

Kinghorn Loch Users Group.

Minutes of the Meeting held 14th April 2008 at 5.30 pm at Craigenalt Cottage, Kinghorn

1. **Present:** Marilyn Edwards (Secretary), Margaret Kinninmonth (Treasurer), Fraser Ballantyne, Alan Henderson, Elinor Chalmers, Ron Edwards (Chairperson), Richard Neil, Ronny Duncan, Paul McLaren and Saul Gardiner.

2. **Apologies** - Alistair Morrison, Ronnie Mackie.

Chairman welcomed Ronny Duncan the new Commodore of the Sailing Club

3. **Minutes from the previous meeting.**

The minutes were proposed by Richard Neil and seconded by Elinor Chalmers.

4. Matters Arising.

- a) Barley straw – Marilyn would contact Jean Cochran urgently about getting the 6 bales needed, and Ron would assist with mending the broken raft at the same time as the barley straw was spread.
- b) Litter collection for bin on the east side car park area. This seemed to be going fine. Marilyn still to get out and do her litter clean on the east side of the loch.
- c) Most of the sailing boats would be going the following weekend retaining just a couple for the Come and Try Event.
- d) The secretary said that she was still to make up the spreadsheet detailing times and events when everyone was using the loch. This would be useful for the Scottish Carp Group to know when it was convenient times for fishing.
- e) Chairman still to contact Candice Bonar who would be monitoring algae levels this year.

5. Correspondence.

- a) FET annual newsletter available to view.
- b) Letter from secretary of KCLA asking to be considered for membership of KLUG. A request for membership was made last December. It was unanimously agreed, as no changes in circumstances had occurred, that the matter should not be discussed again

6. Remaining jobs to do list for the new jetty and other areas

- a) The seat still needed to be installed at the grass area.
- b) A nail gun was still required to put in the cleats, Ronny Duncan said that he could provide one.
- c) Rubber matting still to be added for fendering along the wall at the jetty.
- d) It was noted that the pile of tyres was going down slowly.
- e) Richard said that he could provide a water pipe for washing down the paving stones and jetty, the Canoe/Sailing club would liaise with him to do this.
- f) The Carp Group had started making an improved pathway along the water edge down towards the hide. A new platform and camping areas for fishing was to be included. It was noted that activity of youngsters down at the hide seemed to be quieter again.
- g) A request was made for the raft near the hide and the one in the bay to be repositioned further out on the loch. The boat would try to do this when putting out the next barley straw.

Come and Try Day Event – scheduled for Saturday 3rd May 08

A list of things to do was drawn up

- 1) Time agreed 1 – 5 pm.
- 2) The Canoe Club would approach the Scouts to ask to borrow their canoes as they were extra stable for beginners.
- 3) The secretary to ask John McLeod if he could provide display boards.
- 4) Elinor said that she knew someone from the bird club that might be approached to point out bird life on the loch.

5) The secretary to email the Ecology Centre and the Sustainable Communities for some involvement of display or visits.

6) The Carp Group would send posters or booklets if they could not manage a presence.

7) Marilyn to arrange refreshments and Richard to provide the earn for hot drinks, Canoe Club to provide a gazebo for this purpose.

8) Posters and Advertising in the Press to be arranged by the Chairman and Secretary.

A meeting to finalise arrangements would be held on Monday 28th April at 6pm

Management Agreement for Loch User Groups

The chairman asked for views from clubs, discussion of fishing around the new jetty area did not reach agreement so nothing was concluded.

Suggested changes to the Constitution for agreement at AGM

The secretary would issue an amended constitution with changes hi-lighted in it along with the present one. Groups would have time to discuss proposed changes or add other proposals before coming to the meeting.

Items for AGM to go out 21 days before the meeting.

7. Any Other Business.

a) It was commented that vehicles had been seen parking and even turning at the entrance down to the sluice, this was a dangerous entry to and from the main road at this point. It was agreed to ask Community Services to consider putting in a lockable bollard to stop vehicle access at this point.

b) Alan said that he would get in touch with the Ecology Centre to ask for the return of 2.5 tons of sand which they had borrowed.

Date of next meeting - AGM Monday 12th May 2008