

Kinghorn Loch Users Group

Minutes of the Meeting held 28th January 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
- 2) **Apologies** - Paul McLaren and Ronnie Mackie
- 3) **Minute of the previous meeting.**
The minutes were proposed by Fraser Ballantyne and seconded by Alan Henderson.

4) Matters Arising

- a) Barley straw – it was noted that the raft around in the bay by the road had sunk on the one side. It appeared that the one tube had filled with water and it would need removal from the water to correct the problem. This would be further investigated in March when the next barley straw was ready to be put out.
- b) Creation of tyre reefs in the loch – the Carp Group had discussed this and had decided not to proceed with the idea. KLUG members were thanked for taking part in the discussion.
- c) It was thought that one new litter bin had been installed on the east side of the lock. The secretary to inquire who was to be responsible for emptying it.
- d) Now that the Carp Group had indicated that they did not wish to go ahead to form tyre reefs in the loch it was agreed to take final action to get rid of the stock of tyres by the wall at the jetty.
- e) The secretary read out the letter she had sent to KCLA in response to their request to join KLUG. This explained that they were not eligible. In reply KCLA had wanted the KLUG Constitution, a list of all members, past minutes and answers to questions pertaining to the entitlement of various group to be represented.. They were informed that all the information was freely available on the Kinghorn Community Website.
- f) KCLA Feasibility Study – the exact number of returns from KLUG members was unknown, questionnaires from Dualchas (the people hired to carry out the study) were handed out to everyone at the last meeting. The Canoe Club had submitted a collective response. It was understood that the Feasibility Study was temporarily halted.
- g) Ronnie had asked if he could put out floats around the inlet stream to prevent fishing at this point but it was thought not to be in place yet.

5) Correspondence

- a) Pat Regan had sent some 2008 Calendars with pictures from the Come and Try Day at the loch These had been given out to sponsors
- b) Paul McLaren had asked if the Carp Group could have a list of Sailing Club and Canoe Club event dates for the year. It was agreed to try and put this together.
- c) Further notification of change of address for BDT and FET
- d) Copy of the questionnaire submission response from Kirkcaldy Canoe Club to Dualchas.

6) Finalising the jetty project and finances

A final claim form had been submitted to BDT and it was hoped all outstanding bills would be paid shortly.

A January balance sheet was shown to members

Some outstanding items were still to be fitted

- | cleats for moorings
- | one seat at cost of £276
- | strainer posts
- | rubber matting for fendering, Roy Henderson said that the sailing club would manage to fit this along the front of the jetty.
some rubber and fixer for the slipway, canoe club to provide.

The chairman hoped to use Margaret's running photographic record of the project to submit a small album and report of the project to sponsors. He was also going to ask Pat Regan if she would do a smaller version of the CD she created from the Come and Try Day to submit with this.

Margaret had kept a running photographic record of the project and he asked if she could date this so that a selection could be sent to the sponsors.

Management Agreement for Loch User Groups

An email had been received from Paul of the Carp Group which stated that 'Saul has advised me that it has been agreed with Ronnie that the boat launch area will now be for SCG members only, signs will be made and posted shortly'

The chairman put forward a personal assessment of the situation (**attached**). This outlined the possible hazards of allowing fishing in a launching area and asks 'does the tenant have authority to unilaterally allow fishing in the launching area?'

It was noted that the launch area as an object is owned by Kinghorn Loch Users Group. After discussion it was agreed to send the assessment to all member parties.

The decision is that the use of the launch area (jetty) is unsuitable for fishing activities. It is considered that the practice could impose a liability and responsibility on KLUG and that it be made very clear to the landowner, tenant and carp association that KLUG does not allow such activity on its property.

The chairman said that he would collate all the response returns for the management agreement and send options out to all the groups prior to the next meeting so everyone would have time to digest it and full discussion could take place.

7) Any Other Business

- a) The Chairman put forward some changes for consideration to revamp the constitution.
- | Landowners/tenants to have a veto on any activities on their land.
 - | Six month moratorium on a decision made unless there was urgent need to reconsider it.
 - | A fixed membership stated in the constitution rather than it based on size of group.
 - | Groups can substitute their representatives at any time.
 - | In the opening statement change wording from 'interest' to 'users of the loch'.
 - | Specify definite area and boundaries covered by KLUG

It was agreed that everyone would consider these suggestions ready for discussion at the next meeting.

- b) It was noted that the sand stock purchased by KLUG was dwindling away. This was still required for further work and important it was left for its purpose.

Date of next meeting Monday 10th March 2008 at 5.30pm