



CHANONRY SAILING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 26 January 2010

Present: Miles Mack, Richard Jenner, Diarmid Hogan, David Pocock, Ian Cameron, Pam Hogan, James Burns, Mairi MacLeod, Helen Morgan, Dave Dunton, Caireen Gourlay and George Hogg.

Agenda Item

Action

1. Welcome & Apologies

All members were present.

2. Minutes of meeting of 8 December 2009

The minute was agreed.

3. Action Points & Matters arising

All action points were discharged or addressed on the agenda with the exception of the following which were carried forward:

- **AP4 (13/1/9)** Ian (action transferred from Diarmid) to arrange to replace the current safety boat fire extinguishers with ones supplied by the same company as the club house extinguishers so they can be inspected/maintained as part of the same contract.
- **AP12 (27/10/9)** Richard J work up a proposal for developing the relationship with the Avoch Sea Scouts for consideration at a future meeting.
- **AP15 (27/10/9)** Pam to spend up to £308 on kitchen equipment.
- **AP11 (8/12/9)** Pam and Helen to agree the detail of a regular social activity.
- The two blue fibreglass tenders identified as probably abandoned a year ago are still lying unused. It was agreed that we should ensure their condition is photographed and then dispose of them (**AP1**). DP
- Helen reported that she has prepared some model courses for use in particular wind conditions which she will circulate (**AP2**). She also advised that she is planning to run a series over the course of the year on a particular Sunday – to be identified. It is likely that this will coincide with the monthly social event. HM

4. Accident Book/H&S Issues

There were no new entries in the Accident book, nor were any H&S issues raised.

5. Finance Report

Diarmid presented for discussion some thoughts on how the accounts might be presented in future. This generated considerable discussion. It was agreed that the figures as presented still did not present the Committee with the information it needs in an easily digestible form to fulfil its responsibilities towards management of the Club's finances. Generally it was agreed that what is needed is a clear understandable annual statement which can be presented to the membership. In addition the Committee needs a report setting out financial projections and actual income and expenditure to consider at its meetings. Finally a forward projection on significant items of expenditure is needed to ensure that sufficient reserves are built up or funds raised to meet these expenditure needs. It was agreed that Diarmid and George should get together to consider this matter further and come back to the Committee with further proposals. Roxby Robson and Richard Evans should also be invited to be a part of this group given their experience of these matters **(AP3)**.

DH/GH

The accounts for the year to 30 September 2009 were also discussed. The Committee noted that it's Examiner was satisfied with the accounts. Whilst the Committee did not feel that they were as comprehensible as they might be it was agreed that no further action was required in respect of them.

6. Future of Wisp

Dave D spoke to his earlier circulated paper on future options for Wisp. The pros and cons of retaining Wisp within the Club were discussed. The preferred option would be to retain Wisp if a syndicate of members can be found to take on responsibility for her. It was agreed that she be left on the harbour wall at crane in. The Committee will put out an invitation to the membership for anyone interested in joining a syndicate to come forward and put a proposal to the Committee by 1 June 2010 to allow the Committee to consider this at its meeting on 8 June. If no syndicate comes forward or if any proposal is unsatisfactory then we will sell Wisp **(AP4)**.

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7. Clubhouse

The Committee was updated on the situation following the recent flooding due to burst pipes. Fortunately David P was on the scene very quickly which minimised the damage. The electrics are back up and running and the insurance company have been notified. It was agreed that whether the insurance company pay up or not we'll have to repair the plasterboard, complete the electrics and replace the lagging. It was agreed therefore that provided this doesn't negate our insurance claim we should proceed to get the works done. In addition it was agreed that Ian should get suitable frost stat heaters fitted in vulnerable areas in the building to reduce the risk of further burst pipes during cold weather **(AP5)**.

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8. Open Day 29 May – SITC Road Show

Richard presented a proposal to engage with the RYA Sailing in the City team at the planned Club Open Day. The deal is that the RYA will provide a trailer, dinghies and instructors for £117.50 in the first year. In the second year the RYA will provide 2 instructors using the Club equipment for a further £117.50. In the third year the Club undertakes to run a similar exercise itself without support. The purpose of the exercise is to provide a taster session for youngsters. It was agreed that we should sign up for this **(AP6)**. A discussion on how the day should be run ensued. At the end of this it was agreed that we should hold the Open Day and RNLI day

RJ

together with the SITC event on Saturday 29 May with the Ness cup being run on the following day ie Sunday 30 May. Catering on the Saturday to be run by the RNLI and proceeds on the day to be split between the Club and the RNLI. On the Sunday the proceeds from the Ness cup to go to the RNLI. Miles agreed to discuss this with Liz Watson, Chair of the RNLI fund raisers, to seek their agreement **(AP7)**. Helen and Pam will form a sub-committee to plan the Open day **(AP8)**.

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9. Interpretation/Information Boards Project Update

Richard updated the Committee. He is taking forward a proposal for 4 high spec panels to be mounted on the outside of the clubhouse to provide information to the public on the natural and cultural heritage together with orientation information on Fortrose for visitors. An application has been lodged with the Moray Firth Partnership and preliminary discussions with LEADER have begun. The project will only go ahead if it is at no financial cost to the Club.

10. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2010

These were agreed as follows:

26 January
9 March
8 June
17 August
26 October
26 November - AGM
7 December

11. AOCB

- Helen confirmed that contributions for the Club Handbook should be with her by 8th February. Helen will speak to Helen Robinson about when to hold Grenville's sail **(AP9)**.
- The next newsletter will go out with the Handbook at the end of March **(AP10)**.
- Helen will pass the key sailing dates to Pam so she can plan associated social events **(AP11)**.
- Miles advised that he is pulling together a schedule of key items the Committee needs to discuss over the course of the year and tying this to the agreed meetings. He will circulate this to the Committee for comment and to add relevant items in **(AP12)**.
- Diarmid agreed to check the insurance cover to see whether we still need to have a phone fitted in the clubhouse **(AP13)**.
- David P opened the sealed bids received for the old Humber. The bid received was considerably less than the reserve price the Committee had in mind. David will approach a number of members who had expressed interest/offered to see whether they would be prepared to come closer to the reserve price **(AP14)**. Failing which Ian agreed to put it up for sale on ebay **(AP15)**.

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12. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9 March 2010