



## Main Committee Meeting Minutes 27.01.2016

Topic	Information	Action
Present and apologies	Present: Mike Wilson (MW), David Finlayson (DF), Helen Jenner (HJ), Janet Witheridge (JW), Amanda Tickle (AT), Robin Witheridge (RW), Peter Illingworth (PI) Apologies: Tim Lloyd, Mairi MacLeod, Alan Hardie, Donnie McLeod	
Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes were approved with no amendments. Proposer DF Seconder JW	
Matters Arising from Previous Meeting not otherwise on the Agenda	<p>a) 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration progress report.</p> <p><i>MW had already contacted Joan Maxwell who has agreed to contact previous Club members who could be invited as guests to the event and to compile some anecdotes from the Club scrapbooks. DF and JW agreed to continue with the detailed arrangements for the event.</i></p> <p>b) Progress report on Race Office remodelling</p> <p><i>JW to speak to AH to find out how this is progressing. It was stressed that it is important that this work be completed before the start of sailing activity in March when it was expected that the Club will be asked to host HMS coaching.</i></p> <p>Post meeting note</p> <p><i>AH reports that he has the units for the Race Office which are a donation from Howdens Joinery and that he intends to have them installed during the first week of March.</i></p> <p>c) Progress report on engine for RIB Ness. HJ</p>	<p>JW, DF</p> <p>JW done</p>

presented the following report from Richard Jenner which was accepted with thanks by the Committee:

*With committee approval of the paper on the way ahead with safety boats, I asked Caley Marina for a quote for a new Yamaha F40. The initial quote for an F40 FETL with 703 control, single tacho (which includes the engine hour meter) and a propeller was £5615 inclusive VAT. This represents a saving on RRP. New cables only if required would be an additional £80/pair. Workshop fitting would be up to £850 inclusive VAT based on 2 days' labour (less time may be required especially if we present the hull 'bare'). Caley then offered a further discount of around 7% on the engine etc to reduce the £5615 to £5200; this is in-line or better than 'south coast' prices. With the Treasurer's agreement I placed a firm order on 23 December.*

*The Sea Scouts took Ness to their facility on 3 January and have begun to strip off the engine and controls. The new engine has arrived at Caley Marina and I have booked Ness in to the workshop for 16 February (the Sea Scouts are comfortable with this date). I will tow the boat to Caley. We will receive a single invoice once the workshop has completed the fitting and we should have Ness back in good time for any early March HMS coaching.*

d) 2016 Sailing Calendar update.

*MW had convened a meeting of the Sailing Sub Committee at which a proposed Sailing Programme had been drawn up. There was a discussion in Main Committee on the difficulty of finding a Sailing Secretary and volunteers for duties and the disappointingly low attendance at dinghy racing in 2015. AT reported that she had received feedback from Club members indicating a demand for increased social sailing opportunities at times when no racing was taking place.*

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	<p><i>DF suggested that the number of racing days in each series could be reduced and Social Sailing be offered when no racing was scheduled. MW offered to put this suggestion to the Sailing Sub Committee and report back.</i></p> <p><i>e) Moorings/craning update</i></p> <p><i>PI reported that he is in negotiations with CALDIVE for diving work on the moorings. PI will contact the mooring holders in advance of crane-in. MW suggested that a meeting of the mooring holders should be held to explain the way forward in light of the changes in craning procedures and mooring maintenance. Following a previous query DF confirmed that he had been in touch with the Club's insurers about the cover for craning operations and had been reassured that the existing cover is adequate.</i></p>	PI
Committee vacancies	<p><i>Sailing Secretary – no-one had yet come forward to volunteer for this important post. General members – 1 place still available.</i></p>	
Club Appointments	<p><i>Noted that there is currently no Cruiser Liaison member.</i></p> <p><i>Agreed this should be discussed at the proposed meeting of cruiser owners in March.</i></p>	
Laser Event	<p><i>MW confirmed, following discussion in the Sailing Sub Committee, that this event will be held on 16 &amp; 17 July. There had already been offers of help from members for the organisation of the event.</i></p>	
Club dinghy expenditure	<p><i>AT requested authorisation for £600 proposed expenditure on replacement equipment need for the Club dinghies, covers and launch trollies.</i></p> <p><i>The Committee agreed to this proposal.</i></p>	
Junior Powerboat Training	<p><i>AT reported that a parent had requested powerboat training for two of his children who are junior members age under 16.</i></p> <p><i>It was felt that this would not be a priority as</i></p>	

	<p><i>juniors under 16 are not allowed to undertake duties on the safety boats. It was felt however that if there was training capacity later in the season a course may be offered but would have to be advertised to all members.</i></p> <p><i>AT to contact the parent involved to inform him of the Committee's decision.</i></p>	AT
Clubhouse Hire	<p>JW had received two enquiries about Clubhouse hire on a regular basis from Club members who are also members of local community groups. She suggested that instead of the current charges which are for whole mornings, afternoons etc an hourly charge may be introduced. She had to hand information on hourly rates from other local facilities and thought that the groups would be looking for hire periods of about 2 hours.</p> <p><i>It was agreed that these groups could take advantage of the current Club member rates and that a whole morning etc rate would in practice cost no more than comparable hourly rates so there was no need to introduce a new rate.</i></p>	
Grant Applications	<p>HJ passed on a request from Steve Bramwell (Grants Application Coordinator) for suggestions for Club projects which may be eligible for grant funding.</p>	
Accident book	<p>To note any accidents or near misses recorded and decide on remedial action as necessary.</p> <p><i>None recorded.</i></p>	
AOCB	<p>a)AT advised the Committee that Rob Bashford (who had volunteered to be the Training Centre Chief Instructor Dinghy and run the Club core formal dinghy training in 2016) has been told by the RYA that, because he is already the CI for his own training centre (Coast and Cairn), he cannot also be CI at another training centre. Rob therefore regretfully cannot be CI for the Club but is still willing to teach the formal dinghy courses.</p>	

The Club must have a named CI who is a Senior Dinghy Instructor to retain RYA Recognised Training Centre status to include dinghy courses. Richard Jenner had said that in order to enable the Club to retain this status he would be willing to be the named CI.

AT had received feedback from Club members requesting yet more opportunities to progress their sailing skills in an informal setting.

AT further explained that due to her family and professional commitments she felt that she needed help with the administrative side of the Training Principal role. This situation was exacerbated by the fact that she had kindly agreed to take on the role of Club Welfare Officer and had found that the time involved in this was greater than expected. However as she had already undertaken compulsory training in connection with this role it was agreed that it was better for her to retain this role rather than try to find a replacement.

*The Committee gratefully accepted Richard Jenner's offer to resume the role of CI. The Committee confirmed as previously agreed that Rob Bashford would deliver the core formal dinghy training with possible volunteer support if needed and that if Club resources (both material and volunteer) allowed extra formal and informal training opportunities could be offered.*

*MW suggested that he had a contact who may be willing to help with training admin, he would report back.*

Post meeting note

*MW had spoken to Christine Payne who had kindly agreed to assist the Training Principal in an admin role and would be an Associate member free of charge for the duration of this role.*

b) AT reported that she had received information

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	<p>on the RYA 2016 Push the Boat Out Day which this year would be on any day in the week 14 – 22 May.</p> <p><i>It was agreed that this would be a good opportunity to attract more members and would tie-in well with Lifeboat Day (date not yet decided). A proposed date for Lifeboat Day was agreed as Saturday 21 May subject to the approval of the Local Lifeboat Committee and the availability of the Lifeboats.</i></p> <p><i>AT to order a Push the Boat Out day pack from the RYA.</i></p> <p><i>JW to liaise with the Lifeboat Committee.</i></p> <p><i>MW to contact Invergordon RNLi.</i></p> <p><i>?????? (can't remember who volunteered!) to contact North Kessock RNLi</i></p> <p>c) HJ passed on a proposal from Richard Evans that the Evans family wishes to fund a commemorative bench for his father Jack Evans.</p> <p><i>The Committee was happy with this proposal. It was noted that the remaining two benches on the harbour mole are in poor repair, also that one of them has a commemorative plaque for past Club Commodore John Grigor. It was felt that if possible three new benches of the same style would be good, one funded by the Club as already agreed for George Taylor, one funded by the Evans family as proposed by Richard and one for John Grigor.</i></p> <p><i>MW volunteered to contact John Grigor's family to propose this.</i></p> <p><i>HJ to liaise as necessary with Richard Evans and Creative Chainsaws.</i></p>	<p>AT</p> <p>JW</p> <p>MW</p> <p>????</p> <p>MW</p> <p>HJ</p>
Date & Location of next meeting	Thursday 3 March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse	Sec

