



CRAMOND ANGLING CLUB

Date: 12th January 2010

Chairman	Millar Haxton Laing (MH-L)
Vice Chairman	Fen Howieson (FH)
Treasurer	Jim Madden (JM)
Secretary	Alison Baker (AB)
Outings Secretary	Adam Cross (AC)

Present:

Office Bearers M H-L, FH, JM, AB, AC
Committee Members: Calum McRoberts, Hamish Barrie, Mark McGillivray
Apologies Colin McKay, Mark Roccio,
Not present John Kane
Venue: Cramond Boat Club

The meeting opened at 8.05pm

Ref	Item	Action
1.0	Minutes of the last meeting	
1.1	Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record of the meeting	
1.2	All actions from the last meetings minutes had been undertaken, therefore no actions to be taken forward.	
2.0	Chairman's report	
2.1	A meeting had been held by M H-L and FH with the Crown Estate's representative. The meeting had been very positive. No indication was available at present on the likely cost of the lease renewal although it was acknowledged that the catch numbers on the river had risen approximately threefold during the term of the lease and an uplift on the lease renewal cost and the levy was likely. A further meeting is to be held in the Autumn. No action required until that date.	
2.2	To encourage day ticket catch returns, it was agreed that two day ticket boxes would be purchased and installed at a) car park pool and b) behind the Brig in the first instance to gauge responses. M H-L to purchase and install.	M H-L
3.0	Vice-Chairman's Report	
3.1	The issue of the maintenance of the access to the top of Beat 2 and Beat 3 was discussed and it was agreed that the committee would purchase more heavy duty equipment to speed up the process of strimming. 2 strimmers and one hedge cutter. A budget of £1,300 was proposed. AC to use his contacts to get quotations with a view to purchase.	AC



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4.0 Treasurer's Report

4.1 Currently 56 members

4.2 The only main expenditure was £381.00 for the Dalmeny Estate Lease.

4.3 RiverFly Partnership update – JM had contacted the relevant parties to organize the date of the training following the funding received from Awards 4All – the date to be put forward is 4th April. JM to advise all relevant parties and advertise on the forum. **JM**

4.4 Initial investigation on equipment had been undertaken. JM and AB to review and agree a list. **JM/AB**

4.5 JM confirmed that 2/3 members of the club would be eligible to attend the RiverFly Partnership conference. JM to advise date and advertise to those who attend the training once list is confirmed. **JM**

4.6 It was agreed that AC would find out the cost of a minibus for the day. **AC**

5.0 Secretary's Report

5.1 Correspondence issued:

- FDSFB – thanks for input for 2010
- Christmas card issued
- Newsletter Winter 2010 issued
- Information on 'Killer Shrimp' to Cramond Boat Club
- Information on CAC activities on river issued to CEC (thanks to FH)
- Complimentary season tickets

5.2 Correspondence received:

- Margaret West MSP – congratulations on lottery fund grant. (JM)

6.0 Outing Secretary's Report

6.1 AC put forward the following events:

- Opening day with BBQ – 1st Feb (reminder to go on forum.)
- Tay (Dalguise) – March (AC to liaise with FH)
- Tummel – April
- River Almond Competition - 4th June (to be well advertised to get a bigger turn out (with BBQ))
- River Islay – 18th June (7 rods)
- Junior Competition (Allandale) – 11th June
- Stillwater Competition (North Third Reservoir) – 20 August (8 boats)
- Lower Cabberston – Oct/Nov



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6.2 All events to be advertised on website and forum. **AC**

7.0 **Issues from AGM**

The following plans have put forward by the new Chairman:

Catch returns - for 2010 to be entered into a draw, one prize only of free membership for 2011. **Closed**

The existing Rules will be enforced in 2010 and any Member who does not enter a catch return will be penalised within the rules. **Closed**

Waterfall - missing keystones. Included as part of the Weirs Survey as part of the improvements needed to the waterfall. **Ongoing pending outcome of weirs project**

Beat 3 Bank maintenance - focus to move to the North Bank of Beat 3 for Season 2010. **Ongoing**

Prepare for Trout in the Classroom Project with the involvement of FDFSB, RAFTS etc. to implement in January 2011. **To be raised by FH at RFFT meeting on 7 Feb**

Promote the Club's Junior Section whenever possible. **Ongoing**

Continue to Support the RFFT River Almond sub-Management Group. **Ongoing**

8.0 **New Business**

8.1 Willow Island. Inspections of the island show that it is increasing size and the flow on either side is undermining the banks. Concerns were raised that this was an ongoing issue and would untimely after a number of years cause a realignment of the river and possibly build up of silt in the area affecting spawning grounds and become a barrier to the passage of fish. It was agreed that this was not the responsibility of the club to resolve and that AB would write to the landowner, Dalmeny Estates and advise them of the issue. **AB**

9.0 **Any Other Business**

9.1 FH – there had been a mistake on the cost of the day ticket printing. Revised cost of £165.00 + VAT agreed.

9.2 M H-L – minutes of the AGM to be put on the website. **AB**

Meeting closed– 9.25pm

Date of next meeting – 9th February 2011