

The minutes of Thursday 28th July 2011 have been adopted as an agreed true record of that Meeting
Proposed: Alastair Bullions Seconded: Phil Whetton
FORTH CRUISING CLUB
Minutes of Committee Meeting – Thursday 25th August 2011

Present		
D Sullivan	DS	Commodore
P Whetton	PW	RC Piers & Moorings
J Hoyes	JRH	Secretary
R Kelly	RK	RC Clubhouse
I K Girvan	IKG	President
A Thomson	ST	Vice Commodore
K Maguire	KM	Social Convenor
C Scrivener	CS	Treasurer
G Scrivener	G S	RC Club Boats
A Bullions	AB	RC Cruising Convenor

The Meeting was called to order at 19:35 hours

Membership Applications:

Memberships Offered	Paul Tucker Andi Robertson & Chris Alsop (no response)
Membership Confirmed	
New enquiry	Neil Mclean & George Henderson (no response)

New and Active Items

Comment
COMMODORE
<p>Draught Beer D.S. commented on the email (intimating that the brewers, Heineken, intended instigating a minimum beer order policy) sent to J.H. from the Bar Manager and subsequently forwarded to committee members, saying that this probably included us. After some discussion over sourcing draught beer from somewhere</p>

else, it was agreed to await the outcome of the meeting with the brewery before taking any further action.

Post meeting note by the Bar Manager:

I have spoken with brewer sales manager - What he is going to do is set up so that the club will negotiate with a Fife based supplier of draught beer (same product as we currently use) the price at present not known. Heineken will still look after us in respect of maintaining our equipment and we can contact them at any time.

Facebook Account.

Nan (the Club's webmaster) proposed that the Club establish a Club Facebook account. In discussion there was an almost equal split between those in favour of the proposal and those against. It was eventually agreed that the project should go ahead for those who wished to partake. It was stressed however that as a significant percentage of the membership had no access to social networks, the club website would remain the 'official' method for information dissemination.

Coastal Development Fund.

D. S said that he had been made aware of a scheme for monies to be made available to coastal communities to improve/enhance their local environments. He further understood that the money was from central Government and represented half the income from the Crown Estate monies raised in Scotland.

It was not yet clear how the money was applied for, or distributed, but thought it might be used if available to renovate Limekilns pier. Various queries were raised over the matter, including whether Broomhall Estate would support that particular venture and if it might be wise to enlist the support of the Community Council. D.S. undertook to make further enquiries. C/F

VICE COMMODORE

N.N.T.R.

Trophies

S.T. said that whilst he had been clearing out the Club's office he came across various trophies which to his knowledge had not been recently awarded. He suggested that they be displayed in a locked illuminated cupboard

G.S. proposed that some of them might be re-deployed for cruising, rather than racing, events. C/F

Starter's Box

J.H. reported that he had spoken to Jack Thomson and based on the proposals set out in last month's minutes (that the box be clad in 12mm water boil proof plywood, This would both protect the existing timber from further degradation and concurrently stiffen the whole structure. He further proposed that the rotten window framing should also be replaced with new redwood frames.) and J.T. had proposed a price not to exceed £600, inclusive of materials. Before this was agreed, it was indicated that the supporting brickwork needed to be replaced or significantly re-pointed. Similarly the holding down straps all needed to be replaced. Both actions were agreed. C/F

CRUISING CONVENOR

Treasure Hunt

Although the venue had been changed to Drum Sands (rather than Inchcolm) the event was adjudged to

have been a total success

RNLI Presentation

A.B. reported that he had been approached by the RNLI over the opportunity for that organisation to give a presentation to the Club “Over the means of calling for help” – He asked if he should pursue this offer and was subsequently advised to do so, preferably for delivery during the autumn. C/F

R.C. CLUBHOUSE

Damp Patch

Russell reported that from a ladder he had examined the mastic infill around the window frame situated above the affected area and had found that it was holed in various places. He had filled those voids and now waited to see if this either resolved or ameliorated the problem. With regard to the slipped tiles, the roofer had suffered a minor setback but had given an undertaking to attend within the next 7 days.

Condensate drain and other plumbing matters.

RK. reported that the plumber had now re-configured the system, comprising:

- Re-running the boiler condensate pipe to a drain.
- Disconnecting and draining the two water tanks and the pipework in the loft.
- Decommissioning the original domestic hot water storage boiler and capping off the gas supply pipe.
- Changing the heating system to make the new boiler provide hot water to both the space heating and domestic services.

RK had subsequently fitted a new pipe box around the old hot water boiler, asbestos flue and asbestos pipe box. This new box has been fitted with a removable panel, to allow access to the pipe work should it be required in the future.

J.H. enquired whether when re-configuring the system, any pipe work ‘dead legs’ had been left that might in future harbour the Legionella bacillus. R.K replied saying that he was unaware of any.

C.C.T.V. system

Russell reported that a Club member had reported a theft of fuel from their boat when moored at the south pontoon. After some discussion it was agreed that the measures previously proposed should be undertaken immediately with the provision of extra arrangements at the starter’s box

R.C. PIERS AND MOORINGS

Limekilns Pier

Phil reported:

Ladders

That GS had manufactured and placed 2 extra ladders, extended one and fixed them in place, bringing the total number of ladders at the pier up to 5.

Mooring Rings

that the new mooring eyes had been manufactured by G.S. Phil was now in discussion with RK over the most effective positioning of them for dinghy mooring purposes C/F

Mooring chain

Proposals to be carried forward to the AGM

Mast stowage

PW and G.S hoped to start this in the near future.

R.C. CLUB BOATS

Safety Boat

G.S. reported that the remedial measures adopted (see last month's minutes) seemed to have resolved the problems with the boat's engine which had behaved impeccably throughout the gala raft race which went off very well.

Boat Cover

G.S. said that he awaited the visit of the sailmakers to give him a price for the work. To date, however, they had not appeared /C.F.

TREASURER

Cheques.

Christian reported that she had heard rumblings relating to the time it took to bank cheques. While the committee understood the problems associated with the process, it needed to be made known to the Membership. The secretary undertook to send out an explanatory email.

Club's account

S.T. asked how much the club account usually held and raised the matter of depositing it in an interest bearing account, with instant access. C.S said that the current balance currently stood at some £9,000 + but the sum rarely if ever dipped to less than £6,000. In Financial terms, this was the worst time of the year with expenditure at its maximum and pre subscriptions income at its lowest. Some discussion was held relating to various types of accounts, their interest levels and access to the money. Eventually G.S undertook to research options with the B.O.S

SECRETARY

Subscriptions and craning out fees.

J.H. reported that his wife, Moira, who had become, *de facto*, the membership secretary, informed him that at this moment in time:

32 members had responded and paid. And additionally Moira had received 4 in number craning out deposits

J.H. also confirmed that he had circulated an email reminding members that there were only 7 days to the 1st of September, encouraging them to pay up. P.W. said that the format of the letters had changes in the

instructions for the requirement for deposits. J.H. acknowledged this and said that it had been his error when changing from dbase to an .xls data source when merging the letters.

Mooring License.

He had been unable to glean anything further relating to the subject and henceforth intended to be reactive rather than proactive with respect to the matter.

SOCIAL CONVENOR

Change of email address.

K.M reported that she had a new email address. bofa@fsmail.net Which she had given to the secretary.

Annual Dinner

Kirsty also confirmed that she would be taking three weeks leave which would complete shortly prior to the annual dinner/dance and trophy presentation and was concerned as to how the arrangements could be made to collect the money and organise other activities associated with the event.

AOCB

Jeanne Everett

The President confirmed that he had attended Jeanne’s funeral representing the Club
 Moira Hoyes said that she had sent a condolence card to the family on behalf of the committee and members

WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN

ACTION ITEMS	Sponsor
Place electrical socket on south façade C/F July/11	D.S.
CCTV coverage C/F July/11	R. K.
Place Steel Bench to end of pier Patio Furniture - recoat with preservative oil C/F July/11	P.W.
Fit North Davit with an electric motor C/F July/11	P.W.
Mooring arrangements for the South Pontoon effect a permanent repair C/F July/11	P.W./G.S.
Mast storage: This work will be undertaken at some time in the near future. C/F July/11	P.W./G.S.
Basement Store - Roof replace C/F July/11	P.W.

Decoration - resolve the problems of the damp patches (See R.K.'s Report) C/F July/11	R.K.
Sealing of Window frames D.S. said that he had undertaken to place mastic between the window frames and window ingoes once again when the weather improved. C/F July/11	D.S.
Hall Middle door retain the status quo but secure the fridge with a hasp and staple C/F July/11	G.S.
Lighting to the south side of the building. D.S. had decided not to replace the floodlight above the door (which tended to blind people coming up the path) but to replace that fitting with two carriage type lamps fitted to the wall on either side of the door. C/F July/11	D.S.
Roof R.K. noticed that some of the slates had slipped and that there was a build up of mosses and lichens on the roof. It was agreed that he should approach Colin Buchanan (Roofer) with a view to resolving these problems – Once again Russell awaited the attendance of the roofer. C/F July/11	R.K
Replacement of power plinth The new plinth was now to hand and will be fitted in the near future. C/F July/11	PW
Harbour Trusts S.T. reported that discussions at the F.Y.C.A. Meeting had also covered this topic. He reported that both the clubs at Dunbar and North Berwick had successfully formed Harbour Trusts to look after their interests, suggesting that perhaps we should attempt to do the same C/F July/11	S.T.

The meeting closed at 20 20 hours

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 29th of September starting at 19:30 hours

The President will take in the chair.