

Portreath Harbour Association

Minutes of a General Meeting held at the Portreath Institute
on Friday 5th November 2010 at 8.00 pm

The Chairman welcomed members and thanked them for their attendance.

Present: Mr Colin Reed Chairman
 Mr Mike Bennetts Treasurer
 Mrs Jan Veasey Secretary

Committee Members:

Mike Warren

By Invitation: Cllr Joyce Duffin

Apologies: Messrs Colin Higgs, Mr. Parrott Snr.

The Chairman read the minutes of the last meeting and these were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

Xmas Dinner

The Chairman reminded everyone that the Waterfront had been booked for Saturday 4th December and that Clem was taking a £5 deposit from those who wanted to attend. The Secretary would send an email out to members to that effect.

Removal of Blocks & Chain

It was hoped to get the job done during January. Mike Warren will contact Cornwall Council to see if we can get some sort of subsidy from them.

Improvement Plan

Mike Warren reported that the PHA had secured a new lease for 15 years starting in 2011. As there had been no increase in rent since 2000, we would have to make up the increase in rent starting next year. Rent would go up from just under £2,000 to just under £3,000. This increase will mean that mooring rents will need to be increased. The Treasurer reminded the meeting that he suggested a 50p per foot rise for the coming year. The Chairman asked the Treasurer to check the accounts to see if this increase would be enough. A discussion followed after which it was decided to check the accounts then proceed accordingly.

It was mentioned that several moorings had not been used this year. Paul Wickes suggested advertising in the local press to fill these moorings. The Chairman pointed out that indeed all moorings were let out and paid for this year. Unfortunately a number of boat owners either decided not to put their boats in the harbour, or for various reasons, were unable to. A close eye will be kept on these boat owners next year so that boats can move forward from the back of the rear harbour.

Trustees

We have had 4 nominations for the 3 vacant positions of Trustee. These are: Colin Reed, Colin Higgs, Doug Coates and Jnr. It was decided to call an Extraordinary Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 25th November at 7.30 pm in the Waterfront.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that invoices are being prepared for distribution in early December. They will be at the rate mentioned at the AGM which is an increase of 50p per foot, ie. Back Harbour will now be £3.50 and Front Harbour will be £4.00.

The Treasurer told the Committee that he intended to request a further increase at the AGM of 50p per foot as our annual fee to Cornwall Council will be increased due to their rent review.

Secretary's Report

The secretary had received a reply from George Williams with reference to the potholes in the road outside the flats. It was decided to request a further 2 quotes for the work to be carried out.

Any Other Business

Health & Safety

Paul Wickes spoke of his fears that some boats in the harbour were going to sea despite the fact that they could be un-seaworthy. He asked the Committee if boats could be checked for seaworthiness before going into the harbour. His remarks were duly noted by the Committee.

Mary Jane

It was mentioned that children were seen climbing all over Mary Jane. It was pointed out to the meeting that since she was moved by the crane a couple of weeks ago, she was now the responsibility of the PIC. Doug Coates agreed to take this up with the PIC at their next meeting.

Moorings

We have had a complaint from Julian Forward who was loaned Dave Veasey's mooring this year. Due to ill health and trouble with his motor, he was unable to put his boat in the water. However, he did purchase new chains, strops etc. and these were put in place. When he came down to remove them a couple of weeks ago, he found another boat on the mooring and it was drifting. He was not happy.

The Chairman tendered apologies on behalf of the Association. The boat is owned by Arthur Barrett. He did not approach the Committee to ask permission to move his boat onto the mooring, but it was felt by the secretary that he may well have assumed, as it was Dave's mooring, it would be OK to use it for a short time. It was decided to make Arthur aware of the fact that the chains etc. belong to Julian and to ask him if he would move his boat. The secretary would send Arthur an email.

Members were reminded by the Chairman that any movements by boats in the harbour should go through the Committee prior to boats being moved.

An application had been received for a mooring from Clive Humphries for a 24' commercial fishing boat. The Chairman mentioned that his mooring would be free next year, so hopefully with a bit of moving around, the boat could be accommodated in the front harbour.

Armtrac

Paul Wickes mentioned that a number of members had been either fined or clamped by Armtrac over the past few months. It was pointed out by the Committee that if members' vehicles were not displaying the Permit provided by the Association, their vehicles would be clamped. A discussion followed about ways to make it possible for members to park without a permit. One suggestion was that members' car numbers are given to Armtrac to ensure that these vehicles do not get clamped. The secretary thought that this would be very complicated, given the number of members and the fact that people join throughout the year. The fact remains that members are given a permit and it is up to each member to display the permit in the vehicle they bring into the harbour.

Security Barriers

A team of volunteers was needed to erect the barriers on Sunday 7th November. If people could meet at 10.00 am at the harbour, this would be done. Mark Wickes' boat had been vandalised since being craned out. The police had been informed.

Rubbish

It was decided to hire a skip next year to take away all the rubbish after the boats are craned in.

Next Meeting

Apologies were received from Cllr. Duffin and the Chairman for their absence at the next committee and general meeting. Mike Warren agreed to chair the next meeting in Colin Reed's absence.

There being no further business the Chairman brought the Committee Meeting to a close. The next Committee meeting will be on Friday 3rd December at 8.00 pm.

Signed.....
Mike Warren
For Chairman

Date