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## CHANONRY SAILING CLUB

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Friday 26 November 2010

**Present:** George & Sandra Hogg, Richard & Helen Jenner, Pam Hogan, Miles Mack, William Burgon, David Gibb, David Pocock, Richard Evans, Mike Burns, Roxby Robson, Adrian Hodges, Alan Munro, Helen Rowson, Bryan Smith, Mike Wilson, Bill Anderson, Helen Morgan, Joan Maxwell, Alec Mann, Caireen Gourlay, David Bell and Shane Rankin.

### Agenda Item

#### **1. Welcome & Apologies**

Miles Mack, Commodore, welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies had been received from: Marisa Astill Brown, Gill Pilling, Helen & Derek Young, Gavin Campsie, Diarmid Hogan, Calum & Ewen MacIvor, James Furness, Ian Cameron, Mairi MacLeod, Callum Urquhart, James Burns, Jack Evans, Claire & Kevin Holliday, Jon Shepherd and John Crossley.

#### **2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 4 December 2009**

The minutes were proposed for agreement by Alan Munro, seconded by David Pocock and approved by those present. There were no matters arising.

#### **3. Commodore's Report**

Miles reflected that it had been a year of highs and lows – starting with the low of burst pipes in the club house which had caused considerable damage and disruption. Fortunately the damage and repairs were covered by our insurers. Various measures have been put in place to try to prevent a reoccurrence – although prolonged very cold spells make this difficult. On the positive side we completed the purchase of a new safety boat named Beaully in recognition that its purchase was funded in part by a legacy left to the Club by the former Beaully Firth Yacht Club.

As in previous years there has been substantial effort on the training front – both on and off the water. Courses run include First Aid, VHF short range, Basic Navigation & Safety, Power boat, Safety Boat, Stage 1/2/3 Dinghy Training, Race coaching. We have a number of members with coaching accreditation. Training continues to be a significant money earner for the Club. To be sustainable however we need to train a few more Senior Instructors and identify a Chief Instructor to take over when Richard Jenner eventually stands down.

The main sailing events have all been well attended but the normal Sunday and Wednesday series have had low turnouts. It's not clear why turnouts have been low. The Ness Cup and Lifeboat days were held on separate days – and this seemed to work very well. In particular on the Lifeboat day we ran a "Sailing in the City" event in conjunction with the RYA. This worked well with some 29 youngsters getting the opportunity to try sailing. The Ness cup was a blustery affair with a smallish number of dinghies and cruisers battling the wind and waves!

The Regatta was well attended with some 54 dinghies and 8 cruisers involved. The wind was slow to fill giving ample time to sample the excellent cuisine organised by Pam Hogan. The

Club Championship was also successful with some 20 dinghies enjoying a sunny day with light breezes.

Under the watchful eye of our Harbour Master, David Pocock, use of the harbour was good with some 4 small cruisers and a fishing boat regularly berthed there. Berthing fees have gone back into harbour maintenance and 2 more ladders have been replaced. Plans to repair the pointing of the stonework are under discussion. A chain across the top of the slipway has encouraged the jet ski community to go elsewhere. Whilst unfortunate the irresponsible behaviour of some of the jet skiers has made this necessary to avoid a nuisance to our neighbours.

The dinghy park has been full this year which is good. However most of the dinghies have not been sailed often and a number appear to have been abandoned by former club members. The committee is discussing how better to use the dinghy park and how to particularly ensure that it is available for active sailors.

Membership numbers are broadly similar to 2009. The Committee has been discussing the future of the handbook. It is a time consuming process to put this together each year and we have decided to trial an online only process. Many items will be available in pdf format so they can be printed out for those who would prefer information on paper.

The Club has been fortunate to benefit from grant aid and sponsorship this year from Caley Marina, Ross & Cromarty Sports Council, Coaching Highland, the Black Isle Ward Discretionary Fund and the Moray Firth Partnership.

Looking to the future the Committee plans to decorate the club house (inside & out), repair the harbour, review the dinghy park and strengthen ties with the Sea Scouts.

Finally I would thank my fellow committee members for their support during my term as Commodore and particularly George Hogg, Diarmid Hogan, Helen Morgan, Richard Jenner, Pam Hogan and David Pocock. I've enjoyed my term in office.

#### **4. Treasurer's Report and Consideration of Accounts for 2009/10**

In the absence of the Treasurer Diarmid Hogan the Examiner David Gibb presented the accounts. He talked to the accounts as tabled at the meeting and in particular reported on a small surplus. During discussion the issue of acknowledging funders and sponsors was raised, although it was noted that there was an acknowledgement in the Notes to the accounts. The issue of how the bank balance is presented was also raised. In the absence of any specific reserves it leaves the Club looking misleadingly cash rich.

#### **5. Election of Office Bearers for 2010-11 and Committee members for 2010-13**

There being no alternative nominations the following members were elected as office bearers to the Club on the nomination of the Committee:

Commodore – Helen Jenner; Club Secretary - George Hogg; Treasurer – Alan Munro; Sailing Secretary - Helen Morgan; Social Convenor - Pam Hogan; and, Training Principal - Richard Jenner.

There being no alternative nominations the following members were elected to the Committee:

Marisa Astill Brown and Gavin Campsie

In addition Iain MacMillan was elected an honorary member of the Club in recognition of his long membership of and service to the Club.

#### **7. Other matters for which notice has been given**

There were none. The meeting closed with Helen Jenner proposing a vote of thanks to the retiring Commodore, Miles Mack.