

**Chanonry Sailing Club**  
**Minutes of Main Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

**Present:**

D Pocock ( DP), H Jenner(HJ), D Finlayson (DF), George Hogg (GH), Joanne Johnston (JJ),David Bell (DB) Diarmid Hogan (DH),Alan Hardy (AH), Donnie Macleod (DM), Mairi Macleod (MM), Steve Bramwell (SB)

**Apologies:**

M Wilson, R Jenner, T Lloyd, P Illingworth ( PI)

**Item 3 Minutes of the Meeting of 2/9/14 previously circulated were accepted without alteration.**

**Item 4 Matters Arising**

**1 Mooring/ lift out / Storage**

DP reported that this years lift out had been trouble free. PI has taken over as Harbour Master and will be contacting mooring owners in due course to arrange lifting of buoys for the winter. Action PI

**2 RIB Repair.**

It had proved difficult to tow Ness away for essential repairs due to the state of the road trailer which is used routinely for launching. DP pointed out that without regular maintenance, trailers used for launching into sea water would rapidly deteriorate and that there was an obligation on the Club to ensure that this was actually carried out as replacement of trailer parts is so expensive. A schedule of maintenance for the Club trailers needs to be implemented.

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Thanks to Richard Jenner the trailer was now again roadworthy and the scheduled repair to Ness could go ahead.

**3 RYA Training Assistant**

DP reconfirmed that the Clubs ambition was to seek the appointment of An RYA employed/ funded temporary Training Assistant to support RJ's sterling work .

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**4 Club Clothing**

Initial experience with Dallas Design of Elgin had been positive with some nice fleeces produced for the skiff rowers.

**5 Club Website**

DP reminded all members that we have undertaken to update all information relating to Club activities before the start of the next Sailing season. The new website was a great improvement but it remains important to keep information on it up to date.

Action Designated Committee Members

## Items for discussion

### 6 Treasurers Report ( GH)

The treasurer presented this years audited Income and Expenditure Account to 30/09/2014 for consideration by the Committee in advance of the AGM. (The full report to follow)

The Audit by David Gibb had revealed an overpayment of £200 which has now been refunded to the Club and would be reflected in the final report's figures.

Despite a fall in income from subscriptions there was an overall surplus of £2938.29 for 2014. This surplus had been added to the Safety Boat Fund in line with Club policy.

DP pointed out that the investment by the Club in new dinghies and the St Ayles Skiff would appear on expenditure but were in effect an addition to the assets of the Club. This emphasised that the overall position of finances was healthy.

George is due to demit office as treasurer of CSC and DP thanked him for his excellent and dedicated work over the years in this role, sentiments echoed by all present.

### 7 AGM Preparation

Final arrangements for the AGM are now in place.

All trophies to be returned prior to the AGM

Notice of AGM logged on website and circulated appropriately to all Club Members

Final reports awaited from Skiff section and Sailing Secretary- to be sent to SB ASAP please.

The reports will be displayed on the Website and the Club Notice Board in advance of and at the AGM respectively.

Chanonry Maid will be on display and a short film (made by MM) detailing her build over the past year will be shown on the night.

It was agreed that a raffle would be held with proceeds going to Club Funds- Action HJ

### 8 Skiff Rowing in CSC

MM outlined her plans to date and it was agreed that the subgroup set up to introduce and integrate Skiff Rowing into CSC would come back to the new Main Committee with firm recommendations in the New Year.

Mairi announced that the official launch of Chanonry Maid will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 1200-1500 and hoped that skiffs from Avoch and Ardersier would be able to join us to celebrate and to allow as many Club Members as possible a chance to try rowing.

There are plans to hold a MINI REGATTA in Spring before crane in. We need to avoid coinciding with other Club events eg HMS coaching weekend- Action MM

DP reaffirmed proposals to start the build of Silver Darling in the Autumn of 2015 giving us time to concentrate in growing interest in rowing and building within the Club and the wider community. The next Committee would have to decide on membership status for those wishing to join principally for rowing, however until such a decision is made use of Temporary Membership and Associate Membership can be applied to occasional rowers to ensure we are covered for insurance purposes.

DF felt that the Club had invested a considerable amount of time and finance into the building of the Skiff and it was not unreasonable to expect people with a firm intention to row regularly to pay a full membership fee.

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## **9 Discretionary Awards**

HJ outlined the proposed Award winners for 2014 and the following nominations were considered and all agreed by the Committee

Adult Trainee	Cathie Hewitt
Junior Trainee	Corie MacRitchie
Endeavour Trophy	Dominic Lloyd
Senior Endeavour	Adrian Hodges

## **10 Child Protection Officer**

Following the resignation of Helen Robinson, Mairi Macleod has volunteered to take this role on for CSC. The Committee unanimously agreed to her appointment and noted that Mairi already has working knowledge of this field and this will be a great asset to the Club.

## **AOB**

- 1 DP raised the necessity for frost prevention measures within the Clubhouse over winter  
Action DM
- 2 DH had previously circulated proposals for sharing winter training events with other clubs in the Moray firth area. Some correspondence prior to the meeting suggested general approval of sharing expertise and facilities in the interests of providing variety of courses whilst maximising attendance and bringing in some income to CSC. However the committee wished to recognise the already extensive and popular range of courses offered by RJ and his team. It was felt that we should only consider topics for courses which are currently not available in house at CSC and that such courses would have to dovetail with planned CSC activities taking precedence.
- 2 GH stated that SEPA had informed him that the club can register for “free flood warnings”. The Committee noted this and the fact that DM has given the names/ contact numbers of DM, Mike Wilson senior and DP in the event of a flood warning.

**DONM AGM Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November as posted on the website.**