

# Carrick Castle Boat Club

Celebrating this year 28 years of service to its members since 1989

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## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Cruach House, Carrick Castle on Saturday 18th February 2017 at 14.30 hrs.**

- 1) Douglas Locke, Secretary welcomed the committee members (Jim Graham, Vonna Cowper-Smith and Ian Nicholson) to the meeting. Visitor, Dorothy Nicholson was in attendance.
- 2) Apologies were received from Euan Avery, Non-Residents Representative. The last Committee Meeting's Minutes of 23rd January 2016 were approved by the committee, proposed by Jim Graham and seconded by Ian Nicholson and then signed by the Secretary.
- 3) The post of Chair and Vice-Chair are both available following Liz Evans giving up the position of Chair after serving in the position since 2003 for which she was thanked. The Secretary had asked a number of members if they would be interested in the position but there have been no offers to date. It was essential that the Chair attend the AGM and a Committee Meeting. Vonna said she would ask Jai Cowper-Smith if he would be interested in becoming Chair. Although they are family members, they only have one vote so he would have to also become a member to vote - essential to the position of Chair. None of the existing committee wished to take on the position. There is one committee vacancy for a co-option.
- 4) Secretary's introduction and general report. Douglas gave a vote of thanks to Bill Miller for recording the boats usage of the visitors' mooring with photographs. He advised that they had been a number of changes with some members leaving and others joining in the year covered in the Secretary's report.
- 5) Secretary's Report: The club had 37 members in 2016 and has 32 members in 2017. The reduction was mainly due to members moving or giving up water sports. The club's notice board is kept up to date and news is added to the club's website and Facebook. Jim asked why we had Facebook, the answer was that some members had asked us to have it. It is not greatly used but it does have news and interesting photographs and is easy to update. 2016 had been a fairly quiet year with little sailing activity generally caused by the poor summer and consequently less use of the visitors' moorings.
- 6) Treasurer's Report: The club's bank balance is approximately £3,156 in credit at today's date which includes a contingency fund for the servicing and replacement of tackle for the two visitors' moorings. 20 members were now using the bank transfer system to pay their membership and mooring fees. The accounts were presented to the committee for approval.

- 7) The usage of the visitors' mooring in 2016 totalled 58 uses compared to 83 in 2015 - seven didn't pay, e-mails were sent to the owners requesting payment where e-mail addresses were known but no response was received. Gross receipts were £524.50 + £40 from the previous year (£564.50) and net after charges and WiFi costs were £539.40 of which 45 paid by PayPal, 7 by cash, 0 by cheque and 1 by bank transfer. A surplus of £514.44 was made and allowing for insurance charges of £105.14 (8 months), £409.30 would be carried forward for future maintenance or replacements.
- 8) The Moorings Officer confirmed that the number of moorings owned by members (38) and the club (2) totalled 40 in 2016. The visitors' moorings and members' moorings requested for servicing by Cunningham Moorings are expected to be serviced in the spring as usual. Jim Graham advised that two members have still to advise their servicing requests. He said he had contacted each of those members by e-mail and telephone. Once all information is to hand, he will send the servicing list to Neil Cunningham and try and ascertain when the visitors' moorings and the members' moorings will be serviced. There are two moorings to be relocated and one still to be laid. He advised that 63% of the moorings had been requested to be serviced. It has to be pointed out that The Crown Estate require all moorings to be serviced annually and members have agreed to this in their Vessel Owners Agreements. It is therefore the responsibility of each mooring holder to ensure their moorings are serviced if not requested in the group mooring servicing scheme with Cunningham Moorings.
- 9) Crown Estate Vessel Owners Agreements remain in force whilst a member remains a member of the club. All members have signed the agreements and The Crown Estate have not asked for any changes to the 2015 version that remains current.
- 10) The Public Liability Insurance, the club has from The Highland Council Insurance Department with Zurich Municipal, covers any risks involved with the visitors' moorings and the committee members responsibilities. The cost averages £9.56 per month.
- 11) Personal contact information was discussed as Jim Graham was unhappy about having his telephone numbers and e-mail address on the club's website. These details were immediately removed. The other committee members agreed that their contact details could remain. The Secretary advised that when e-mails were sent out to the members, they were sent out as 'BCCs' that meant only the receiving member could see his or her own e-mail address and that no other member could see an e-mail address other than their own and that of the sender.

- 12) Update on the financial position of the club. The club is well financed as a not-for-profit organisation and has an operational and contingency fund of about £3,156 in the bank. All its assets are fully owned with no debts. This year two new blue visitors' mooring buoys are being replaced at a cost of £792.00 with better longer lasting lettering. This money was paid from the visitors moorings contingency fund built up to replace the visitors' moorings when required. 50 new replacement Private Mooring tags had been ordered in 2017 at a cost of £191.15 (£3.82 each) for members mooring buoys as the previous 50 had now been used up. Beach cleaning equipment is to be purchased for the next beach clean. No other projects are currently planned. If any member has any suggestions for future projects, please contact the committee.
- 13) The annual subscription to the club was recommended to remain at £15 pa and this will be put to the vote at the next AGM for 2018 implementation.
- 14) Annual Beach Clean in Carrick Castle will be on Sunday 5th March 2017 from 11.00 to 12 noon. The date ties up with Lochgoilhead's Beach Clean and the 'British Spring Clean Weekend'.
- 15) The next AGM will be held on Friday 7th April 2017 at 18.00 hrs at the Lochgoilhead village hall with refreshments and a talk to be arranged. A donation of £40.00 has been very kindly provided by a member for refreshments again at the AGM. The committee will be asking the members at the AGM if they would like a local 'Cruise in Company' this year so that novices and small boats could attend with experienced sailors. Currently the Muster is planned for Sunday 13th August 2017 with a possible destination of Ardentinny but is on hold pending the outcome of the decisions taken at the AGM.
- 16) Liz Evans retired as Chair of the club at the last AGM. A vote will be taken at the next AGM for her replacement which involves chairing two meetings annually - the January or February committee meeting and the AGM in April. The Secretary provides the Chair with all information and at other times of the year committee communications are dealt with by e-mail. We hope there will be a member willing to take on this position. For more information, contact the Secretary.
- 17) Any other business:  
There was no other business.

The committee meeting closed at 15.45 hrs.