

Port Edgar Marina – Berth Holders’ Association

(Provisional)

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 7 pm on Monday 6th February 2017 in Classroom 1 at Port Edgar

1. Attendance: Mike McGregor (Chairman)
Brian Smellie (Hon Secretary)
Colin Scott (Hon Treasurer)
Colin Henderson (Commercial Users Rep)
John Laurie (Membership Sec)
Graham Sutherland
Willie Mills
Debra Mills
Craig Shirlaw

2. Apologies: Margaret McGregor & Karl Weibye.

3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the previous Committee Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Annual General Meeting: It was agreed that, subject to availability, the AGM should be held in PEYC on Wednesday 22nd March at 7 for 7.30 pm. Arrangements for coffee /tea to be available as before. The Chairman agreed to approach a possible speaker to talk about the longer term vision for Port Edgar..

Action: BS & MM

5. BHA Office Bearers and Committee 2017/18 : The existing office bearers and Committee agreed to serve for a further period in office if elected at the AGM however CSh agreed to take over as Hon Secretary and WM ‘s position as Webmaster would be ratified.

6. Matters Arising:

- a) Hose Trolleys: The Chairman reported that there appeared to be no change in the attitude of the Marina towards not providing water hoses on the Pontoons. It was agreed to check this position with Russell following discussions with him at the previous Committee Meeting. It was also suggested that the matter should be raised at the AGM to gauge the feeling of members on this issue.

Action: MM

b) Communication with Members:

- DM reported that the Mailchimp group for emailing members is set up and ready to be used at any time. .
- Face Book: DM advised that the BHA Face Book page has now been established and so far has had 93 contacts, 12 likes and 3 responses. The Chairman thanked DM on behalf of the Committee for all her good work in setting this up.

- c) Membership Benefits: We are still awaiting confirmation from three suppliers regarding terms for BHA Members. It would be advantageous to have responses before the date of AGM so that the Chairman could report on this matter during his annual report. MM, CH and FP agreed to follow this up with the service providers concerned.

Action: CH, MM & FP

- d) BHA Boat Jumble: The Sailing School has approached the BHA with a suggestion that the Boat Jumble be held on the same weekend as the Sailing School Open Day on the 6/7th May. They also suggested that the Boat Jumble be extended to include a Car Boot Sale. A discussion took place and it was agreed that it would be advantageous to hold the event to coincide with the Open Day but some concern was expressed about extending the Boat Jumble to include a Car Boot Sale. The main issue was the loss of control of the type of products on offer and whether this would serve the interests of the BHA members. It was agreed that BS would discuss the matter further with James Pearson of the Sailing School and report back to the Committee.

Action: BS

- e) BHA Notice Board: A new back panel for the Notice Board has now been acquired however before inserting it in position the back of the Notice Board requires to be painted and depending on weather conditions, it is hoped to carry this out within the next week or so.

Action: BS

7. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman handed out a report to the Meeting and a summary of the points covered is as follow:

- Marina Berthing: Fees for the forthcoming season will increase by 2%.
- Dredging: Forth Sentinel, the Briggs dredging vessel, has now started dredging the East Basin and once completed shall move on to the west of the Main Pier for a further week's work.
- Boat Park: Work is progressing on improving boat park facilities on the West of the site and 3 lorry loads of hardcore have been spread. Also bushes and vegetation have been cut back.
- Marina Security: CCTV coverage of the main Gate has been improved following the theft of a trailer some months ago.
- Pontoon Fingers: The Marina have indicated that they place great importance on safety and wish to encourage berth holders to report any insecure boards on pontoon fingers to the Marina Office. Their target to rectify matters is within 24 hours.

8. Hon. Treasurer's Report: The Hon. Treasurer circulated accounts for the Association for the 12 month period ending 31st December 2016. These accounts shall be submitted for approval at the AGM on the 22nd March 2017. The accounts were unanimously approved by the Committee.

9. Website Update: WM reported on the many changes that have taken place to the BHA Website over the recent months including the creation of a BHA Logo, improved wording and graphics and live feeds to Port Edgar Weather, the Facebook page and Tidal Information etc. The Chairman expressed appreciation to WM for all the work he had undertaken and for the significant improvements he had brought about to the Association's Website.

10. Matters Arising:

- a) Ship Location Software: WM reported that a live software app is available that would show the position of shipping near Port Edgar and it was agreed to add a link to this app to our Website.

Action: WM

- a) Disposal of Flares: C.Sh. asked whether the BHA had looked into the problem of disposing of old flares. He reported that PEYC was looking into this issue and agreed to liaise with them. BS agreed to check with the Coast Guard to see if they offered any local service in this respect.

Action: CSh & BS

- b) Dates of future Meetings:

The following dates have been agreed for future BHA Committee Meetings:

22th March AGM

22nd May

7th August

6th November

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

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