

Carrick Castle Boat Club

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Minutes

of Committee Meeting on Thursday 12th July 2021 at 18.30 hrs
at Cruach House, Carrick Castle

1) A Welcome by the Secretary & any apologies.

The Secretary welcomed the committee members to the meeting in person. He said that Scott Black had resigned as Treasurer but did not know if he had resigned from the committee as well. After waiting 15 minutes and he did not attend the meeting, it remains unclear as to whether Scott would like to still be a committee member or not?

Those in attendance were Douglas Locke (DL), Secretary,; Jim Graham, (JG), Caretaker Moorings Officer; Vonna Cowper-Smith (VC-S), Member & Graham Mathie (GM), Member. Jules Cadie (JC), Member had sent his apologies.

2) Discuss the options raised at the last committee meeting for the future of the club as detailed in the last committee meeting Minutes of 29th October 2020 and SWOT analysis for discussion.

One hour 45 minutes was spent discussing the future of the club following reading Crown Estate Scotland's Mooring Manager's letter and the Marine Officer's e-mail. DL said that the Job Descriptions that were shown on the website's Contacts page would be condensed to try and attract some members in filling the positions of Chair, Treasurer and Moorings Officer for immediate fulfilment and the Secretary's position for next year. The hours involved in a year would also be estimated. The Crown Estate's Moorings Manager's letter was agreed to be sent to all members. The club's future was dependent on a minimum of three officers being appointed as soon as possible or the club would have to be disbanded, control would be lost of the Carrick Castle mooring area, there would be no one to organise the group moorings servicing annually for members, loss of members chandlery discounts, the visitors moorings would possibly go to a commercial organisation, as a strong financially based

association, its assets would pass to the RNLJ and all members would have to apply direct to Crown Estate Scotland for a private mooring at £80.00 per mooring for 2022 with no guarantee that existing moorings would be re-available as it takes 3 to 6 months to apply for a private mooring with each private application having to be submitted to the Clyde Mooring Committee that includes all interested parties in the Clyde, from Clydeport, Bidwells (as Agents to the Crown Estate Scotland), the Queen's Harbour Master (Royal Navy), RYA, Clyde Yacht Clubs Association, Clyde Fishermen's Association, British Marine Federation, Marine Scotland and the West Highland Anchorage & Moorings Assoc. DL pointed out that the club was financially sound with a current bank balance at 2nd July 2021 as £3,411.13 with these reserves accumulated for the club moorings servicing and replacement of tackle. What the club lacked was volunteers from the members to become club officers, a requirement to run the club as a moorings association by Crown Estate Scotland. The club also has to have two bank signatory members to run the bank account. It was agreed that the draft letter to members would be approved by the committee members prior to despatch by e-mail.

3) Any other business?

It was decided that to reduce committee work, all members would have to pay their subscriptions and mooring fees by standing order. Next year's amount would be £15.00 subscription plus £40.00 Crown Estate Mooring fee per mooring, to be set up for 3rd December 2021 for the year 2022 and annually thereafter. It was agreed that should the mooring fee be increased by £5.00 for 2022 by Crown Estate Scotland, the club would pay this extra amount for members.

It was also unanimously agreed that if a member did not pay these fees by 31st December annually, the member will automatically lose their mooring(s) allocation under Article 8 of the club's Constitution.

4) Date for next committee meeting.

This would be decided when the information was to hand as discussed at the meeting and a reply had been received from members concerning the Crown Estate Letter that was to be sent to them all for a response if the club was to continue or not.

The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs.