

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of**

**Chanonry Sailing Club**

**Held in the Clubhouse**

**7pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Members present:**

D Pocock , S Bramwell, G Hogg, R Jenner, H Jenner, A Hardie, T Lloyd, M Macleod, D Macleod, D Bell, D Hogan, M Wilson, M Wilson (Snr), D Finlayson, R Evans, V Evans, H Cameron, K Cameron, H Young, H Robinson, H Cherry, R Cherry, J Witheridge, R Witheridge, A Munro, P Illingworth, T McKeggie, G Campsie, A Hodges, S Hogg, K Holiday, H Rowson.

**Apologies:**

Bryan Smith, Joanne Johnston, Bill Burgen, Jack Evans (Jnr), Derek Young

**Special Note from Secretary**

Please accept my apologies if you have not been included in the members present or apology list. The list of attendees went missing and the one here is from memory. If you let me know I will update the minute.

**Minutes of the AGM of 2013** were adopted without correction

Proposed Tim McKeggie

Seconded Diarmid Hogan

**Matters Arising**

A proposal at the last AGM to install a Defibrillator in the Clubhouse had been discussed at committee with further medical opinion sought and it had been decided not to pursue this.

**Commodore's Report David Pocock (DP)**

DP opened by stating that 2014 had been a very good year for the Club.

Reports from the Social, Training, Skiff and Sailing Secretaries had been published on the website and drawn to the attention of the Membership in advance of the AGM.

DP expanded on the following highlights and achievements:

Membership numbers had held up well

There has been a considerable enhancement of the Club's boat assets whilst maintaining a healthy financial balance slightly increased from 2013

There had been a full programme of Club events- racing training and Social during the year- albeit with smaller regattas than in previous years.

The race series and the Friday evening social sailing sessions were consistently well supported

We built for ourselves a St Ayles Rowing Skiff and envisage a third pillar of Club activity at no detriment to the others.

Despite The Cruising Secretaries best efforts, cruiser participation was down but all the moorings were allocated.

Following complete renovation of the moorings there had been no instances of strop or mooring failure

Attempts to improve socialising within the club had been less successful despite initiatives and this remains a challenge for the new committee.

In closing DP emphasised the need to keep on top of the ( now numerous) administrative and aspects of running the Club. Whilst unglamorous and sometimes disparaged, these aspects are essential for the safe and legally protected running of any modern day Club and cannot be ignored or dismissed as “unnecessary beaurocracy”. He cited examples of fatalities in sports, where blame and legal responsibility had been apportioned to the voluntary bodies running events. He expressed appreciation to all those members who contribute to organising both the main functions of the Club relating to delivering the very busy programme of sailing ( and soon rowing) and those who attend to the other less glamorous aspects mentioned above, and encouraged all Club members to become more involved if possible in Club organisation.

### **Treasurers Report- George Hogg**

The treasurer presented the annual accounts which had been approved both by the Main Committee and the Auditor, David Gibb. The full report is available on the Club website.

In summary, for 2014 the income vs expenditure for CSC , taking into account new assets acquired, ended with a slight balance, which is satisfactory.

Club assets had additionally been increased by the purchase of both single handed and two man dinghies and these were being successfully used for training courses.

A minor adjustment would be required to place funds from resale of vacated moorings into the General rather than the Moorings fund but this does not affect the overall Club finances.

The specific Club reserve funds were at the correct level, these being the Mooring maintenance, the Safety Boat ( Currently £12K) and the General reserve.

The Treasurer especially acknowledged the financial contributions from the several sponsorship and grant funding bodies for which we remain very grateful. Please refer to the formal Treasurers report for full details.

Club Insurance is now via the Highland Council’s communities policy through Zurich, and has proved very satisfactory in use this year.

On standing down from his long service as treasurer, George expressly thanked David Gibb for continuing to audit the Annual Accounts and to Janice ( also standing down) for her excellent voluntary work as Club Bookkeeper. This role would now pass to Rebecca Wilson.

### **Election of officers to the Main Committee for 2014/5**

The following members were elected unopposed to the following vacant positions

Position		Proposed	Seconded
Commodore	Mike Wilson	D Pocock	R Evans
Treasurer	David Finlayson	G Hogg	S Bramwell
Membership secretary	Helen Jenner	S Bramwell	G Hogg
Sailing Secretary	Hanako Cameron	Mike Wilson	R Evans
Social Convenor	Janet Witheridge	Helen Jenner	D Pocock
Skiff Captain	Mairi Macleod	S Bramwell	D Macleod

Mairi will also fulfil the role of Child Protection Officer)

All Main Committee positions are filled for 2015.

### **Other matters for which appropriate notice had been given**

David Gibb expressed concern that he had not received email Notification of the AGM in line with the requirements of the Constitution and one or two other members stated that they also had not received emails. The Secretary confirmed that emails had been sent out to all members at least one month before the date of the meeting and well before the date stipulated by the Constitution but there was obviously concern that not all members had received this notification.

The new membership secretary would look into this, but all members should be sure to check that their emails in Dutyman were current and correct.

The DP then handed over to Mike Wilson, the new Commodore.