

The minutes of Thursday 30th June 2011 have been adopted as an agreed true record of that Meeting
Proposed: Christian Scrivener    Seconded: Phil Whetton
<b>FORTH CRUISING CLUB</b>
<b>Minutes of Committee Meeting – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2011</b>

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	GS	RC Club Boats
Apologies		
A Bullions	AB	RC Cruising Convenor (on holiday)
The Meeting was called to order at 19:34 hours		

### Membership Applications:

Memberships Offered	Paul Tucker Andi Robertson & Chris Alsop
Membership Confirmed	
New enquiry	Neil Mclean & George Henderson

### New and Active Items

<b>Comment</b>
<b>COMMODORE</b>
<b>Coastal Development Fund.</b> 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.

### **Try Sailing**

D.S commented that notwithstanding the state of the weather (once again!) members of the public participating in the event seemed to have enjoyed themselves and from that viewpoint it could be judged a success. It was too early yet to decide whether to repeat the event next year.

### **Racing course lengths**

D.S indicated that he had taken his boat out and noted the positions of each racing mark on his chart plotter. He had subsequently calculated the straight line distances of each course sailed. He believed that this could aid the O.O.D. when he or she was choosing courses. He noted that the longest course was W1 at 8.033 nM and the shortest E5 at 4.129nM. the average length being about 5nM. This information was well received by the committee who believed that it should be distributed to all Club members.

As an adjunct to his 'cruise round the marks'(which was undertaken at fairly low water) he noted that there was a significant rock outcrop approximately half way between mark 'O' and the east mark wondering if it should be marked in some way. A withie was suggested. P.W undertook to give this some consideration.

### **Marquee**

There was some discussion over the relative value of the marquee provided by the Gala Committee and it was agreed that the *Quid pro quo* of its provision against our loss in catering revenue had probably come down in our favour. This once again opened up the proposal for some form of temporary tented enclosure that could be erected on the patio. JRH pointed out that the President and himself had worked up such a scheme some years ago but it had been abandoned in favour of hiring in marquees when the need arose.

### **Clubhouse Cleaning**

The volunteer had started a regime of checking and cleaning the club on a needs basis and this scheme seemed to be working well at present.

## **VICE COMMODORE**

### **Regatta**

S.T, opened his report by commenting on the Regatta Week End saying that the Saturday provided almost perfect sailing conditions while the Sunday had proved far more challenging owing to almost windless conditions. He further noted that events had highlighted a distinct lack of knowledge regarding racing rules among members, This he intended to address this by asking an expert on the rules, a Mr. James Scott from P.E.Y.C. to give a lecture during the closed season.

The regatta races had thrown up some protests all of which had been settled amicably.

### **Future racing strategy.**

Sandy quoted statistics indicating how few boats participated in races and said that at the October A.G.M. he would be proposing that the series of Club Races be dropped and replaced with more trophy races, races involving children and other formulae including linking up with the cruising programme with a view to encouraging more boats to take part. While it was agreed that this was a laudable aim it was pointed out that in fine weather members participated and in foul they stayed on their moorings.

**Handicapping.**

S.T. intended introducing some changes to the h/c system based on the performances of boats so far this season.

**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

**Course lengths**

(see under 'Commodore' above)

**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.

**CRUISING CONVENOR**

N.N.T.R. – A.B. on holiday

**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 the damp patch at the front door was getting worse and suggested that there might be water ingress at roof level, subsequently tracking down internally before manifesting itself at ground level. He therefore intended the roofer to check the watertight integrity of the tiles above the back door at the same time as dealing with other slipped tiles. (Russell further reported that although he had tried to make contact with the roofer on a number of occasions he had failed to respond. He therefore intended to contact another roofer to undertake the work. C/F.

**Condensate drain and other plumbing matters.**

R.K. said that he had been in touch with the plumber who had given an undertaking to carry out the work

specified in last month's minutes within the next two weeks. C/F

### **Plants growing from harling.**

Russell confirmed that he had doused the plants with weed killer and it was noted that they had died right back

### **C.C.T.V. system**

R.K. reported that the proposals agreed at last month's meeting would be put in place before crane out. C/F

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

### **Limekilns Pier**

*Mooring Rings* Phil reported that the new mooring eyes had been manufactured by G.S. and he was now in discussion with RK over the most effective positioning of them for dinghy mooring purposes  
*2 new Ladders* as for *Mooring rings* (above)

### **Lifting of sinker incident.**

Proposals to be carried forward to the AGM.

### **Draught Boards**

P.W. reported that these had now been placed.

### **Hand rails**

P.W. reported that galvanised handrails had now been placed

- at the south entrance to the clubhouse.
- at the starter's box
- and at the lower garden steps, by G.S. and his father.

J.H. asked why the latter had not been placed centrally and portable as previously proposed. P.W. responded by saying that if it were portable, vandals were liable to remove it and throw it in the harbour.

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

### **Safety Boat**

G.S. reported that more problems had been experienced with the boat's engine failing to re-start following a sustained period of running. Following discussions with the engine's manufacturing representative, the problem was traced to the 'tell-tale' bleed which when working properly cooled the fuel and prevented it from vaporising. Unfortunately, however, with the engine off, water in the 'tell tale' system evaporated off and eventually filled the pipe with salt condensate, blocking off the flow of cold water to the fuel cooling system.

G.S. said that he would instigate a regime of cleaning through the system to prevent, hopefully, any further instances of the problem.

### **Boat Cover**

G.S. said that he awaited the visit of the sailmakers Messrs Owen Sails to attend and to give him a price for the work. To date, however, they had not appeared and he therefore intended looking elsewhere for

costings /C.F.

**TREASURER**

**N.N.T.R. - .**

**SECRETARY**

**.Rosyth container development**

JH reported that plans for the proposal would now be subject to a public planning enquiry.

Mooring License.

Following circulation to committee members plans to impose licensing requirements for all moorings on Crown land, some considerable debate took place relating to ownership of the seabed, whether the requirement would be retrospective, whether it was only necessary if the moorings required dredging et. Cetera. The secretary undertook to look further into the matter.

**SOCIAL CONVENOR**

**Regatta**

K.M. said the catering arrangements had worked out well and the event was successful.

**Try sailing**

Kirsty confirmed that both our own catering and that supplied by the Community Council were judged to have been excellent and well supported notwithstanding the adverse conditions.

**WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN**

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

<b>C/F July/11</b>	
<b>Basement Store - Roof replace C/F July/11</b>	<b>P.W.</b>
<b>Decoration - resolve the problems of the damp patches (See R.K.'s Report) C/F July/11</b>	<b>R.K.</b>
<b>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</b>	<b>D.S.</b>
<b>Hall Middle door retain the status quo but secure the fridge with a hasp and staple C/F July/11</b>	<b>G.S.</b>
<b>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</b>	<b>D.S.</b>
<b>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</b>	<b>R.K</b>
<b>Replacement of power plinth The new plinth was now to hand and will be fitted in the near future. C/F July/11</b>	<b>PW</b>
<b>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</b>	<b>S.T.</b>

The meeting closed at 20 32 hours

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of August starting at 19:30 hours