



Main Committee/Board Minutes
Monday 14 June 2021 at 7pm by Zoom



	Topic	Information	Action
1	Present and apologies	Present – HJ, RJ, JD, SH, MAB, DH, DV Apologies – DF, CL, PI	HJ
2	Minutes of Meeting of 29 April 2021	Approved without amendment, proposed DV, seconded MAB.	HJ
3	Matters arising from the Minutes.	Club Development – JD reported that the planned Sunday Fun Days were progressing, with arrangements for the first one on Sunday 27 June well underway (see AOCB). In addition, the recommendations of the Club Development group would need to be formalised and brought to the Committee/ Board for consideration and decision on the way forward. Harbour and moorings – JD reported that no further progress had been made regarding the harbour shoal and slipway. Moorings and diving work were now complete for this year and crane-in had taken place as planned.	All
4	Committee and appointments	Noted that the vacancies for Sailing Secretary, Social Convenor remain. Club member Lisa Pattenden has taken on the role of Safety Boat Bosun – thanks to Lisa for having taken this on. Nothing further had been heard from Catriona MacEwan regarding Social Convenor – JD undertook to contact her to ask what had been decided.	HJ
5	Treasurer's Report	Noted without comment.	DF
6	Storage and mooring gear around the harbour area	Access to the fuel store – it was noted that the presence of an amount of chain on the fuel store floor was making access very difficult, also that there was a considerable amount of moorings related equipment lying around the harbour which was not in current use. Decided – that a combination padlock would be bought and used to replace the current padlock on the cage so that others could gain access so that it could be better used as storage (only PI had a key to the current padlock). HJ to source a padlock, JD and DH to remove the old padlock once the new one was available. JD would try to find out from PI how much of the Equipment lying around the harbour was required and, therefore, how much could be disposed of.	JD HJ-Done
7	Charges for use of Club dinghies	See note to item – agreed.	RJ
8	Promotion of Club membership	RJ suggested that, with a potentially expanding number of members, a key box system for the Clubhouse front door would be good and could improve security as Club members going on the	SH

		<p>water might be less inclined to leave the door "on the latch" while they were away.</p> <p>Decided – to make this suggestion to DF and, if he agreed, to go ahead and buy a key box. Once this had been installed membership for a wider range of members (e.g. open water swimmers and SUPers) could be promoted using social media.</p>	
9	Future of membership categories	<p>To decide on a way forward for Club membership categories and benefits.</p> <p>See note to item – agreed, the group to consist of HJ, SH and DF.</p>	HJ/SH
10	Rowing report	<p>See note to item – noted with thanks to SH and all those who had made this level of activity possible.</p>	SH
11	Training report	<p>See note to item – noted with thanks to RJ and all those who had made this level of activity possible.</p>	RJ
12	Membership update	<p>New members –</p> <p>Family Rowing – Anatole Beams with Emma Dowman, Jill Stoner with Simon Evans</p> <p>Associate –</p> <p>Lizzie Campbell, Mark Bamford, Claire Scott</p> <p>Family –</p> <p>Inglis Lyon, Simon Sims with Cathy Biggar</p> <p>Junior –</p> <p>Finn Hewick, Noah Callander, Orran Roberts, Kirstin Allan, Ella Cormack, Euan Leslie, Rory Stainsby, Joshua Brotherstone, Aileas Robertson, Cameron Robertson</p> <p>Temporary –</p> <p>Chris Knowles, Alexander Downie, Thomas Green</p> <p>"Upgraded" from Ordinary to Family –</p> <p>Gordon MacDonald</p>	HJ
13	AOCB	<p>SCIO update – RJ reported that progress had been made toward both the transfer of the Clubhouse deeds to the SCIO and the assignment of the lease covering the harbour, dinghy park and slipway.</p> <p>The council had produced minutes of waiver that would allow the deeds to be transferred without the pre-emption clause being enforced. However, the clause would be re-created in a Minute of Agreement to protect council interests in the future.</p> <p>The council had provided 3 historical documents (1590, 1592 & 1661) which the Council believes establishes their title to enter into a lease and these should allow the assignment of the lease to the SCIO to proceed.</p> <p>RJ reported that he had produced new notices for the Clubhouse to reflect the fact that the Highland region was now in Covid Protection Level 1.</p> <p>MAB provided an update on the arrangements for the Sunday Fun Day planned for Sunday 27</p>	All

		<p>June. A poster was ready and would be publicised via Facebook, the Club website and a Dutyman email to members.</p> <p>The Witheridges had volunteered to co-ordinate BBQs on the west beach. The following club members had volunteered to run activities – Chris Taylor - windsurfing. SH - coastal rowing. RJ – dinghy sailing. Jon Bailey – SUPs. DH – cruisers (either on moorings or into the harbour, JD would probably bring his boat into the harbour). HJ – RIBs for safety and RIB rides.</p>	
14	Date & Location of next meeting	Monday 23 August at 7pm by Zoom.	HJ

Officers of the Club/ Office Bearers of the SCIO:

James Dargie – Commodore – JD (also Commodore under the SCIO Constitution)

Treasurer – David Finlayson – DF (also Treasurer under the SCIO Constitution)

Secretary – Helen Jenner – HJ (also Secretary under the SCIO Constitution and Membership Secretary)

Sailing Secretary – Vacant

Training Principal – Richard Jenner – RJ (also General Member of the SCIO Board and Chief Instructor Dinghy & dinghy bosun)

Social Convenor – Vacant

Committee/Board General members:

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

Sandra Hogg – SH – (also Rowing Secretary)

Chrissie Lane – CL – (also Club Merchandise)

David Vincent – DV – (also Health and Safety Officer and Building Custodian)

Diarmid Hogan – DH – (also Cruiser Liaison)

Marisa Astill-Brown – MAB – (also Club Welfare Officer)

Note to Item 6

Treasurer's Report June 2021

Membership: I am pleased to report that membership income of £10,912.00 has now exceeded that of last year which was £10,627.

Although funds in hand have declined, predominantly due to the dive bill and mooring work, moorings fees will not be invoiced until the craning costs can be added to those moorings holders who used the crane. In addition, this end of the year sees other one off expenses such as the radio licence, life-jacket servicing and the fire safety check.

The major expense of SCIO conversion legal costs is pending but otherwise no other major outgoings are anticipated and the club's finances remain in a healthy state.

Balances as at	09/03/2021	27/04/2021	07/06/2021
Old account:	£ 1,421.09	£1,421.09	£1,421.09
New account:	£ 51,459.16	£53,267.74	£52,263.42
PayPal:	£2,600.37	£618.06	£87.60
Total:	£55,480.65	£55,308.89	£53,772.11

David Finlayson

Treasurer

Note to Item 7

Currently we charge £5 for the use of a club single hander and £10 for a 2-hander for non-training activities for members who are annotated 'OPT' in the table of benefits (see link below). I propose we waive these charges while still retaining the note about safety cover and competency. My thinking is that we have family, ordinary and junior members who do not own a dinghy and therefore do not benefit from the use of the dinghy park while paying a full fee. The dinghy park usage is an important benefit often subject to a separate charge at other clubs. We choose to include benefits in the membership fee so waiving these 'hire' charges would level-up the value between dinghy owning and non-dinghy owning sailing members. We would make separate arrangements for any temporary members wanting to use a club dinghy when I think a charge remains appropriate.

https://www.chanonry.org.uk/uploads/3/4/4/5/3445342/membership_categories_and_benefits_including_guest_members_2020.pdf

Richard J

Note to item 9

I propose that we set up a small working group to consider the way forward on membership categories and bring a proposal forward to the next Committee/ Board meeting.

Helen J

Note to Item 10

- We've held two Come and Try sessions with 12 potential new rowers. All enjoyed their experience and I expect most to join. I'm keeping track of conversion rates. Three more are waiting for a Come and Try session.
- We plan to programme an additional regular Open Rowing session to increase capacity
- We now have a rowing sub-committee to help plan events and activities. Members are Lisa Pattenden, Michelle Tucker, John Robertson, Helen Charlie, Steve Bramwell.
- We have identified 4 September for a Un Regatta at Chanonry and have confirmation that Avoch, Sutors, Cromarty and Strathpeffer will attend. Still waiting to hear from Nairn. This will be a fun event for rowers who don't normally race but would like to attend an event with other clubs. We'll need to work out what club support we need but certainly some safety/rib assistance and catering.
- We will take part in the rescheduled RowAround Scotland baton relay around 6-9 July. Still to be decided if we row from Cromarty to Chanonry or across the water to Ardersier
- We have 8 new coxes in training who have completed the theory course by zoom and who will undertake practical training on 26 June
- We had one mixed open team enter the June leg of the 5 Miles from Home challenge in challenging conditions. Will need to choose a better tide for the July leg!

Sandra

Note to item 11

TRAINING UPDATE TO THE BOARD 14 JUNE 21

Rowing

- 3 theory sessions have been held by Zoom for aspiring rowing coxes (by Sandra Hogg & Richard Jenner). A practical session is scheduled for 26 June.

Powerboat

- A PBL2 course with 6 students was conducted on 29 & 30 May (by John Crossley & Helen Jenner). A safety boat skills session on 12 June was cancelled due to high winds. Another session is scheduled on 10 July.

Adult Dinghy

- Calum Pearson is organizing Level 1 training for 2 adults during Friday evening recreational sailing. Calum is also organizing taster sessions for interested adults (there are at least 3). Training is being carried out by Calum, Ian Cameron, Richard Jenner, Joe Hallwood and Marisa Astill-Brown. Helen Jenner is volunteering as SO for Friday evenings to ensure they can go ahead.

Junior Dinghy

- We have had 2 Dolphins sessions well supported with 6 to 8 sailors including new members who have some experience.
- We have 15 sailors signed-up for Junior Week (5 – 9 July) and sufficient support is in place. Six are new member novices for stages 1 & 2. There is also a new member with some experience.
- We have 6 sailors, all new members, for the Stage 1 afternoon sailing 26 – 30 July . There are 2 more on the waiting list.

Dinghy Instructor

- We are awaiting RYA clearance to allow our 4 Dis who qualified last year on a limited ticket to do part 2 of their course. 23 & 24 August are earmarked, and the instructor (Jane C-M) and the 4 students are all free on those dates. I will be asking for a grant once it is confirmed, and Jane has given me her quote (we did not use all the grant from last year as the course was truncated).

Richard Jenner

Training Principal