



Chanonry Sailing Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

7.00 pm, Friday 27th November 2015

Item 1

Present

Richard Jenner, Helen Jenner, Ron Beaton, Dave Hewitt, Peter Illingworth, David Gibb, Robin Witheridge, Janet Witheridge, David Pocock, David Finlayson, Donnie McLeod, Alan Hardie, Gavin Campsie, Thomas Hardie, Joan Maxwell, Amanda Tickle, Peter Moran, Valerie Jones, Peter Jones, Mairi Macleod, Mike Wilson, Helen Rowson, Tim McKeggie, George Hogg, Sandra Hogg, Diarmid Hogan, Helen Charlie, Steve Bramwell, Mike Wilson (Commodore) , Gillian Wilson.

Apologies

Adrian Hodges, David and Pam MacIntyre, Rodney Timson, Paul; and Vicci Nairn, Richard and Helen Cherry, Peter and Mrs Smith, David Cameron, Hanako Cameron, Richard Evans, Tim Lloyd, Andrew Hince, Ken Ferguson, Kevin Holiday, Marjorie Taylor, David and Caireen Bell, Ian Cameron, Helen and Derek Young.

Item 2

Minutes of the 2014 AGM : Approved without amendments. Proposed Helen Rowson

Seconded Mike Wilson (Snr)

Item 3

Commodore's Report: Mike Wilson

Commodores Report (Summary)

- Mike reported that event turnout seemed down from last year and suggested that maybe weather was a cause. He repeated reports from longer serving members of "exciting days" at the club when racing events were very well attended by numerous visiting boats from far corners of the country, as the club hosted many National Class Championships in the past, and hoped for others in the years to come.
- Mike noted to the members present that the constitution sets out the club objective, "to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of sailing". In pursuance of the objective the club has powers "to carry on any activities which further the objective".
- MW went on to list the past years activities of the club which have been carried out in pursuance of the "objective".
 - Regular well attended meetings of the committee who continue to continue to give their spare time.
 - Hard work of the Sailing Secretary and her team to resolve issues with provision of race events and safety cover including encouragement to the membership.
 - Mike gave a summary of the annual sailing events.
 - In addition to the above yearly work load the sailing sub-committee held 2 National Events, namely the Scottish Laser Championships and the Scottish Skiff

Championships. The latter event doubling up as the traveling event for the Musto Skiff European Series.

- Both events went a long way to putting Chanonry Sailing Club back on the sailing map of Scotland.
- The catering team work hard behind the scenes serving hot food at most weekend events during the season and many thanks to Janet and Robin and their team. Their efforts were very well received from all participating the members and visitors.
- Our St.Ayles rowing skiff 'Chanonry Maid' and her many enthusiasts are going from strength to strength. The arrival of her sister ship due in the next few months. A team of a dozen or so members make use of the Sea Scout premises in Avoch, thanks to Derek Martin, on a Wednesday evening to labour away at boat building and maintenance duties.
- Although the St.Ayles rowing skiff is conspicuously not a sailing craft, it is seen by the club as an opportunity to grow the membership by appealing to the wider community and family members.
- Our cruising events both took place this year although the club turnout was poor. The local Moray Yacht Axis events were also plagued with strong winds which led to cancellations and poor turnout also.
- RYA training remains a major activity of the club acting as a great introduction to the club and our facilities. There is however a constant drive to secure funding to sustain this activity and many thanks to Steve Bramwell for his successful efforts in this respect. The training programme requires a lot of time and effort and many thanks to Richard Jenner who has again for the 11th year given tirelessly of his and to his team of Helen Jenner, John Crosley, Magnus Henry, Thomas Hardie and Natalie Dunton. In addition to the RYA training the club is grateful to Richard Evans for Race coaching the younger members at "Champs" and "Race Team". Some of you may not be aware of this but over the last 2 years Richard Jenner has coached 6 of our young sailors to become dinghy instructors in their own right, further boosting the clubs resource.
- In relation to funding I would extend a special thanks to the Ross and Cromarty Sports Council and Highlife Highland for sports grants towards the level to coaching course that our 6 new Dinghy Instructors attended. Also for the Grant for Excellence to support for Kyle Cameron to attend the Eric Twiname Youth Optimist Championships. My thanks also to Joan Maxwell of the Ross and Cromarty Sports Council who I know has again supported the clubs applications.
- Our harbour and moorings continue to give service under the watchful eyes of Peter Illingworth; many thanks to him for his great effort in quietly keeping all in order.
- So in summary, the Club continues to deliver safe sailing for the benefit of all members. We have a healthy level of membership, up 15% to 222 and our facilities are in good order and will serve us well for the foreseeable future, thanks to Donnie MacLeod and Allan Hardie. A final vote of thanks to all the committee members, without whose devotion, the club would not be the success that it is.

From the Floor, Joan Maxwell spoke for all as she reminded us of the recent death of George Taylor, one of the original founding members of CSC, who sadly passed away early in October of this year. Joan reminded us of George's distinguished service to the Club in many roles, not least as long term Harbour Master. A minute of silence was observed as a token of respect to George and his family. The Commodore stated that following his death, the Committee had considered very carefully how best to commemorate the life and work of George Taylor and had been in touch with Marjorie who is agreeable to the Club commissioning a memorial bench to be placed in Fortrose harbour grounds. The 60th Anniversary of CSC is in 2016 and a special day of celebration is planned with the formal unveiling of the commemorative seat at the centre of activities.

Item 4

Treasurer's Report: David Finlayson (Report included as attachment to the website Minutes)

The Treasurer presented the Accounts and again thanked David Gibb for his skill and help in examining them. With regard to payment of Subscriptions, he emphasised that although there are bank charges for the use of Paypal, they are well worth it for the ease and efficiency that the system provides.

There had been a late realisation that VAT can be reclaimed on fuel duty for the club safety boats and this would be pursued and adjusted for in the accounts.

Points from the floor:

Helen Rowson pointed out that the Grant funding as listed on the Treasurer's report should clearly show the origin of each Grant as these are often required when applying for Grants. This point was acknowledged and will be altered in subsequent reports.

Item 5

Election of Officers of the Club and appointment of Appointees

The Commodore put on record his thanks to all the members of the Main Committee as well as the club volunteers over the past year. He highlighted the need to replace both the Club Secretary and the Sailing Secretary. These positions were currently vacant but required for the Club to function in a meaningful way.

The new Training Principal, Amanda Tickle was introduced to the members present by Richard Jenner.

The Commodore thanked Richard for his exceptional work as Training Principal for the past several years during which the Club has won accolades from the RYA and gained and maintained its status as an RYA Training Centre- no mean achievement.

Point from the floor:

David Gibb pointed out that:

Under the Constitution the Officers of the Club (Commodore, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Sailing Secretary, Social Convenor and Training Principal) are elected at each AGM having been proposed and agreed their willingness to stand.

General Members of the Committee (up to 7 members) are elected at AGM for periods of 3 years. Appointees of the Club (for example Harbourmaster, Membership Secretary, Building Custodian) are appointed by the Committee. They may also be members of the Committee but this is not necessary for their positions as Club appointees.

The Commodore thanked David for this clarification.

Accordingly the Commodore, Treasurer and Social Secretary expressed their willingness to remain in post and were duly elected.

The positions of Club Secretary and Sailing Secretary remained vacant.

Diarmid Hogan had stood down as a General member of the Committee, leaving 5 General Members in office namely Mairi MacLeod, Donnie McLeod, Alan Hardie, Peter Illingworth and Tim Lloyd.

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There being no other declared competent business, the Commodore closed the meeting