

Chanonry Sailing Club

Main Committee Meeting Minutes

24/02/2015 at 7.30pm

Special note: Minutes to be taken in conjunction with individual section reports tabled prior to the meeting and published as part of the Main Committee Meeting Minute

Present: P. Illingworth (PI), D Hogan (DH), M Wilson (MW), H Cameron (HC), R Jenner (RJ), H Jenner (HJ), D Finlayson (DF), J Witheridge (JW), S Bramwell (SB)

Apologies: D Mcleod, A Hardie, T Lloyd, Mairi Macleod

Minutes of Meeting 26/01/2015: were approved subject to following correction.

Page 3 Item 7 para 3, 1st sentence to read "This represents a good mix of sailing interests within the Club"

Matters Arising

a Moorings / Winter Inspection See Harbour Masters Report

b RIBs

RJ reported that whilst not in charge of RIB maintenance, he had ascertained that both would be ready for the first sailing event in early March. The Committee discussed the ongoing need for repair, maintenance and replacement of parts for the RIBs and their trailers which is a significant cost to the Club.

While traditionally the lead for RIBs (responsible for bringing business to the Committee) had been the Sailing Secretary, it was recognised that the SS was already busy enough and it was agreed that this task should be passed to another member of the Club. This could either be a volunteer or existing Committee member and the matter would be considered further and remain on the Agenda.

RJ expanded on the use of volunteers as discussed at a recent RYA conference and it was noted that several CSC members had already indicated their willingness to undertake essential voluntary tasks for maintenance of the Club assets. The Lochaber model of a volunteers club could be of interest to our members. No conclusion was reached but there is a need to have someone in overall charge of the RIBs. Action Committee

c Grenvilles Sail SB had discussed catering with Helen Robinson who had kindly confirmed that she would be responsible for organising catering through the Beach Café at Rosemarkie for the event.

d Race Marks (HC) Following the committees decision to purchase suitable additional race marks and tackle, Mike Gough was shortly due to inspect the current stock and obtain quotes from GaelForce for new and replacement equipment. Quotes to be passed to DF.

RNLI Day SB reported that the Invergordon lifeboat had cancelled their previous agreement to attend our open day in favour of a decision by their own local support committee to have their own fund raising event on the same day as ours this year. It was noted with regret that this has happened for the second year running. SB to inform Liz Watson.

A Subgroup will meet soon (at SB's house) to organise all aspects of the CSC Open Day.

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Key to success will be effective advertising, presence of a lifeboat- word awaited from Kessock (Rob Bashford also to be contacted), a coordinated rescue demonstration with the Coastguard helicopter, and setting up attractive activities for the public.

Coordination of events throughout the day is crucial (RJ) in view of the tides and racing activities. Derek Martin and the Scouts will be asked to help with organisation. Action MW/ SB

Format of Committee Meetings/ Agendas. SB thanked those present for preparing individual section reports prior to the meeting. These regular reports would become part of the official minute and all decisions relating to them logged. This should improve the accuracy of minutes and help to focus discussion.

Membership Secretary Report HJ

Discussion. HJ requested guidance on the policy for persistent non- payment of renewal subscription. Members are using Direct Debits, PayPal and other methods of payment and 2 email reminders had been sent out.

It was decided that if payment was not received by the first of April members wishing to renew would have to pay a joining fee in addition to membership. This could be discretionary under exceptional circumstances. Action HJ DF

Sailing Subcommittee HC

Action points: Dutyman now uploaded and ready for populating with duties.

HJ to email members

Trophies: Tim Lloyd will collect the trophies which have now been engraved and winners can collect from Clubhouse when available.

RIB responsibility has passed from the Sailing secretary.

Training Report RJ

There were no decisions for committee

Cruiser Report DH

"Spirit of Affric" talk for 27th March is well subscribed

There were no decisions for committee

Harbour master PI

All strops are on the harbour wall for inspection/ uplift by owners.

Strops to be refitted MUST be of required standard- contact PI if in doubt.

Decision taken to replace the 2 Lifebuoys on the Harbour

Diver inspection when conditions allow.

Rowing Skiff (SB for MM)

Agreement to hold a spring rowing Event at CSC on Saturday 11th April

Catering requirements to be agreed with JW- soup/ rolls planned- approximate numbers needed.

Social and Catering JW

Dates for catered events tabled.

Agreed RNLI ladies to have stall upstairs at Laser Championships

Rowing Skiff Event (11/04/15) added to calendar

Treasurers Report DF

Income to date will cover projected expenses, and some Subscriptions remain to come in.

Crown estates have now accepted we have 34 moorings and will charge accordingly. A rebate for overcharging for 2014 expected. PI to confirm number of moorings to be in use this year.


AOB

MW had been approached by Kevin Holliday to request use of the Club premises for a Multi-sports Jumble sale. DF felt this would increase exposure of the public to CSC and was to be encouraged. Committee agreed for Kevin to go ahead and organise this before the end of March as the diary is very full with events from April on.

DONM Thursday 23rd April 7.30pm.

Sailing Sub Committee Report for the committee meeting on 24th February 2015 (update after the meeting)

1. The SSC is currently discussing update of the Series sailing instructions in the interest of encouraging more participation, and productive engagement about skiff racing on a mostly self-help basis.
2. SSC Sunday activities include Social Sailing, Race Team (Race training for junior members), Champion Club activities, Cruiser race coaching, commencing from May as marked 'SS' in the calendar below.
3. Adrian kindly uploaded Dutyman roster 2015 and the members are able to volunteer to the safety boat and race officer duties.
4. Nominated event organisers are below:
 - Club Championships, HC
 - Nessie Trophy, MW
 - Cruiser Regatta DH
 - Ness Cup, HC
 - Scottish Laser Championships, RE/HC
 - Dinghy Regatta MW/TL
 - BICC, DH



The SSC is currently recruiting volunteers for the safety boat and race officer duties both in the events and series races. Please volunteer and encourage others! Thank you in anticipation.

The organisers are responsible for arranging catering requirements with 'Social' and recruiting duty officers. RNLI Open Day (4th July) is a club event and to be discussed and organised by Main Committee.

5. PY 2015 and Sailwave series race template files are prepared.
6. Race Marks equipment will be purchased and located back on the water by Michael Gough.
7. Club Ribs

It was suggested that the 'line manager' for the RIBs would be the Sailing Secretary but a new appointment for the management of the maintenance volunteers of club facilities and equipment was discussed at the committee meeting. Action taken by Main committee.

SSC Calendar in April & May

April				HW	Provisional SS
5	Sunday	14.00	Warm up Sail	13.50h	
12	Sunday	14.00	Fraser Mackenzie Cup 1 & 2	19.10h	
15	Wednesday	19.00	MH Morrison Cup 1	22.45h	
19	Sunday	14.00	Fraser Mackenzie Cup 3 & 4	13.30h	
22	Wednesday	19.00	MH Morrison Cup 2	15.45h	
26	Sunday	14.00	Fraser Mackenzie Cup 5 & 6	19.20h	
29	Wednesday	19.00	MH Morrison Cup 3	22.35h	
May					
3	Sunday	14.00	May One Day event	12.55h	SS
6	Wednesday	19.00	MH Morrison Cup 4	14.40h	
10	Sunday	14.00	Fraser Mackenzie Cup 7 & 8	17.55h	
13	Wednesday	19.00	MH Morrison Cup 5	21.15h	
17	Sunday	14.00	Fraser Mackenzie Cup 9 & 10	12.25h	SS
20	Wednesday	19.00	MH Morrison Cup 6	14.40h	
24	Sunday	14.00	Fraser Mackenzie Cup 11 & 12	17.45h	
27	Wednesday	19.00	MH Morrison Cup 7	20.35h	
31	Sunday	14.00	Chanonry Trophy 1 & 2	11.45h	SS

Sailing Secretary, Hanako Cameron
On behalf of the Sailing Sub Committee

Membership Report for Feb 2015 CSC Committee Meeting

1. New members:

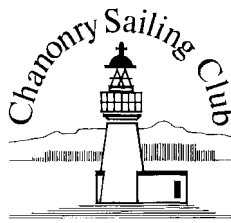
Finn Mantle – Junior

Clifford Ball – Ordinary (Clifford has taken over ownership of JJ from his Dad, Martin. Martin is an Honorary member so there is no cause for him to change his membership)

2. Renewal update:

Membership renewals and payments continue to come in. Direct debits will be taken on 1 March. At 23 February with 5 days to go to the renewal “cut-off” there are 33 memberships which have not yet paid and do not have Direct Debits.

Question for the Committee – how much “leeway” should we allow late renewers before we take a hard line on the requirement to rejoin and pay a joining fee? Once our “final” deadline has passed I will remove remaining non-renewers from the membership database (while keeping a note of their contact details for future reference).



TRAINING REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETING 24 FEBRUARY 2015

There are no decisions pending for 'training'. This report is therefore for information only.

Club Seasonal Instructor. A way ahead on this was pending the return to work of the RYAS Development Manager (Liza Linton). The subject was discussed with Liza on 7 February when it was confirmed that funding for seasonal posts was not available. While it might be possible to find a whole year job involving snow sports, mountain leadership and sailing, the work involved would be considerable with no guarantee of success and it is recommended that this item is closed in the minutes.

Training Programme. The initial programme is on the website. Coaching activities still need to be added. It looks like we will host the HMS Coaching on 7/8 March but the 2nd March session may go to Lochcarron. The first practical course will be PBL2 on 4/5 April. I've already had interest in junior and adult dinghy training. I'm awaiting responses to the offer in the news letter to conduct RO training. We've settled on 29 May as the taster session evening for the Avoch Scouts.

Champion Club support. We've had a letter from RYAS offering some practical support as part of the CC programme – I've copied it to Richard Evans and we need to decide what we want.

Race Coach Level 2. I've spoken to Tim Ellis (RYAS Coach Education Development Manager) and he would support a RCL2 course hosted by us this year. We probably have 4 of the 6 candidates required within the club and the rest can be found via HMS. Again, Richard Evans has this information and he and I need to discuss this.

RYAS News. Colin Chandler & I attended the RYAS Principal & Instructors conference on 7 February in Glasgow. For information:

- The new RYAS Chief Executive is James Allan
- There will be a Coaching Summit (CPD for coaches & instructors) @ Royal Northern (Rhu) on 12 April
- The Scottish Club Trophy (under 16s) will be on Loch Lomond on 22 August – open to Optimists, Toppers, Fevas & Teras

Richard Jenner
Training Principal

Cruiser Report – 24 February 2015

Useful local tradesman

<http://stitchitandfixit.co.uk/>

Can reputedly fix anything involving stitching and that includes sails, boat covers, dodgers, spray covers etc. Based in Kinloss Tim Phipps of '*stitchandfixit*' has been recommended by a local boat owner from Cromarty who had a split mainsail and fraying spay cover repaired.

Winter workshops/presentations

Since our last committee meeting there has been three open events organised by Cromarty Boat Club and Invergordon Boat Club these being:

- 7 February - Workshop on passage planning and pilotage held at CBC;
- 17 February – Presentation by a member if IBC at Ardross on his participation in the biennial Commodores Cup;
- 21 February – Workshop on Weather and sailing in difficult conditions given by CBC at our clubhouse.

Future land-based events include:

- 7 March - workshop on racing by CBC to be held at the Hugh Miller Institute, Cromarty;
- 27 March – 'Spirit of Affric' presentation by Donald Fraser at CSC.

Items for meeting

Nothing

Diarmid Hogan
Cruiser Liaison



cscrowing@yahoogroups.co.uk

Rowing Skiff Report for the Committee Meeting 24/01/2015

Activities

Several members took part in a practice race meeting hosted by Avoch Skifties on Sunday 1st February. Much useful experience was gained not least in the realisation that to race well takes a huge amount of practice not to mention grunt! Following a day of hard racing Chanonry Maid was rowed back to Fortrose in short time with a following wind. Its clear that everyone present enjoyed their outing and most have signed up for the race practice event hosted by Ullapool on Sunday 1st March.

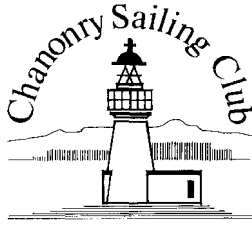
We are gaining experience in Trailing the skiff to events and have more members prepared to tow and share cars.

Golspie are now building a skiff and with the second one in production at Avoch mirroring CSC's aims, the Coastal Rowing scene in the North of Scotland is really taking off.

Damage Repair

After the weekends racing which involved hauling up at the beach the keelband was found to be badly damaged and is being replaced. The original purpose made plastic fitting was not robust enough for the job and had too few screws holding it in place. After seeking advice from Ullapool we purchased a 10mm thick polypropylene sheet and have cut strips from this to fashion a much more robust keelband which will be fitted in time to attend the Ullapool meeting. Cost of repair is around £90- Treasurer forewarned by email prior to purchase of goods.

Steve Bramwell



Social and Catering Report for the Committee Meeting 24/02/2015

A bar license has been approved for the evening of the talk on 27th March.

We have a new cleaner who has stepped in to take the place of the usual cleaner who is off sick. His name is Damien.

We have received notification that if we serve food then we must be registered with the local authority. I am following this up.

I have been asked by the Committee of the Chanonry & District Branch of the RNLI if they could have a stall in the clubroom for the weekend of the Scottish Laser championships.

Events where catering will be required include:

- 7th / 8th March - HMS Race Coaching;
- 21st June - Club Championships;
- 5th July - Ness Cup;
- 18th / 19th July - Scottish Laser Championship;
- 1st / 2nd August - CSC Dinghy Regatta.

Janet Witheridge