

The minutes of Thursday 24th February 2011 have been adopted as an agreed true record of that meeting
Proposed: Denis Sullivan Seconded: Philip Whetton
FORTH CRUISING CLUB
Minutes of Committee Meeting – Thursday 26th May 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
I K Girvan	IKG	President
A Thomson	ST	Vice Commodore
K Maguire	KM	Social Convenor
Apologies		
C Scrivener	C.S	Treasurer
G Scrivener	G S	RC Club Boats
The Meeting was called to order at 19:32 hours		

Membership Applications:

Memberships Offered	
Membership Confirmed	Robert Colquhoun
New enquiry	Paul Tucker, & David Gray

New and Active Items

Comment
COMMODORE
<p>Beer Cooler</p> <p>Denis reported that he had met with the Brewer’s representative who had checked the item over but had found no leaks. She suspected that the sump was being overfilled and when the machine was switched off the generated condensate was draining into the sump causing it to prime and subsequently overflow. She therefore advised that the sump should be allowed to dry out and see what the effect was without filling. If this didn’t solve the problem, she gave an undertaking to return.</p>

New Clock

The Commodore reported that he had purchased a new Clock to replace the defective one.

Try Sailing (Fife)

Although it had not been possible to co-ordinate the “Daft Raft Race” and the “Try Sailing” events, the Gala Committee had nevertheless offered the Club the use of a marquee. As a quid pro quo they had asked to be allowed to sell food from their stalls at the event. After some discussion it was agreed that they be allowed to do so. Discussion then followed over what catering arrangements the Club should put in place and their location. No decision as to where this should be located or what should be on offer despite suggestions of the clubhouse; the basement and sharing the marquee were mooted as a location for the former.

D.S. was unable to report over how far forward G.S. had progressed with arrangements for the event nor how the booking system was developing but undertook to contact George on his return from holiday.

A.B. said that he was ready to flood Dunfermline and environs with promotional material.

It was also understood that the same boats that took part last year had agreed, , to reprise their participation for this year. (plus a couple of others)

It was agreed that that there would be no charge for anyone taking part in the event.

South façade lighting

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.

VICE COMMODORE

FCC Regatta 2012

ST reported that following a second meeting with other F.Y.C.A. members it had been confirmed that Sat/Sun 2nd/3rd June had been allocated to the Club for its regatta dates. The only caveat was that these dates clashed with those sought by Fisherrow Yacht Club. It was believed however that it was unlikely that our boats would attend their Regatta or their boats, ours.

R.Y.A.’s racing rules

Both ST and G.S had obtained booklets detailing the R.Y.A.’s racing rules, (simplified) costing about £3 each. The R.Y.A. would be happy to provide an instructor to give a talk on the booklet’s contents. G.S undertook to follow this up.

Handicapping.

Although the President had put together a computer program, based on the RYA’s formula, The results from this produced some interesting results. S.T. said that he did not intend to change handicaps as often as had been done in the past.

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 The F.Y.C.A. intended appointing a co-ordinator to share the expertise gained by those who had undertaken the process with those thinking of

doing so. In further discussion it was unclear who the owners of the two Harbours cited were. If, as suspected, they were owned by local authorities then this made the idea more straight forward than our own situation with a private landlord. It was agreed to talk to the co-ordinator and seek advice over the matter.

Starter's Box

After IKG's comments at the previous meeting, and armed with photographs and a drawing of the existing structure he had approached a firm from Freuchie who had given a budget costing of some £2,000 for replacing the current structure, like for like. S.T. said that he too had sought a quotation for a replacement but the firm had yet to respond.

After some considerable discussion it was agreed that Jack Thomson (Panache) should be asked to look at the structure and suggest (after a survey) whether it was capable of repair or beyond economic repair and should be replaced.

IKG reported that the mobile 'phone that operated the harbour identification light had lapsed as no calls had been made to it for a significant number of months. IKG undertook to seek options to allow the 'phone to be reconnected.

CRUISING CONVENOR

Meeting

A.B. reported that the East Coast Sailing Group would be meeting in our clubhouse on Thursday 9th of June.

Eymouth Cruise

Alastair continued by saying that the intended cruise to Eymouth had been abandoned due to foul weather but he intended rescheduling it at a later date.

Scout Marquee

Although Alastair had been in discussion with a scout leader over the use of their marquee, his contact had now moved on to pastures new and with him went the offer of the tent.

R.C. CLUBHOUSE

Condensate drain

Russell had spoken to the contract plumber with regard to the work. The plumber had, again, given an undertaking to deal with the matter and Russell awaited his attendance C/F

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. C/F

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

Front (Road door)

It had been brought to the attention of R.K. that the opening mechanism was very difficult to operate. Russell said that he was aware of the problem and was seeking a lever handle to replace the existing door knob to allow more torque to be applied to the opening mechanism.

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.

R.C. PIERS AND MOORINGS**Hand rails**

P.W. said that he would liaise with G.S. with a view to progressing the matter.

Replacement of power plinth

The new plinth was now to hand and will be fitted in the near future.

Craning in

This had gone well with all planned objectives being achieved.

Limekilns Pier

Phil reported that the recent storm force winds had provided a significant test of the new mooring layout without any apparent problems presenting themselves.

There was some concern however that all the tenders for the boats in the harbour were secured to the one existing ladder. He believed that this problem could be ameliorated by a combination of providing the pier with more mooring eyes and more ladders. Phil was asked to obtain a price from G.S. for the manufacture and fitting of these items.

R.C. CLUB BOATS**NNTR. G.S on holiday**

G.S. reported that following discussions with the firm who maintained *Osprey's* outboard, they had informed him that the engine needed a complete overhaul which would require the purchase of a service pack, timing belt and propeller for a cost of some £400. It was agreed that this was necessary and G.S. was asked to make arrangements for the work to be done. George also said that he intended to buy the new propeller with a different pitch which would hopefully improve the boat's performance. C/F.

Boat Cover

G.S. reported that the damage to the existing cover was now beyond economic repair and it would be necessary to obtain a new one to maintain security and watertight integrity. He continued by saying that he had already done some investigation into replacement materials and costs and awaited a visit from the sail maker based at Port Edgar who was suggesting P.V.C. for the job. G.S. undertook to report back once he had a recommendation to make. C/F.

TREASURER

N.N.T.R. - C.S. on holiday.

SECRETARY

Bar License.

The Sec reported that he had received a letter from the licensing board of Fife Council indicating that any member joining the committee or committee member changing their address needed to have their name: D.O.B and address (or new address) forwarded to the Chief Constable under the requirements of the *Licensing(Scotland) Act 2005 Amended Provisions*

Gala

The Secretary noticed that the gala arrangements, set out in their recently circulated news sheet did not include the previously mooted combined events of Try Sailing & the Daft Raft Race. The Commodore pointed out that it had been impossible to reconcile the requirements of both given the dates and tide details and it was therefore agreed to run them separately.

Proposed Container Port dredging

J.H. had previously circulated a report received via the Community Council which *inter alia* warned of the potential for either deposition/erosion of material at Brucehaven and then concluded that this was unlikely. This seemed to indicate that they didn't know what the effect of the works would be. It was therefore decided not to take any action over the matter.

Flagpole

J.H. reported that John Quin, an ex-member had offered the Club a 5.9m (19'4") fibreglass flagpole. This offer was gratefully accepted by the committee.

SOCIAL CONVENOR

K.M. reported:

The recent BBQ had taken place but had been spoiled to some extent by the rain.

Dinner/Dance

Various menu options were circulated by Kirsty with associated costing., After some deliberation the meal @ £22-50 was chosen, committee members believing it gave the best value for money out of those presented.

The venue had been provisionally booked for Saturday 19th November, confirming the date shown on the website calendar.

WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN

ACTION ITEMS	Sponsor
Place electrical socket on south façade	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 of 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.

The meeting closed at 20 55 hours

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