Cramond Angling Club – Committee Meeting	Meeting Minutes
Held at Cramond Boat Club 1930hrs	**9th October 2009**
Chairman	Hamish Barrie (HB)
Vice Chairman	Vacant
Treasurer	Fen Howieson (FH)
Secretary	Mike Harle (MH)
Outings Secretary	Scott Henderson (SH)

Present: HB; MH, SH, Adam Cross, Millar Haxton-Laing
Apologies: Wan Mahamood, Dan Penman, Fen Howieson
Absent: John Kane

Approval of Previous Minutes
The minutes of the **September 2009** Committee Meeting were approved and will be on the website page "links and downloads".

1. Chairman's Report

1.1 Autumn Newsletter - Contributions required before 16th October 2009.
Action: All contributors

1.2 Junior Day Out - Thanks to Millar, Scott and Paul Buchanan and the parents for making this a very successful day out. See full report in the Autumn newsletter.

2. Vice Chairman's Report

No report as this post is now vacant.

3. Treasurers Report

3.1 Membership is now at 244 (September 242).

3.2 Income from sale of tickets/permits £6150.93p

3.3 Expenses, - £3433.52p.

4. Secretary's Report

4.1 Invertebrate (Kick) Sampling Pete Hill's reports sent to Committee members by email as they become available. **Ongoing MH**

4.2 MH to write to BAA regarding the clearance of footpaths on the South Bank of Beat 3. Now due 2010. **On hold**

4.3 Waterfall - see 8.2 below.

4.4 SEPA Electrofishing Sampling. MH and FH attended on the 16th September, 3 sites were used between Cramond Brig and Kirkliston cycle/footbridge.. For the first time since 1985 salmon parr were found during sampling**.**
A separate report is due from MH.

4.5 Correspondence
4.5.1 The Scottish Freshwater Group and the Scottish Marine Group will hold a joint meeting on Thursday 29th October 2009 in Stirling.

4.5.2 David Kyles sent information on Esmee Fairbairn Foundation Biodiversity Grants, to be copied to Committee members.
4.5.3 Fish Legal need individual Membership to boost Funding.
4.5.4 Registration of a Stocked Fishery - replied CAC do not stock the River.
4.5.5 All members re croys, by post and email.
4.5.6 GS Insurance Services in creasing PL Insurance from £1M to £5M.
4.5.7 Lessors re Croys.

5. Outings Secretary Report –.

5.1 Outings Programme

5.1.1 River Earn - Lower Aberuthven 24 October 2009 - payment of £150 has been made to the Beat Owner. Six entries only, therefore no draw was necessary. **Secretary has chased payments from all participants.**

5.1.2. River Tweed **NOW FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER Cost per rod £17.** Travel instructions issued. The Treasurer has paid the Beat owner, but very few people have paid for the outing. **MH has chased all outstanding fees.**

5.2 Trophies

5.2.1 Hinshelwood Trophy is with MH
5.2.2 Thompson trophy is with MH
5.2.3 Tam Kerr Trophy is with the 2008 winner, David Purves has moved and has been contacted through his new email address.
to be collected by MH
5.2.4 Spare Trophy. Due to a misunderstanding a Trophy was ordered and engraved earlier as the "HISELWOOD TROPHY". We are seeking a repair, re-labelling, or a new bowl for the 3 part trophy or another solution to recover the trophy and use it for another purpose. Alpha Trophies could not assist in this and advised that the engraving could not be plated over as it is manufactured from nickel.

5.3 Junior Competition 11th October; Paul Buchanan gave some instruction, eight Juniors competed, the winner was Aidan Cross. See Autumn Newsletter for M H-L's report. MH to write thanking Paul for his contribution and to John Pass for donated materials.
Complete

5.4 Stillwater Competition - Tam Kerr Trophy - to be recovered. **Action: MH**

5.5 Outings 2010 - It was the general opinion of those present that for the Outings for 2010 should be arranged and advertised early in the Year - say by February- and that, applications should be received early with a deposit of, say, £10. All successful applicants should be told early in the Season and that final payments should be received in good time. Having paid, any withdrawals could lose their payments unless a replacement was found. The arrangements should be proposed, planned and actioned by the Outings Secretary. The Secretary would only get involved if requested to do so, for mailing purposes etc.

6. Open Issues

6.1 Work Party Calendar
Sunday Sept 20th - at the Waterfall to address sucker growth over the wall and clear Swans Island. Cage arranged for School Brae. Swans Island was cut back, the Waterfall Wall was done at a later date. **Complete**

Sunday 18th October - clear fallen willow below Dowie's Mill weir, reduce croys if sufficient people.

Action FH/MH

6.2 Signage at Beat 3 - Signs collected and held by MH. Landowners / leaseholders to be contacted before installation of signs. MH to approach Register House if necessary. Plan to install signage in 2010. **Ongoing**

6.3 Kirkliston Day Tickets - To be put to the AGM, possible day tickets for Beat 3 only.

Action: M H-L/MH

6.4 Installation of gauge boards. - Below the waterfall on the East Wall. Bracket and gauge board now available, to be installed at low water. **Action: FH/MH**

6.5 Forth District Salmon Fishing Board - Update

FishForth Website - Deception Unfortunately this website has been used to send Email from the CAC secretary to Patrick Fotheringham and another from Callum Sinclair (Director of RAFTS) to Fen Howieson. MH read the contents of that concerning the Secretary to the Meeting. The logs of these emails have been copied from the server and the sender's network identified. Both mails are potentially damaging to CAC and all evidence has been submitted to the Police.

6.6 Storage of Club Tools and Equipment -

Following discussion it was agreed that the secretary get prices for a second hand 10ft container suitable for a tool store and approach CBC and others, for a possible site. MH to approach Maxwell MacLeod for possible tool storage.

Action: MH

6.8 Waste Bin at Grotto - M H-L has received the fire-proof bin which will be assembled on site. The cost is minimal at approx £30. Installation date Tuesday 20 October 09.

Action: M H-L

7. New Business

7.1 Croys at Swans Island and the Waterfall. On the 20th September a croy was found at Swans Island: this was reported to the lessors and all members were contacted by mail and email explaining the illegality of the croys and that the builder(s) had 14 days in which to remove them. Later in the month a second croy was found at the foot of the wall by the Waterfall.

The first croy had been removed prior to this meeting. The builder(s) have not been identified. A brief report with photographs will be sent to the lessors on an urgent basis. **Action: MH**

7.2 See 6.5 above. This prompted the Secretary to request that Insurance be put in place to protect the Members of the Committee from costs should a similar problem in the future result in a Civil Action. GS Insurance Services to be contacted for quotation.

Action: MH

7.3 Members List. John Kane requested a copy of the members list from the Secretary. The Committee did not allow this as it was felt to be an infringement of the spirit of the Data protection Act. Specific requests may be considered in the future.

Closed

8. AGM Business – Instructions from the Members – see below.

8.1 Investigate the creation of a Youth section in CAC.

This was discussed at length and no volunteers are available at the moment to staff this offshoot. More Juniors/Youths are to be encouraged to join the Club.

8.2 Provide design(s), method statement, risk assessment, costing for the replacement of the Waterfall keystones to Dalmeny Estates for approval. Seek external funding for the work.
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The latest advice is that the Club, as leaseholder, should not carry out the repairs but instead persuade the owner (Dalmeny Estates) to do so as part of their CAR Licence. To achieve this a hydrogeological engineer's report is necessary. This could be forthcoming in 2010 and be co-ordinated as part of the FDSFB Barriers to Fish Migration plan. As part of the report a method statement and risk assessment are necessary, not only for the actual work but also to cover the impact on the river habitat.

CAC are not able to carry the risk of damage to the structure now or in the future but could assist the owner in fundraising from other sources. A verbal estimate has been given of approximately £4K for the report and £10K for the repair work.

Photographs of the waterfall lip have been sent to FDSFB who will arrange for an engineer to review the structure at no cost to CAC. **Pending to 2010.**

8.3 Beat 3 Bank maintenance - focus to move to the North Bank of Beat 3 for Season 2010. South Bank walked, North Bank to follow. **Schedule needed**.

8.4 Achieve funding for Trout in the Classroom Project with the involvement of The Clyde Foundation. **Closed**

8.5 Continue to involve CAC in the West Lothian Bio-diversity Plan where possible.
Secretary has contacts at WLC and SEPA, to **monitor progress**.

8.6 Closure of Cramond PO - Day Ticket sale transferred to Barnton PO. Mobile phone is answered by WM as necessary. **Complete**

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 No other business.

The Meeting Closed at 2110hrs.

10. Next Committee Meeting – Wednesday November 10th 2009 at 19:30hrs at the Cramond Boat Club.

Committee Members are asked to be prepared for the AGM prior to this Meeting.