



### Main Committee Minutes 10.12.19 at 7.30pm

	Topic	Information	Action
1	Present and apologies	Apologies – David Vincent, Chrissie Lane, Calum Pearson, Peter Illingworth. Present – JD, DF, HJ, RJ, RE, JW, RW, SH, DH	HJ
2	Minutes of Meeting of 29 October 2019	Approved as correct. Proposed by RW, seconded by DF.	HJ
3	Matters Arising/ Actions carried forward from previous meeting	Actions allocated to PI to clean the slipway, install a lateral mark for the harbour shoal and contact Stephen Grigor regarding repair/replacement of harbour handrails not yet carried out. Club Development Group – RJ reported that a meeting with Robin Nicol of RYA Scotland (also attended by RE and HJ) had been very useful. SH, JD and possibly RE intended to go to the RYA Scotland Development Gathering on 19 January. After this the Development Group would meet to compare notes and decide on the way forward.	PI  Club Development Group
4	Treasurer's Report	DF reported that there was nothing to note apart from the fact that good progress had been made on the new bank account for the SCIO.	DF
5	Subscription rates and Senior membership	Decided – that eligibility for Senior member rates should be linked to State Pension age and that, for couples, would be applicable when the older of the couple reached this age. Also decided that subscription rates would be increased by 5% "rounded". DF to calculate this and circulate to the Committee for approval in time for the 2020 membership renewals.	DF, HJ
6	SCIO Progress	RJ updated the committee on SCIO transition progress. The Lands Registry had been able to identify the clubhouse grounds on a suitable OS map avoiding the need to have a new deeds plan. The deeds were found to have a pre-emption clause effectively giving the council first refusal if the clubhouse were to be 'disponed' which means we will need to reach an agreement with the council to waive this pre-emption. The subjects of the harbour lease could not be identified by the Lands Registry as the lease document used a very outdated OS map; Joe Duncan had arranged for a new deeds plan (£120 + VAT) and the draft looks to be satisfactory. The council were struggling to find their title to the lands in the lease but believe they may have found them in a document written in Latin!  The assets register was well developed. We still need a value for mooring and galley equipment; we are awaiting a clubhouse valuation from Ewen Smith. The transition plan	

		actions were being progressively 'crossed-off' and the SCIO WG will need to review progress in the new year.	RJ
7	Training Programme	<p>Junior week planned for 20 – 24 July 2020.</p> <p>2 weekends in May/ June 2020 for an Adult dinghy course would need to be planned around the sailing programme and open events – TBC.</p> <p>1 weekend in June would also need to be planned for a Junior Stage 1 course – TBC.</p> <p>RJ also informed the Committee that he hoped to arrange a Dinghy Instructor Course to be held at the Club. There were Club members keen to gain this qualification and, if the course was opened to other clubs, RJ felt that it should be possible to find 6 students. The total cost would be in the region of £1,000 which was much cheaper than a course at another venue. The Committee agreed.</p>	RJ
8	Craning dates and mooring charges.	<p>Decided – to plan for crane-in during the first week of April and crane-out during the first week of October. DH to contact PI to find out his availability.</p> <p>Mooring charges – DH to ask PI whether he expected any major expense on the moorings, if not then charges could be held at the same level as 2019.</p> <p>DH also to arrange a meeting of moorings holders with PI for a date in January 2010.</p>	DH/PI
9	Sailing Programme etc	<p>RE reported that he had held a useful meeting with some Club members intended to inform the dinghy sailing programme for 2020. It had been decided to maintain the current programme of dinghy series racing plus the dinghy and cruiser regattas.</p> <p>Dates planned and agreed so far are:</p> <p>Dinghy Regatta 1 &amp; 2 August</p> <p>Cruiser Regatta 8 August</p> <p>Black Isle Challenge Cup 12 September</p> <p>Open day/Lifeboat Day 23 May</p> <p>Ness Cup 24 May</p> <p>HJ to contact Bruce Rae (Invergordon Lifeboat) to find out who the request for the Lifeboat to attend Open Day should be addressed to.</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>HJ - done</p>
10	Club appointees and Examiner of Club accounts.	<p>The Committee noted that, because David Gibb is a Club member, he could not be the examiner of the Club accounts for the SCIO. DF suggested asking him whether he would be willing to help prepare the accounts for examination in the knowledge that an external examiner would be required. DF had found this help invaluable in the past.</p> <p>Club appointees:</p> <p>The current appointees were thought to be willing continue but with the following actions needed:</p> <p>Alan Hardie to be asked whether he was willing to continue as Dinghy Park Co-ordinator.</p> <p>DH agreed to take over from Gavin Campsie as Cruiser Liaison.</p> <p>RE to ask Michael Gough whether he was willing to continue looking after the race marks.</p> <p>Sheila Tracey to be acknowledged as Grounds Co-ordinator, HJ to check with her that she was happy with this.</p>	<p>DF</p> <p>RE</p> <p>HJ - done</p>

11	Safety Cover for Row Around Scotland	See text of email sent to the Committee by Sandra Hogg at note to item. The Committee decided that, in principle, 2 Club RIBs could support the Cromarty to Fortrose leg on Wednesday 8 July with suitably qualified and experienced Club crews and conditions permitting. Also that 1 Club RIB (on the same conditions) could support the leg on Sunday 12 July. The Sea Scouts to be asked whether they could provide extra cover on 12 July with the Pioneer.	SH
12	Use of RIBs over the winter	RE reported that CL had asked whether it was permitted to use a Club RIB to support dinghy sailing through the winter, outwith the sailing programme. Some Club members wished to be able to practice their dinghy sailing skills through the winter months but would need safety cover for this. The Committee agreed to this in principle on the following conditions: The group using the RIBs would need to make sure that there were enough people present for launching and recovery of the RIB. The RIB to be crewed with a helm and crew, the helm to be suitable qualified/ experienced to carry out safety duties. The Group to check with RW whether the RIBs would be available as they would need to be taken away for a few days for annual maintenance. RE to pass this information to CL.	RE
13	Clubhouse Keys	Decided – that all Club members wanting a Clubhouse key would be charged £5 (or the cost of having a key cut, should this increase). HJ to pass this info to DV. JD suggested that, in the longer term it might be a good idea to change Clubhouse entry to a numerical keypad – he undertook to check the price and practicality of this.	HJ – done JD
14	Club Logo Water Bottles	Decided – that the Club logo water bottles would be sold for £6 each, a small stock to be held in the galley. Also decided that, once current stock is used up, no further drinks in single-use plastic bottles would be stocked. HJ to produce a notice to this effect for the galley.	HJ
15	Membership update	Noted - new rowing member Nicholas Ritchie	HJ
16	Accident Book	None	HJ
17	AOCB	RE noted the the Cruiserscope award board needed to be brought up to date. The 2019 recipients and missing intervening years needed to be added . HJ undertook to do this.	HJ
18	Date & Location of next meeting	Monday 9 March 2020 at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse	HJ

#### Officers of the Club:

James Dargie – Commodore - JD

Treasurer – David Finlayson – DF

Secretary – Helen Jenner – HJ (also Membership Secretary)

Sailing Secretary – Richard Evans – RE (also Coaching and Webmaster)

Training Principal – Richard Jenner – RJ (also Chief Instructor Dinghy & dinghy bosun)

Social Convenor – Janet Witheridge - JW

Committee General members:

Robin Witheridge – RW (RIB Convenor)

Peter Illingworth – PI – Harbourmaster, Moorings and Craning co-ordinator

Sandra Hogg – SH – Rowing Secretary

Chrissie Lane – CL – Club Merchandise

Calum Pearson – CP – Social Sailing Liaison

David Vincent – DV – Health and Safety Officer and Building Custodian

Diarmid Hogan – DH – Cruiser Liaison

NOTES

Item 11

Next year is the 10th anniversary of coastal rowing in St Ayles skiffs. There's a [RowAround Scotland 2020](#) baton relay to celebrate the occasion. All clubs are invited to take part and it is proposed that we would be involved in Cromarty to Fortrose, Fortrose to Avoch and Avoch to Ardersier legs. They are looking for two safety boats for most legs (probably not for Fortrose to Avoch!). I would like to help provide safety cover for "our" legs if we can. Cost of fuel may be provided. The dates are in the attachment but Cromarty to Fortrose and Avoch to Ardersier are proposed for 8th and 12th of July respectively. Obviously sailing requirements would need consideration but if we could make one or both available that would be great.