

<b>Errata</b> G.S. pointed out that items 6&7 (page 5) of the minutes, the Sponsor should read “GS” and not “GW”
Apart from the errata noted above, the minutes of Thursday 25th November 2011 have been adopted agreed true record of that meeting
Proposed: Alastair Bullions      Seconded: George Scrivener
FORTH CRUISING CLUB
<b>Minutes of Committee Meeting – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011</b>

Present		
D Sullivan P Whetton J Hoyes G Scrivener A Bullions R Kelly	DS PW JRH GS AB RK	Commodore RC Piers & Moorings Secretary RC Club Boats R.C. Cruising Convenor RC Clubhouse
Apologies		
C Scrivener K Maguire I K Girvan	C S KM IKG	Treasurer Social Convenor President
The Meeting was called to order at 19:35 hours		

### Membership Applications:

Memberships Offered	Stefan Johnson, David Brown, Simon Waddell
Membership Confirmed	A Stenhouse.
New enquiry	

The Secretary reported that although invitations to join had been issued to all three detailed above, for various reasons none had yet completed.

### New and Active Items

<b>Comment</b>
<b>COMMODORE</b>
<b>Commodores’ Meeting</b>
Denis reported that he had been invited to an R.Y.A. Commodores’ Meeting. Unfortunately, the

event had been cancelled due to bad weather and re- scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> January which D.S. had been unable to attend, consequently handing the cheque for registration back to G.S.

### **Vice Commodore**

As the previous incumbent had resigned and no volunteer for the position had come forward, the President had taken a watching brief over the function until the situation was resolved.

#### **O.O.D.**

See remarks under **President** (below)

#### **Dinner/Dance cheques**

D.S. said that he had received some concerns that these had not been presented. G.S. assured him that this had now been done.

#### **Open Day**

This event had now been renamed as Try Sailing Fife and a short meeting had been organised to confirm arrangements at D.B.S.C. at 7p.m. on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. The date was almost certainly to be confirmed as Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Duff Trophy**

The trophy had been offered for sale at auction and had been purchased by a dealer who wanted it for the scrap value of the silver. Al Terris had persuaded the dealer to sell it to him for £193 (the price paid by the dealer). The Club had subsequently reimbursed Al for this amount.

It was unclear how the item had arrived at the auction, but it was possible that it had been subject to a house clearance. (The last time the cup was awarded was 1985).

It was generally agreed that there was little point in pursuing who was to blame, the trail having 'gone cold' after 25 years, but it did leave the Club with the problem- what to award the trophy for in future. (Perhaps for the winner of the evening race series?)

PW undertook to turn up a base for the cup JH undertook to donate a piece of teak for the purpose.

#### **Commodore's Party**

It was agreed that this would take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

(by the Sec. given the date, dress of the day will be full formal morris dancing outfits and every member is encouraged to bring along their favourite dragon)

### **RACING CONVENOR/VICE COMMODORE**

As no Racing Convenor was in post, the President had taken up some of his duties and was presently preparing a racing schedule in conjunction with the Cruising Convenor

### **CRUISING CONVENOR**

#### **Combined Cruises**

AB said that he had contacted P.E.Y.C. with regard to this but had yet to receive any response. Conversely, however the club at Cramond had expressed an interest in doing so and would

respond in due course

### **Cruising Programme**

Alastair undertook to produce a programme taking into account experience gained from last season and in conjunction with the racing programme as set out above.

### **R.C. CLUBHOUSE**

#### **Heating**

R.K reported that during the recent cold weather he had left the heating running for half an hour, 4 x a day to prevent freezing pipes and for fabric protection.

It had been found that the condensate pipe had been joined into a sealed off drain. The condensate will be re-routed to a drain in the male lavatory.- **Sponsor RK**

#### **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. The Sec asked if the shower heads were treated against L. pneumophila (legionella) on a regular basis. RK confirmed that this was not done.

#### **Harling damage**

RK confirmed that he had sand and cement that he would use to patch the harling once the weather improved.

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)**

It was agreed that the panic bar device presently securing the front door be replaced by a mechanism which allowed unhampered escape from the inside but also allowed key only access from the exterior. . RK undertook to obtain and place.

### **R.C. PIERS AND MOORINGS**

#### **Hocus Pocus.**

The Secretary read out a letter to the committee which he had sent to the owner on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010 wherein he had asked what the owner's intentions were for the boat. No answer had been received. After some discussion it was agreed that PW would informally approach the Club member who was acting on behalf of the owner to ascertain what the intentions for the boat were.

#### **Winter work Parties**

After a break forced by the atrocious weather the work parties have now recommenced at a hectic pace.

Works in hand or completed include:  
Steps for the starter's box (complete)

Increasing the patio area (ongoing)

Clearing the western garden (ongoing)

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.

Future Projects included:

The manufacture or purchase and placing of Mast racks

Paving walkways adjacent to the mast racks.

### **2011 Mooring arrangements**

PW was presently putting together plans for both Brucehaven and Limekilns Pier but was restricted by the lack of boat information for various members. He asked the Secretary to check his records for details. This the Sec undertook to do

### **Power Supply Plinth.**

PW reported that the p.s.p. located at the bottom of the garden had suffered more damage over the winter and was now considered beyond economic repair. PW proposed that this now be replaced with another similar to those located on the pier. This was expected to cost in excess of £400. It was agreed that this should be undertaken and concurrently the included water hose connection should be re-sited away from the p.s.p.

### **Gabions**

RK reported a damaged gabion on the outer pier sea defences. PW said that he was aware of this but it offered no immediate threat to the pier.

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### **R.C. CLUB BOATS**

N.N.T.R.

G.S. undertook to provide the Secretary with a list of those competent to cox'n the rescue boat. This would be included in the Club's database C/F

### **PRESIDENT.**

The Secretary represented matters from the President who was unable to attend but who had chaired the last meeting:

IKG proposed that rather than debating the issues relating to the OOD during the Committee meeting that these and other issues (including OOD training, mooring, evening racing, Racing and Cruising Programmes etc) be subject to a separate meeting to which all those who had expressed an interest would be invited – The Sec reported that out of a membership of some 85 members he had received only two responses to his request for help, namely Jim Simpson and Alex Birrell' although the President suggested others who may wish to participate included Joe Swankie. It was unanimously agreed that the President should arrange such a meeting  
IKG also pointed out that there was very little chance of holding evening races after July due to the timing of the tides.

### **SECRETARY**

**Biometric Security System**

Read out an email received from Messrs *Easydentic* co. offering to install, free of charge a biometric scanning system which allowed entry on the presentation of a pre-recorded finger print. R.K said that he had had experience of a similar system, which had worked well when presented with a clean dry hand but rejected any digit contaminated with various substances. It was therefore decided not to take up the offer

**St Columba's High School Presentation Folder**

JH presented an email received from St. Columba's School relating to the folder and terms for the club's inclusion within it. The committee decided, however, that the Club did not require further publicity at this point due to the fact the club's moorings were almost full. Again it was decided not to take up the offer.

**SOCIAL CONVENOR**

N.N.T.R. – Not present

**WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN**

<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>Place electrical socket on South Façade</b>	<b>D.S.</b>
<b>Extend patio area</b> <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. )</i> <b>Jan11 underway</b>	<b>P.W/D.S</b>
<b>Recording of Trained Bar Staff.</b>	<b>D.S</b>
<b>CCTV coverage</b>	<b>R. K.</b>
<b>Place Steel Bench to end of pier</b> <b>Patio Furniture - recoat with preservative oil</b>	<b>P.W.</b>
<b>Fit North Davit with an electric motor</b> P	<b>P.W.</b>
<b>Safety Boat replace mooring ground tackle</b>	<b>G.S.</b>
<b>Mooring arrangements for the South Pontoon effect a permanent repair</b>	<b>P.W./G.S.</b>
<b>Access hand rails to be placed at locations at those places where balance might be problematic viz:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The lower garden stes</b></li> </ul>	<b>P.W./G.S.</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steps into the starter's box.</li> <li>• Steps at south entrance to clubhouse.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Mast storage: This work will be undertaken at some time in the future.</b></p>	<b>P.W./G.S.</b>
<b>Basement Store - Roof replace</b>	<b>P.W.</b>
<b>Building Structure - To be treated with weed killer and subsequently sealed with a sand/cement mix where rose bay willow herb has been removed.</b>	<b>R.K.</b>
<b>Decoration - resolve the problems with the damp patches</b>	<b>R.K.</b>
<b>Hall Middle door retain the status quo but secure the fridge with a hasp and staple</b>	<b>G.S.</b>
<b>Front (Road door) replace panic bar with digital lock complying with safety requirements</b>	<b>R.K.</b>
<p><b>Marquee</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	<b>A.B.</b>
<p><b>Committee identification Photographs.</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p>	<b>I.K.G./M.H./N.W</b>
<p><b>Social</b></p> <p><b>It was also mooted that a series of talks/workshops be instigated in the period January – to Crane in.</b></p> <p><b>Hopefully these would include:</b></p> <p><b>A Talk on the recent Ocean Youth Trust's voyage to the Faeroe Islands</b></p> <p><b>A talk on how the Club's racing arrangements are organised.</b></p> <p><b>Talks on Knotting, possibly combined with a talk on the Club's mooring arrangements</b></p> <p><b>The Social Convenor would put together a draft programme for discussion at the next meeting.</b></p>	<b>K.M.</b>

The meeting closed at 20 50 hours

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of February starting** at 19:30 Hrs

<b>Events Calendar 2011</b>	
Haggis supper	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Pudding Night	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> March
Ladies Pamper Night	
Spring G.M.	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> April
Crane in	W/E 16/17 <sup>th</sup> April
Commodore's Party	23rd April
Driftwood Trophy	T.B.A.
Club Regatta	W/E 2/3 July
Everett Trophy	T.B.A.
Open Day	Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> July? T.B.C.
Crane Out	Weekend 8/9 October
AGM	Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Dinner Dance	T.BA
Mulled Wine	T.B.A.

N.B. Only those events with appended dates are confirmed; some other events shown are indicative only and may well **not** take place