



# CRAMOND ANGLING CLUB

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011

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

**Present:**

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

The meeting opened at 8.00pm

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>	
1.1	Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record of the meeting	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Chairman's report</b>	
2.1	A meeting had been held with the Almond Walkway Consultant and the scheme is going ahead, although time scales have not yet been given. MH-L had also discussed the similar scheme which had been undertaken on the Water of Leith with the WofL conservation which had raised concerns over future maintenance which would not be funded through the proposed scheme. MH-L had been clear at his meeting that CAC would not be taking on any liability for maintenance.	
2.2	A redraft of the consultation document is to be issued. In it, it would confirm that the replacement for the Salveston steps would not be a cantilevered structure but supported on piles due to cost. Willow Island erosion issues would be included. A footbridge to be slung from the Railway Bridge. The document would be further reviewed when published	
2.3	A meeting had also been held with CEC Environmental Wardens in respect of the litter at Cammo Woods and by the Grotto. The Wardens have confirmed that they would increase inspections and have provided an Anti-social Behaviour Hotline number.	
2.4	The issue has also been discussed with the new RAF commander at Craigie Barracks who has agreed, subject to manpower, to try to patrol the area.	
2.5	An account with Photobucket has been opened to start an archive of the clubs photos.	
2.6	The options for a disability platform were discussed. MH-L	<b>AB</b>

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will pursue as part of the Almond Walkway, but other sources of funding would also be pursued. AB to write to David Kyles for his views on putting the platform just up from Dowies Weir d/s of the bench.

2.7 The first Introduction to the River evening would take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>. JM agreed to do a kick sample.

2.8 MH-L confirmed that he has applied for Disclosure Scotland which will help when organizing future events.

### **3.0 Vice-Chairman's Report**

3.1 Despite the work undertaken to clear the Linn Burn further fly tipping had taken place. WLC had been contacted.

3.2 FH had prepared an article for The Grapevine on the activities of the club – this had previously been distributed to the Committee for comments by Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. All comments to date had been very positive.

### **4.0 Treasurer's Report**

4.1 The membership at 13 April 2011 is 292.

4.2 Most of the items to run the Riverfly Partnership scheme had been purchased but there was some remaining monies. JM to circulate list of additional items discussed for agreement. **JM**

4.3 Only one piece of major expenditure from CAC funds - £188.50 to Dalmeny Estates for the lease from Cobble Cottage to Craigie Hall.

4.4 Payment for the increase of premium to insure up to 300 members had been paid.

### **5.0 Secretary's Report**

5.1 It was confirmed that the club had increased its insurance to cover 300 members.

### **6.0 Outing Secretary's Report**

6.1 It was confirmed that the junior Event would take place at Sellmuir on 24 July and had been advertised

6.2 Good take up on all events so far with the exception of the North Third. To be readvertised on the forum. **AC**

6.3 AC to investigate options for 'trophies' for the Junior event and to organize the BBQ.

### **7.0 Actions from the previous minutes:**

7.1 Day ticket Return Boxes – boxes ordered M H-L to install when received. *Boxes still awaiting delivery.* CARRIED FORWARD **M H-L**

7.2 Agreements with outlets selling day permits was discussed **MR**

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and it was agreed that any discussions would be on an individual basis. MR to discuss with Country Life. *MR had not had a chance to discuss.* CARRIED FORWARD

7.3 Date of the Junior Competition to be set and advertised. *Still outstanding. FH to review whether Selmuir Reservoir could be an alternative location.* ACTIONED

7.4 CMacR - Signage of Pools on Beat 3 – CMcR and McG to walk beat and agree names and arrange for inclusion on maps and signage as required. *Started – progress to be reported at the next meeting.* CARRIED FORWARD

**CMcR/  
McG**

7.5 The Club has been approached by Duncan Monteith of CEC in respect of the River Almond Study. AB to confirm that MH-L would meet with him on behalf of the club. ACTIONED

7.6 MH-L raised the issue of litter in general on the river and that an event should be organized with CEC. As these events take a long time to plan it was agreed that it would be most beneficial at the beginning of next season. MH-L to commence discussions with CEC. ACTIONED

7.7 Health and Safety regulations in respect of chain saw operation was discussed. MR and MMacG to investigate requirements and any appropriate courses/qualifications. SEE LATER COMMENTS UNDER AOB

## **8.0 New Business**

8.1 Diary date – June 2011. Check day ticket sales at Barnton Post Office, only one book issued.

8.2 AB confirmed that the insurance renewal for the club was due mid June. Prior to sending out for quotations confirmation was required on:  
how many members the club was insuring and that this would include all members including Juniors on Adult tickets – Agreed to include all – and up to 400 members. Agreement that Directors/Employers Insurance was required. Agreed was required.  
As the club was not a member of the Angling Trust (which represented fishing within England & Wales only) that options from SANA would also be looked into as well as commercial insurance. Agreed.  
The cover would be required upto £5,000,000 as required by the Dalmeny Estates leases. Agreed.  
Work parties and use of chainsaws and other equipment should be covered (if possible). Requirements of the insurance policies in respect of qualification required would be reviewed prior to any courses being undertaken  
AB would obtain quotations and report at the next meeting.

**AB**

8.3 The make up of the membership was discussed. The success of the free addition of Juniors onto Adult tickets

**JM**

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was much higher than anticipated and had taken the overall membership figures to nearly 300. It was agreed that as these 'members' could not fish on their own that they would be excluded from the full membership numbers which would be capped at 250 as agreed. JM to monitor.

- 8.4 The content of the Spring Newsletter was discussed. FH to send out a a template – all contributions by 1<sup>st</sup> May. **FH/  
ALL**
- 8.5 FH confirmed that the club had been offered a notice board at the Maltings. MH-L & CMcR to view the boards and agree content. **MH-L/  
CMcR**
- 8.6 A list of possible options for further funding had been received from CEC. It was agreed that due to other commitments and the success of other grants applications that none of these would be pursued at the present time.
- 9.0 Any Other Business**
- 9.1 JM reported on the list of equipment it was agreed would be purchased through the Waste Grant. Any other requirements/suggestions to be issued to JM by Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. **ALL**
- 9.2 CMcR confirmed that he had not had a response from everybody on the inventory issued. Everyone too confirm CAC equipment they have by the next meeting. **ALL**
- 9.3 It was discussed that two members of the committee had not attended many/any meetings. It was confirmed that John Kane as a co-opted member was not subject to the constitutional rules on meeting attendance. AB to write to Hamish Barrie on the committee's concerns about his non-attendance and lack of input into the running of the Club.

Meeting closed– 9.55pm (all exhausted!!)

Date of next meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011

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