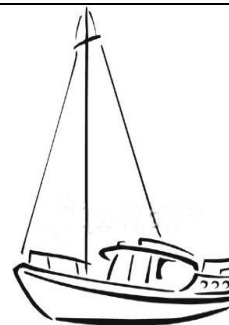


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MARLBOROUGH BERTH & MOORING ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2013

Your committee continues to meet and work on your behalves with the latest meeting held on the 23rd October.

It is pleasing to note that Port Marlborough continues to consult with us and to exercise moderation with regards to any fee increases with a recent small increase for those on old pricing and no increases for later tenants. We continue to monitor costs in other marinas around NZ and will continue to meet with Port Marlborough to discuss any planned increases and “step up” if fees are raised above what we would call fair and reasonable or if any other issues crop up that require our input.

Peter Thorne-George has agreed to continue as Chairman through till the end of April 2014 at which time he will step down as he is heading overseas for the winter – a new Chairman will be appointed at that time.

Port Marlborough have recently advised us that they are continuing discussions with Te Atiawa on Plan Change 21 (Waikawa Marina extension and mooring management areas) and are hopeful to have reached a position before the end of this year one way or the other.

One of our committee members also represents the Trust Berthholders in the Waikawa Marina and Scott Wilson talked through the issues they are facing.

His summary of recent events as follows:

- Berth holders from the Trust area of the Waikawa Marina turned out for their September AGM in greater numbers than ever before.
- There was an increased resolve to get a better deal from Port Marlborough with regards to holding or reducing their costs.
- The Trust’s Statutory Supervisor who is tasked with representing the interests of berth holders resigned just prior to a special meeting to discuss their performance.
- Berth holders are concerned that since the Trust was formed 15 years ago Port Marlborough has increased fees by 49% more than inflation.
- Comparison of operational costs with Mana on a per berth basis shows Waikawa is 100% more expensive.
- A consultant’s report advised the Trust area is due a major refurbishment in the next 2 years.

- While funds are available from their reserve, the AGM firmly rejected Port Marlborough appointing themselves as the no contest supplier for a \$300,000 - \$400,000 project. Berth holders resolved that competitive bids were required in a process to be managed by the new Statutory Supervisor.
- Both Trust representatives, Des Boyce and Scott Wilson will continue to work on and with the MBMA committee.

We will watch with interest to see how this turns out and how it might affect other berth tenants.

Our funds held on deposit are healthy and will be of huge benefit as issues arise in the future that may require input from lawyers and other specialized people.

Our committee needs new members. If you are passionate about the costs of going boating in Marlborough or have new ideas and the passion to see them through then we would be keen to hear from anyone who wants to be involved. We would also like to hear about any issues that concern you – please contact one of the committee or our secretary Katie.

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