



Main Committee Meeting Minutes 03.03.2016

Topic	Information	Action
Present and apologies	Present: Mike Wilson (MW), David Finlayson (DF), Helen Jenner (HJ), Janet Witheridge (JW), Robin Witheridge (RW), Peter Illingworth (PI), Mairi MacLeod (MM), Alan Hardie (AH) Apologies: Tim Lloyd (TL), Donnie McLeod (DM), Amanda Tickle (AT)	
Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting	The Minutes were approved with no amendments. Proposed RW Seconded JW	
Matters Arising from Previous Meeting not otherwise on the Agenda	<p>a) Progress report on 60th Anniversary celebration – including commemorative benches. <i>DF had a list of suggested guests. Agreed to leave the list to his discretion, the current membership also to be invited. JW had prepared a poster for the Club website, this to be advertised to the membership through a Dutyman email.</i> <i>HJ to contact Chainsawcreations to confirm progress on the benches.</i> <i>Post meeting note – Richard Evans had not had an opportunity to contact Chainsawcreations and request that his order be included in the Club order, to be paid for by the Evans family.</i></p> <p>b) Progress report on Race Office remodelling. <i>AH will get together with DM to clear out the Race Office and arrange for the installation of the new units which he now has.</i></p> <p>c) Progress report on RIB engine. <i>HJ reported on behalf of Richard Jenner that the new engine had been fitted to Ness and that the boat is now fully serviceable. Also unfortunately “Kenny the Pole” had informed Richard that he is not able to undertake the routine servicing of the</i></p>	<p>DF</p> <p>HJ</p> <p>AH</p>

	<p><i>RIBs. This will have to be done at Caley Marina but the cost can be limited by taking the boats to Caley rather than having them come out to the Club. The Committee thanked Richard for his work in getting this done.</i></p> <p><i>d) 2016 Sailing Calendar update. The sailing calendar is now published and Dutyman is open for members to volunteer for duties at times to suit them.</i></p> <p><i>e) Moorings/craning update PI reported that he has been given contact details for a potential alternative diving team to Caldive. He was waiting to hear what the cost of the alternative would be but would revert to Caldive if necessary. He also reported that he has ordered chain for the mid and outer mooring risers and had offers of help to prepare these. PI reported that while most of the moorings are spoken for, fewer are in actual use. He proposed to advertise the availability of moorings for the 2016 season locally. This was agreed.</i></p> <p><i>f) Progress report on Lifeboat Day MM suggested that rowing skiff activity would be popular, the Committee agreed to this. MW and DF to contact the Invergordon and Kessock lifeboat teams respectively to confirm their availability. AT has written to the Chief Pilot at Bristows to request the attendance of the search and rescue helicopter, she has also registered the event for the RYA Push the Boat Out Day. AT also proposed that she would contact Moray Firth Radio for publicity for the event.</i></p>	<p>PI</p> <p>DF, MW</p> <p>AT</p>
Treasurer's report	<p><i>At appendix A to these minutes. The committee accepted the report with thanks to DF.</i></p>	
Seasonal berthing of boats in the	<p><i>To decide on a policy relating to the seasonal berthing of boats in the Harbour. Last year up to three boats had been berthed in the</i></p>	

Harbour	<i>Harbour. PI proposed a continuation of this arrangement for this year. The Committee agreed.</i>	
Training update	<p>In her absence AT had sent an update on training matters so far this year.</p> <p><i>The training programme has been published and some bookings had already been taken for the adult courses. AT intends to request publicity in the newsletters of the local schools.</i></p> <p><i>A successful First Aid course was held on 27th February. AT expressed thanks to Rob Bashford who facilitated the course, Steve Bramwell who applied for grant funding and Ross and Cromarty Sports Council for grant funding towards the cost of the course for Club instructors.</i></p> <p><i>AT reported that some of the Club's young dinghy instructors will have limited availability this year due to other commitments. She had asked the Club's dinghy instructors to let her know their availability.</i></p> <p><i>PVG applications had been submitted and the Club's Welfare and Child Protection policy has been updated.</i></p> <p><i>AT put forward a suggestion that a "Benefit in Kind" to Club instructors might be an incentive to increased commitment. No decision was made on this.</i></p>	AT
Rowing Skiff Update	<p><i>MM reported that the rowing group now had upwards of 20 active members. Rowing in 2015 had been held on a regular basis with weekly sessions and participation in regattas and other joint events with other groups. The group was largely made up of Senior members so the emphasis had been on participation and fun rather than "elite" performance. MM had put in much time and effort and was now working actively on developing a group of members to help in the various aspects of running the group.</i></p> <p><i>The build of the second rowing skiff was underway. The Group is using Big Tent as a means of internal communication and coordination.</i></p> <p><i>The Committee thanked Mairi for her considerable</i></p>	

	<i>time and effort in running and developing skiff rowing activities in the Club.</i>	
Use of Club RIBs by members	<p>To decide on whether a charge to cover fuel should be made when Club members use the RIBs outwith scheduled Club activities.</p> <p><i>From time to time Club members arrange their own sailing coaching, in particular the Club's Musto Skiff sailors have arranged coaching on the weekend 2/3 April and had asked whether a RIB would be available. Sometimes in the past members have been asked to contribute the cost of fuel used. The committee decided that no charge would be made on this occasion.</i></p>	
Committee vacancies and Club Appointments	<p>Sailing Secretary and Cruiser Liaison Member – <i>no-one had yet come forward to volunteer for these important posts.</i></p> <p>General members – <i>1 place still vacant</i></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><i>JW requested authorisation to buy a new vacuum cleaner for the Club – Agreed.</i></p> <p><i>Post meeting note, JW had cleaned the filters on the vacuum which should render it serviceable for a while longer.</i></p> <p><i>JW asked whether a decision had been made on whether the Club would sponsor Luke Patience through his fundraising campaign for his 2016 Olympic campaign preparations, as suggested by Club member Ben Yeats. The Committee decided that the Club would sponsor £500 - as well as supporting a British sailor with local connections the Club could expect benefit through the possibility of a post-Olympic visit or coaching by Luke. The sponsorship website and information can be found at: https://uk.sponsorise.me/en/powerade/project-lukepatience.</i></p> <p><i>Ben Yeats had also enquired whether a new</i></p>	

	<p><i>membership category of “country member” might be a good idea for sailors from other clubs who visit Chanonry with their boats from time to time. The Committee decided that on balance there was no need to create a separate new membership category as the matter of visiting sailors could already be covered under Temporary Membership. It was noted that membership forms (both Temporary and “Full”) are available in a folder in the Race Office.</i></p> <p><i>HJ reported that she had responded on the Club’s behalf to the RYA Vital Signs survey.</i></p>	
Date & Location of next meeting	Wednesday 6 April 2016 at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse	Sec

Treasurer’s report

1.Membership:- membership subscriptions are being paid promptly by PayPal and cheque. DD subs will be collected during the first week in March and confirmation of those should be available from the accountants shortly thereafter.

2.Burns Supper: There had been some concern about numbers prior to this event but the financial out-turn seems to have been satisfactory with £320 taken to bank from the cash box. (this did include some historic funds and makes no allowance for the modest costs of food.

3.Moorings: I expect the HM to give a full report on the moorings but two matters are of importance regarding finance.

a) Leases: due to be renewed this year and under discussion with Joe Duncan regarding wording and plans for this

b) Maintenance: a temporary dive team may be able to do the work at an acceptable cost in the region of £1000 but with considerable help from members to drive boats. Should this fail then commercial companies will cost in the region of £10,000 or approximately £250 per mooring. While this is still cheap compared to elsewhere, the sudden increase in cost might make some members reconsider mooring and/or membership. Work required this year includes replacement of risers for most of the mid and outers. While funds are available for the tackle in

the moorings reserve, it has been agreed to only refurbish those moorings likely to be in use.

4.Overall, finances remain healthy for the impending season notwithstanding the above matters. The current bank balance is at roughly £48,000 with £3,3000 DD subscriptions still due.

David Finlayson

Treasurer