

The minutes of Thursday 24th January 2011 have been adopted as an agreed true record of that meeting
Proposed: Russell Kelly Seconded: Phil Whetton
FORTH CRUISING CLUB
Minutes of Committee Meeting – Thursday 24th February 2011

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

The Meeting was called to order at 19:35 hours

Membership Applications:

Memberships Offered	,
Membership Confirmed	Stefan Johnson, David Brown
New enquiry	A Penman

The Secretary reported that although an invitation to join had been issued to Simon Waddell no response had been received from him

New and Active Items

Comment
COMMODORE
<p>Vice Commodore</p> <p>D.S. welcomed Sandy (Alexander) Thomson to the committee, saying that he had volunteered to undertake the combined duties of Vice Commodore and Racing Convenor. The President (IKG) had, in turn, volunteered to assist ST in performance of the tasks until he had ‘bedded in’. D.S. said that Sandy’s appointment was subject to confirmation at the SGM. D.S also thanked I.K.G. for the work that he had done in formulating a racing schedule.</p>

Open Day.

D.S. reported that a short meeting had been held at Burntisland to discuss the matter and it was proposed that the event should be held on the 16th July. Final confirmation of this date would be put to the SGM for confirmation. D.S. continued by saying that a hunt was on for a marquee to provide cover in the event of inclement weather.

Beer cooler.

The Commodore understood that the Bar Manager had been in touch with Scottish and Newcastle in an attempt to resolve the problem. It was hoped that the brewery would either replace or renew the cooler at no cost to the Club.

Bar License.

D.S. reported that he had received a letter from the licensing authority indicating that following inspections by licensing officers, the majority of those serving behind bars were unaware of 'the five principles' required by the Act. He encouraged those trained to become familiar with the principles.

VICE COMMODORE/PRESIDENT.

OOD

S.T. confirmed the details of the previous evening's decisions indicating that he was disappointed that only a few of the membership had volunteered to undertake OOD duties, these members being Alex Birrell, Ian Girvan, Denis Sullivan, John & Moira Hoyes and Jim Simpson. He expressed a hope that others would volunteer in due course.

Handicapping.

IKG confirmed that he had handicapping data based on racing from last year. Both he and ST believed that the subject required further discussion and it was proposed that a Handicap sub-committee be established to address and resolve handicapping issues. IRG & ST to come forward with proposals.

Starters' Box

IKG commented on the parlous state of the starters' box reporting that the wooden window frames were rotting; the box needed re-roofing and needed to be re-painted inside and out. After some considerable debate, including suggestions for replacing the upper part or all of the box. with a bespoke purpose built shed and even replacing all the woodwork with brick – it was remitted back to ST and IKG to investigate and come forward with proposals.

CRUISING CONVENOR

Cruising Programme

AB said that he had conferred with the racing fraternity and had, with them, devised a combined "Sailing Events" schedule covering all events. This had been circulated at last evening's meeting and generally been received enthusiastically.

East of Scotland Development Group

Alastair went on to report that he had recently joined this organisation which generally promoted sail training for youngsters but also provided help in other matters. It was not clear at this point whether it included funding from various local authorities to improve or repair clubs' structures. Alastair was asked to ascertain from the organisation exactly what, if anything was on offer. This he agreed to do.

R.C. CLUBHOUSE

Heating

R.K reported that the contractor had given an undertaking to re-route the condensate pipe within the next two weeks.

Hot water

The discussions turned to the provision of hot water, especially to the male and female lavatories and the possibility of replacing the existing showering provisions with a single shower in both male and female facilities. RK was tasked with investigating these possibilities and reporting back to the committee.

Harling damage

RK reported that he had placed a sand and cement mix behind the harling where the plants had been removed but while doing so had noticed that the harling had gone boss in that area. He feared that at some stage the harling would crack and fall away. After some discussion it was agreed, that there was minimal if any danger to members or the public and that we would adopt a wait and see policy over the matter and address the problem should the harling fail.

D.S said that he had undertaken to place mastic between the window frames and window ingoes once again when the weather improved.

Front (Road door)

R K said that he had placed a key operated door lock on the outer side of the door but could not yet activate it until it could be opened from the inside by the panic bar. Our existing panic bar would need to be replaced with that of a different type to allow this to happen. Carried Forward.

Flaking paintwork.

Russell pointed out that since the internal decoration had been undertaken and following a long cold wet spell paint had restarted flaking off the wall where the two halls met. This was a long and outstanding defect which had never been resolved. Various solutions were mooted, including boxing the area in with suitable venting arrangements, stripping the area back to the substrate, injecting a silicone DPC to prevent further damp penetration and another of rubbing the area down and repainting it with a water resistant preparation. Eventually it was decided to do nothing at this time.

R.C. PIERS AND MOORINGS

Hocus Pocus.

The situation with this boat had resolved itself. It was understood that it had been sold through an agency at P.E. and had since been removed from the Club's premises.

Winter work Parties

The work parties are continuing apace, works in hand or completed include:

Steps for the starter's box (complete)

Increasing the patio area (ongoing, about a 1/3 complete & materials were on order for bedding

purposes.)

Clearing the western garden (complete)

G.S had also been instructed to manufacture and place galvanised hand rails at:

The starter's box

The lower garden steps

The south entrance steps.

The turf taken from the area where the patio is being extended is being placed in the area where the flowers garden was.

A neighbour of P.W. had gifted the club about 30 slabs in addition to those donated by Kenneth Bellini, which should allow for the development of the proposed mast park

2011 Mooring arrangements

PW had put together plans for both Brucehaven and Limekilns Pier, these plans will be promulgated in the near future.

Power Supply Plinth.

PW reported that he had received a quotation for a replacement P.S.P. the cost being £485 ex V.A.T. and ex carriage. After some discussion it was agreed that P.W. should place the order.

Sinkers

Five sinkers had been made and these would be positioned at the middle pier moorings and these were due to be placed on Sunday 6th March

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R.C. CLUB BOATS

G.S. who was unable to attend was represented by Christian Scrivener who reported:

That following yesterday's meeting, G.S. said that he had spoken to the R.Y.A. who were available to give talks on the racing rules and who confirmed that they produced a Racing Rules 'mini' guide.

G.S. suggested that the Club buy in some of the guides for onward sale to members. This was generally believed to be a sound suggestion and Christian was asked to request that G.S. ascertain both the cost of the guides and the cost (if any) of the racing rules presentation.

TREASURER

C.S. Informed the committee that she was in receipt of the annual television license bill. Knowing that there had been some discussion over the relevance of the TV. set to the Club's activities, Christian questioned whether it should be paid. After some discussion a vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to discontinue the use of the television.

SECRETARY

Web site

J.H. had been in email discussions with Nan Whetton over how matters were posted on the Club's site.

P.W. then presented proposals by Nan to simplify the system; prime among these was the plan to replace the present system of the secretary relaying each news item for committee and other members, to one of providing a link to the website which would take the enquirer directly to the item.

Similarly Nan proposed that the Club's web site address be appended every email promulgated.

J.H. said that he was in favour of the system and reiterated the original intention of moving all ephemeral information to the website, specifically

The Racing Programme

The Cruising Programme

The Social Programme. It was apparent that the diary of events attached to the monthly minutes often conflicted with those shown on the web site so he intended discontinuing those attached to the minutes. He encouraged those charged with placing the information to do so timeously to enable them to be sent out with S.G.M. agenda items.

All, the foregoing actions were agreed.

SOCIAL CONVENOR

K.M. started her report by apologising for not having set out a programme of talks etc, reporting that pressure of work had prevented her from doing so but she hoped, however, to be in a better position to do so in the near future.

Continuing, Kirsty believed that the recent Haggis Night had been a success. This was considered to be an understatement by those present who considered it to be the best organised and presented social event in the Club's recent history.

Looking forward to the Pie & Pudding evening, she asked the Sec. to re-issue the flyer relating to the event, which he undertook to do.

WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN

ACTION ITEMS	Sponsor
Place electrical socket on South Façade	D.S.
Extend patio area <i>(D.S. reported that Kenneth Bellini had offered the Club some 50 grey and red slabs. It was agreed that the Club should accept this kind offer and that arrangements to uplift them would be made post crane out.) February underway & continuing</i>	P.W/D.S
Recording of Trained Bar Staff.	D.S
. CCTV coverage	R. K.

Place Steel Bench to end of pier Patio Furniture - recoat with preservative oil	P.W.
Fit North Davit with an electric motor	P.W.
Safety Boat replace mooring ground tackle	G.S.
Mooring arrangements for the South Pontoon effect a permanent repair	P.W./G.S.
Access hand rails to be placed at locations at those places where balance might be problematic viz: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lower garden steps • Steps into the starter's box. • Steps at south entrance to clubhouse. • 	P.W./G.S.
Mast storage: This work will be undertaken at some time in the future.	P.W./G.S.
Basement Store - Roof replace	P.W.
Decoration - resolve the problems with the damp patches (See R.K.'s Report)	R.K.
Hall Middle door retain the status quo but secure the fridge with a hasp and staple	G.S.
Front (Road door) replace panic bar with digital lock complying with safety requirements (Underway & ongoing. Feb '11)	R.K.
Marquee <p>D.S. asked A.B. whether he had been able to follow up on the marquee which had been discussed at the last meeting. A.B. replied not yet but would do so in the near future. D.S. said that he had been told that the cost of hiring a marquee similar in size to that used by the Gala Committee was £100 but only £400 to buy outright Action A.B.</p>	A.B.
Committee identification Photographs. <p>IKG confirmed that he had placed a copy of the montage photograph of committee members on the Club's notice board and had emailed a copy to Mandy for the web site but for technical reasons Mandy was unable to paste into the site. IKG undertook to reformat the photograph in an attempt to making its pasting possible He would take advice from the web site manager relating to the required standard</p>	I.K.G./N.W

The meeting closed at 20 45 hours

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 24th of March starting** at 19:30 Hrs