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CHANONRY SAILING CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Friday 4 December 2009

Present: Richard Jenner, Sue Beattie, Pam Moncur, Pam Hogan, Sandra Hogg, George Hogg, Richard Robinson, Helen Jenner, Miles Mack, Helen Morgan, Stuart Clegg, Gavin Campsie, Callum MacIver, Joan Maxwell, Ewan MacIver, David Pocock, Shane Rankin, Alec Mann, James Burns, Helen Young, Roxby Robson, Jack Beasley, Alex Fitzharris, Mike Wilson, Helen Rowson, Simon Grey, Hamish Grey, Gerry Beasley and Ross MacIver.

Agenda Item

1. Welcome & Apologies

Miles Mack, Commodore, welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies had been received from: Bryan Smith; Ian Cameron; Caireen Gourlay; David Bell; Diarmid Hogan; Dave Brecknell; Richard & Jack Evans; Ben Yeats; Ian Morton; Joe Duncan; and, Marjorie & George Taylor.

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 24 October 2008

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

3. Commodore's Report

Miles opened his report by reflecting that the year past had been one of feast and famine so far as wind goes. This had led to smaller than usual turnouts for a number of events. There had been a number of notable successes for club members including Richard Evans receiving the RYA Coach of the Year award, Jack being selected for the Scottish Laser Radial Squad for 2010 and Richard and Jack winning the North of Scotland Dinghy Championships. James Burns, Ben Yeats and Callum MacIver had all also had a successful year picking up a number of prizes both within the Club and elsewhere. Miles also took this opportunity to thank Helen Jenner for running the sailing programme so efficiently over the last 3 years and for her efforts on the powerboat training front.

In terms of training it has been another busy year. We are the favoured venue for the NOSS squad and have built up our training equipment. In particular Miles mentioned the: positive affiliation agreement with the Avoch Sea Scouts; they Junior Stage 1 training; and finally the decision to offer safety boat training as a loss leader which had resulted in 37 new powerboat related certificates. All of this was down to Richard Jenner and his training team who had worked very hard.

Miles referred to the improvements undertaken to the clubhouse which had greatly improved it and hopefully would make it a more attractive facility for hiring. Credit for coordinating this work, and keeping the grass cut!, was given to Diarmid Hogan.

During the course of the year the Club had finally sold the land it held at Lettoch at a good market price. Thanks were given to member Joe Duncan who had handled the complex conveyancing arrangements without charging a fee. The money would be used for the benefit

of the Club and had enabled, for example, the purchase of a new safety boat.

Miles then referred to the problems which had arisen from the use of Club facilities to launch jet skis. Unfortunately the jet skiers had acted inconsiderately towards both the Club and its near neighbours. As a result of this George Hogg had led a small group who had come up with a number of measures which have been put in place to prevent the harbour/slipways being used for launching jet skis. He also thanked George for the support he had given as Secretary.

Safety has also been a particular issue this year with David Pocock leading a small group who had looked into safety issues in relation to the spec of the safety boats including the issue of prop guards. Miles thanked David and his group for the work they had undertaken and thanked David for his significant input as Harbour Master.

It is intended to have a particular focus on junior membership and with his daughter, Susannah, Miles intends to encourage more participation by juniors.

Miles then acknowledged the fundamental role that volunteering plays in the operation of the Club. Those undertaking Safety boat and event organising roles were thanked. In addition Miles thanked those whose work supports the activities of the Club in many ways. In particular he mentioned the part played by David Gibb, Ken Ferguson, Bryan Smith, Tim McKeggie, Caireen Gourlay, Richard Evans, Jon Shepherd, David Dunton, Richard Robinson and Pam Moncur.

4. Treasurer's Report and Consideration of Accounts for 2008/09

Richard Robinson introduced the accounts. During the year there had been an increase in membership. The Club had also received a number of grants. There had been the income already referred to from the sale of the Lettoch land and we'd renegotiated our insurance fee at a favourable rate. There was then discussion over a number of aspects of the accounts but particularly the format in which they were presented with the suggestion being made that we should reformat them to follow OSCR guidance. As currently presented it is not clear how successful a number of areas of operations, such as catering or training, have been. The accounts were not approved as that is the job of the Committee following the AGM.

5. Proposed Amendments to Constitution

George Hogg introduced the three proposed amendments to the constitution. These essentially were to extend the time beyond the end of the financial year when the AGM can be held, to remove the limitation on the term of office of office bearers and general members of the Committee other than the Commodore. Following discussion the proposed amendments were approved by a clear majority of those present.

6. Election of Office Bearers for 2009-10 and Committee members for 2009-12

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

Commodore - Miles Mack; Club Secretary - George Hogg; Treasurer – tbc; 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:

Mairi MacLeod, Ian Cameron, and James Burns

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.