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CHANONRY SAILING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday 28th March 2007

Present: Shane Rankin (Chair), Richard Evans, Richard Robinson, Ken Ferguson, Mike Wilson, Roxby Robson, Jon Shepherd, Pam Moncur & George Hogg

Agenda Item

Action

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies were received from Richard and Helen Jenner.

2. Minutes of meeting of 15th January 2007

The minutes were agreed.

3. Minutes of Special Meeting of 4th March 2007

The minutes were agreed.

4. Action Points & Matters arising

Shane updated the Committee on the Lettoch land sale. He confirmed that matters were progressing satisfactorily and that settlement should take place on 20 April. He advised that a deed plan was required for the conveyance and that he had agreed that Joe Duncan instruct Nortek to undertake this at a cost of £500. He advised that there would also be other expenses associated with the sale, in particular the cost of marketing through NSPC.

5. Gift of Leisure 17 - Wisp

Roxby introduced this item talking to his and Mike Burns' report of 20 March which had been circulated to Committee members ahead of the meeting. In addition he confirmed that the current owners of the boat seemed very genuine in their reasons for offering the boat to the Club and that they had to remove the boat from its present berth in the canal by the end of June at the latest. He further confirmed that the club had been offered a mooring for the boat by Martin Ball. It is understood that the boat will be gifted to the club unconditionally.

The matter was then discussed and in particular issues were raised in relation to issues of costs/income projections/competence assessment of proposed users/likely interest within the club. In addition the need to properly document the basis of the gift was stressed.

It was agreed by the Committee in principle that we should accept the offered gift subject to ascertaining that there was sufficient interest from club members to ensure that the boat would be adequately managed and used. There were two indications of interest from within the Committee. In order to confirm interest it was agreed that George H and Roxby would e-mail members inviting expressions of interest.

GH/RoR

It was further agreed that if we do accept the gift then we should offer the donors a year's free membership of the club as a thank you. Ken offered to advise on how the letter of gift should be worded to avoid any ambiguity at a later date.

KF

6. Proposed Storage of Leisure 17 by Club Member

It was reported that an application for membership had been received together with a request that a Leisure 17 be stored on a trailer on the harbour wall and “dry sailed” during the season. There was discussion about the number of boats and trailers being stored on the wall already and the need to ensure that all redundant trailers etc should be removed as soon as possible after the cruisers are craned in. It was agreed that in principle it would be a higher priority to allow a boat such as this to be stored and dry sailed rather than trailers or boats to be stored there unused. Until the position was clearer however we couldn’t make a commitment. It was agreed therefore that we should accept the membership application but make it clear that we could not presently commit to allowing the boat to be stored over the Summer.

RR

7. Proposed New Members

None for consideration.

8. AOCB

We have received a request from a member in the process of renewing his membership to put his dinghy in the park this coming weekend. George to write, copied to Jon, confirming that this is okay.

GH

Ken confirmed that he had received advice from Joe Duncan on the harbour lease but that it didn’t fully answer the question as the lease itself refers to a further Order which is not available. Ken offered to participate in future meetings with Highland Council on this matter. Shane accepted this offer and asked George to involve Ken when required in future meetings with Mr Usher of HC.

KF

Shane confirmed that he had received a letter of complaint from one of our neighbours about a number of matters including the general state of the harbour, noise and general disturbance. The Committee felt that as a working harbour it was not in an unreasonable state and that a number of improvements had been made in recent times. It was agreed that Shane would deal with the matter.

SR

The need for a more strategic approach to funding and revisions to the constitution to bring these more up to date and meet the needs of funders was discussed. It was agreed that Shane/Richard R and Sandra Hogg should meet to discuss these matters and to come back to the Committee with recommendations. It was recognised that any changes to the constitution would have to be run past our insurers and would have to be approved at a General Meeting of the membership.

SR/RR

As part of their sponsorship of the Club for the coming year Caley Marina have asked that we undertake a survey of our membership. It was agreed that we should do this by e-mail and in our next newsletter.

SR

PM

It was agreed that Pam, as Social Secretary, should lead on any bookings of the club house for private events.

GH

It was agreed that there should be a standing item on Health & Safety and the Accident Book on future committee agendas.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 14th May at 7.30pm.

All