

The minutes of Thursday 29th September 2011 have been adopted as an agreed true record of that Meeting

Proposed: Alastair Bullions Seconded: George Scrivener

FORTH CRUISING CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting – Thursday 24th November 2011

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

The meeting was brought to order at 1932. The Commodore in the Chair

Membership Applications:

Moira Hoyes reported:

Memberships to be offered	
Membership Confirmed	Murdoch McGregor: Hugh Mackintosh: Simon Waddell: Paul Nicholas (re-joined).
New enquiry	John Drury: Paul Tucker: Ken Moffat

New and Active Items

Comment
COMMODORE/PRESIDENT
Lighting (South Façade) D/S Informed the meeting that he had purchased the light fittings and hoped to have them <i>in situ</i> prior to the mulled wine event.

Dinner Dance

It had been reported that a party which had been booked in comprising three people had on the night only turned up as a couple. Denis questioned whether or not a rebate should be offered to them. After some discussion it was agreed that the billing should stand, given that: The function had barely broken even financially: It would set a precedent hereafter and finally this policy was in line with the majority of other clubs and organisations.

Coastal Development Fund.

D. S said that he had had no further information on the scheme and considered the subject dormant, if not closed entirely.

Question of the status of buildings and infrastructure by RYA (Scotland) on behalf of Scottish Heritage

Denis finished his report by saying that the Secretary had passed him an email relating to the survey and his own gut feeling was that we should make no response in case it brought further limitations on the Club's activities and practices. This was unanimously agreed and the Secretary was instructed to take no further action in the matter.

VICE COMMODORE

Starter's Hut.

The Secretary reported that following the suggestion that Messrs Glasdon manufactured GRP shelters, the Sec and IKG had looked at their products on-line and had subsequently estimated that a unit, suiting our requirements would cost in the region of £5000. This was considered to be too much and other options were once again discussed. GS suggested modifying a second hand shipping container (cost circa £ 600) while ST proposed scouring the web/auction houses for something more He had recently been notified of one for sale at auction but could not attend and therefore the final price is not known.

JH and IG had searched the web for pre-owned GRP huts. There were several in the States but none identified in the U.K.

It was eventually decided that G.S would obtain a price from a manufacturer of wooden cabins which he would relay to both ST & DS. .

The Commodore also undertook to obtain a quotation for a replacement hut, built as a kit, and erected on site.

ST was charged with taking the matter forward.

It was further understood that it would probably be necessary to contact both the Estate and the Planners to advise them of our proposals. It could be that there might also be some resistance from the non-racing fraternity.

Trophies

Following the proposals Sandy had set out at the AGM, he had carried out an inspection of some of the trophies and found signs of neglect, minor damage and varying methods of recording trophy winners. He intended addressing all of these prior to ascribing trophies to particular races. (He would not however recall all trophies until next summer) He was encouraged in this endeavour by all at the meeting.

Teach –ins

ST also set out his proposals for a series of presentations, comprising:

- Procedures for O.O.D.'s

- Racing
- Racing etiquette

It was decided that these would take place on Thursday evenings during the closed season. G.S undertook to open and cover the bar during the sessions

R.K. would be requested to ensure that the heating was on prior to the events.

CRUISING CONVENOR

RNLI Presentation

Following the last meeting's report that the RNLI had approached him for the opportunity for that organisation to give a presentation to the Club "Over the means of calling for help" – He reported that he had subsequently been unavailable and A.B. was unsure whether he is any longer in post.

Cruising log trophy

A.B. also mentioned the Cruising log trophy is in need of repair.

R.C. CLUBHOUSE

NNTR R.K. not present

Damp Patch

Moira Hoyes reported to the committee that her observations while cleaning the hall lead her to believe that replacing the tiles had not solved the problem of water ingress as paint continued to peal and fall from the hall ceiling.

D.S. however was of the opinion that the leak had been sealed and still expected the plaster to dry out in due course

Notwithstanding the foregoing, there were still some areas of roof tiling that required to be attended to and which he hoped would be completed before the next meeting.

C.C.T.V. system

G.S reported that a second CCTV camera had been fitted and had been enclosed within a security cage by G.S. The fitting of a unit at the starter's box when the problems with that structure were resolved. Carried forward.

R.C. PIERS AND MOORINGS

P.W reported:

Mast stowage

This was now complete as was the paving, sunk level with the surface of the grass providing an all weather walkway adjacent to the rack.

Odds and ends

That both the draft boards and Davit ropes have been removed for the winter season.

Garden Power Tower

This was in the process of being installed. The water supply would not be integrated into the new unit but

placed on the wall adjacent to it. It was noted that there were 3 S.W.A. cables terminated within the tower and believed to be:

The supply to the unit from the Club house.

The basement supply

The adjacent Lamp post.

Discussions then turned to using the supply to power some form of lighting for the lower end of the garden path. The problem being that the last person to leave the clubhouse necessarily had to switch off the lights at either end of the path. Several solutions were proposed but nothing definitive emerged. G.S. suggested however, that the l.e.d.'s fitted to the new power unit, and permanently energised, might be sufficient to provide sufficient light for the lower path –the matter was therefore left in abeyance until the next meeting.

Mooring arrangements.

Phil brought forward his proposals for the changes to Rule 66 of the Club's H/B which defined the various parameters relating to chain gauge and wear limitations. The Secretary undertook to circulate an email to the Membership for their comments.

R.C. CLUB BOATS

N.N.T.R.

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

N.N.T.R

SECRETARY

Suggested changes to the website and H/B

The Secretary said that he had initially been having discussions with the President relating to various anomalies and potential changes to information presented on the website particularly relating to recruiting new members (at which point the President took up the narrative and sketched out the problems and their possible resolutions.). IG's main concern was that no checks were carried out on potential members since the requirement for sponsors and interviews had been dropped. After some discussion it was agreed that The Webmaster (Nan Whetton) and the Secretary would formulate a new approach to recruiting members over the winter

WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN

ACTION ITEMS	Sponsor
Place electrical socket on south façade <i>C/F July/11</i>	D.S.
CCTV coverage <i>C/F July/11</i>	R. K.
Place Steel Bench to end of pier Patio Furniture - recoat with preservative oil <i>C/F July/11</i>	P.W.
Fit North Davit with an electric motor <i>C/F July/11</i>	P.W.
Mooring arrangements for the South Pontoon effect a permanent repair <i>C/F July/11</i>	P.W./G.S.
Basement Store - Roof replace <i>C/F July/11</i>	P.W.
Decoration - resolve the problems of the damp patches (See R.K.'s Report) <i>C/F July/11</i>	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. In hand	D.S.
Hall Middle door retain the status quo but secure the fridge with a hasp and staple <i>C/F July/11</i>	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. <i>C/F July/11</i>	D.S.
Replacement of power plinth The new plinth was now to hand and will be fitted in the near future. <i>C/F July/11</i>	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 <i>C/F July/11</i>	S.T.

The meeting closed at 20 50 hours

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 26th January 2012** starting at 19:30
hours