BHA Meetings:

13th 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.