

Carrick Castle Boat Club

An Annual General Meeting of the club was held at Rhumhor, Carrick Castle on Friday 17th April 2009 at 19.30 hrs.

The meeting was attended by: Roddy Davies, Shelagh Mathie, Graham Mathie, Forrester Cockburn, Alison Cockburn, Douglas Locke (Moorings Officer & Treasurer), Liz Evans (Chair), Robert White (Vice Chair), Claire France, Angie Watts, Mick Watts, Andy Sayers (SAS Speaker), Norena McAdam (guest), Gillie Manwaring (guest), David Manwaring (guest)

1) Welcome:

Liz opened the meeting by thanking all for attending and also thanking Rob and Claire for use of Rhumhor

2) Apologies:

Apologies were received from Jim McKenna, Colin Jones, Duncan & Nina MacDonald, John Donovan, Bill Irvine, Wendy & Steve Gibbs, Dave and Edwina Cliff, Mehrdad Malekianpour, Clare & John Fyfe, Kevin Henville, Mr & Mrs Atkinson, Gary Gordon, George Gordon

3) Minutes of the last meeting.

These were approved and signed.

4) Overview of the Carrick Castle Boat Club

Liz gave an overview of the club's activities in 2008 mentioning the annual muster, the visitor's mooring which was laid in April 2008 with the assistance of Carrick Castle Amenities Association who contributed £450 for the purpose and the 20th anniversary dinner celebrating the founding of the club in 1989.

5) Group moorings inspections

Douglas gave a report on the group moorings inspection. 22 moorings were to be serviced this year which was more than ever before taking advantage of the group discounted price. 4 new moorings were to be laid for members from Falkirk, York, Northumberland and for a new Carrick Castle resident.

Roddy asked whether his mooring could be moved back inshore as the spit provided a degree of shelter. Douglas said that Neil Cunningham had been concerned about the shelf. Roddy thought that wasn't a problem and Liz suggested that Roddy come along on the day so he could tell Neil exactly where he wanted it.

Douglas raised the issue of the member moorings that are dragged each year by over-sized yachts using them. He made the suggestion that the club buy tags to attach to pickup buoys reading "Private Mooring - Please use blue visitors mooring or anchor"

Douglas had obtained various quotes for double sided U.V. resistant tags, the best of which was for 40 tags at £4.29 each (£171.57). He proposed that the club buy these tags and sell them onto members at £5 each.

There was some discussion about this with various views raised. Following this a vote was taken and the members agreed unanimously that the club should buy the tags to provide a stock for those who wished to use them.

6) Visitors moorings

Douglas reported on use of the visitor's mooring. The mooring was laid in April 2008 since which time it had been used by 9.5 boats, 8.5 of which had paid the £10.00 fee. The 0.5 was someone who had moored for lunch and sent in £5.

Last year the mooring had not been advertised anywhere yet had managed to pay for its own maintenance. For 2009 it is advertised in Reeds Almanac, Clyde Cruising Club, Blue Moment,

Green Blue and other area specific mooring guides. An increased level of use should therefore be expected in 2009.

WIFI has been provided to the moorings area via external aerials on club members' houses. This allows visitors with PCs to get online and pay while they are actually using the mooring. The mooring buoy gives contact details for several methods of payment.

A second mooring is a possibility for the long term dependent on the success of the first. The committee have reserved a space next to the existing visitor's mooring.

7) Muster for 2009 & social activities

The date for the 2009 muster was set at August 16th 2009. Rob suggested that an earlier muster be held in late May. Saturday 23rd May was suggested – details to follow.

8) Update on the website

Club members were reminded that the website is there with information about the club and its moorings, as well as news of the wider sailing community. Douglas has also added details of 6 walks in the local area which can easily be undertaken by visitors to the mooring. The walks and associated photos of the route are to be found in the gallery.

Members were invited to send in any stories or photos of historical or local interest relating to sailing.

9) Other social activities

Rob suggested another out of season social event like the 20th anniversary dinner held this year. A 21st anniversary dinner was suggested – details to follow.

Donations of old gear were requested for the summer boat jumble at Carrick Fayre.

10) Accounts

Douglas explained the accounts for 2008 that left a credit balance on 31st December 2008 of £66.77. These accounts were sent out to all members with the AGM Agenda. He explained that payments for 2009 were not included to those accounts, however the current bank balance as at the date of the AGM was a credit balance of £302.23. (From this balance the expenses of the AGM & AGM speaker, servicing the visitor's mooring and the mooring tags not sold would have to be deducted).

Douglas asked the members to ensure this year that all fees due for the 2010 season are paid for no later than 15th December 2009. Invoices are sent out in mid November each year. Late payment causes increased administration costs and time and the club still has to pay the members' mooring fees to The Crown Estate by the end of the year. A few members had to be chased a few times for payment after the 15th December so a request was made to all members to ensure their payments are made on time please.

One member asked what the donation to the British Goat Society was for. Douglas explained that he had previously been the Administrator to the West Highlands and Islands Goat Society and when there was no one to take over the running of the Society when he left Duror, Argyll in 1998, the members closed down the society. He was left with a marquee to look after and under the constitution of the society, any assets sold on closure, the proceeds had to be donated to the British Goat Society. Our committee decided to buy the marquee for £10.00 and made the donation.

11) Membership Fees

An increase of £5.00 in the annual membership fee was suggested for 2010, taking it to £15.00 p.a. The removal of the associate member class was also suggested. These changes were agreed by the members.

12) Election of Officers

Colin Jones and John Donovan had offered committee service for some time in the future.

All existing officers were re-elected. Douglas emphasised the he and Liz would only be able to continue for one or two years at most, so another moorings officer and chairperson would soon be sought.

13) Any other business

None

14) SAS Talk

A very informative talk was given to the members by Any Sayers, a pilot at Aberdeen with the Scottish Ambulance Service (SAS). This was much appreciated and enjoyed immensely by all. The club provided members and guests with wine during and after the talk.

The meeting ended at 23.00 hrs.