

Chanonry Sailing Club

Minutes of Main Committee Meeting

Held at CSC Clubhouse at 1930, Tuesday 2/9/14

Present David Pocock (DP), George Hogg (GH), Steve Bramwell (SB), Joanne Johnston, (JJ) Helen Jenner (HJ), Richard Jenner(RJ), Mike Wilson (MW), David Bell (DB), Diarmid Hogan (DH), Donnie Macleod (DM), David Finlayson (DF) Alan Hardy (AH)

Apologies Tim Lloyd, Mairi Macleod

Minutes of meeting of 15/04/2014 were approved

Matters Arising

Web Site- DP. The website has been revised and is now much improved- thanks to Richard Evans and his team. Essential updating by relevant committee members of their sections should be completed by February 2015 at latest to ensure all ready for the sailing season.

Item 3 RIB Modifications/ CSC Powerboat event HJ.

Modifications to replace the bow D rings had been explored but not proved practicable and this project had been shelved. In view of the damage sustained to Ness at the annual regatta, the proposed powerboat event had to be postponed, but it is hoped that it will run in 2015.

Item 4 Moorings and Harbour Maintenance DP.

It was noted that all moorings were occupied for 2014, but there may be a few vacancies for 2015. There have been no mooring strop failures this year since the moorings were completely refurbished using Sea steel.

The main slipway was further discussed and the committee agreed that we had to either repair or improve the main slipway and consider extending the dinghy park. A small development plan may be required to both confirm the support of the membership for this project which is likely to require significant funds, and to support application for grants. Action MW

Item 5 RYA Directly Supported Club DP/ RJ

After consideration this initiative had not proved appropriate for CSC as it was mainly designed to bring on clubs who required basic help with aspects of organisation and training and infrastructure which were currently well developed at CSC. The RYA had recognised the leading roles that CSC currently plays within the NOS and indicated that it would support a bid for limited funding of a Training Instructor to work within CSC to support the Training Principal and his team of instructors. DF queried the obligations of CSC as an employer, and DP stated that the RYA would be the employer unless the candidate was self employed. He confirmed that CSC would not plan to take on employer status if this goes ahead. This was to be taken forward with the RYA by Mike Wilson and Richard Jenner with a final decision coming back to the committee.

Agenda Items

I Treasurers Interim Report GH. Report previously circulated to Committee

Effectively at month 11 of 12 leading up to the AGM CSC is on target for a modest surplus of around £2K

£14K in general reserve.

Membership income slightly down from last year and from that projected. JJ had looked into this and while total membership is about the same, the income is less due to change from family to individual subscription perhaps as junior members move away from the area.

HJ stated that catering income was lower than expected due to a reduced entry for this year's annual dinghy regatta.

There were no other significant variations from the projected budget.

Ross and Cromarty grant money was available for the Skiff Trailer (action SB)

The Insurance Company had agreed to pay for the repair to Ness save for a £100 excess

Finally there had been issues with Paypal which are taking time to resolve and will be reviewed.

2 Committee Appointments DP

The Committee were appraised of potential candidates for the following posts to be vacated (these to be decided at the AGM- Commodore, Harbour Master, Treasurer, Sailing Secretary, Catering Lead, Membership Secretary. Nominations for these posts would be sought from Club members in advance of the AGM.

Harbour Master and Moorings Co-ord would change over after the Crane out and the committee was delighted to hear that Peter Illingworth was prepared to take on this task and had already put forward well considered proposals for increased cruiser storage capacity on the hard. Donnie Macleod was happy to support the Harbourmaster in his duties acting as local deputy.

3 Skiff DM

The Skiff will be commissioned in time for the AGM. Chanonry Maid is currently being varnished and painted and looking very pretty already. Active planning for use of the skiff by Club members and others is being considered and more detailed proposals will be put to a future meeting.

It was noted that there was an ever increasing body of coastal rowing fleets in the Moray Firth area as elsewhere in the UK and that demand for use of these craft has been high to the extent that most have either built or planned to build a second boat.

DP had been given a cheque for £1000 from the Director of Gael Force towards a second build for CSC. After detailed discussion the Committee again agreed to go forward with the planned second build and would both seek grants from other charitable bodies and carry out fund raising activities to minimise the cost to the Club. It is anticipated that interest in Skiff building and rowing will attract more members to the Club and provide further opportunities for integrating with our surrounding communities. Action DM and SB

4 Boat Storage DP

1 Cruisers

Peter Illingworth has redesigned the storage arrangements which will increase capacity, however space will always be at a premium.

After discussion the Committee agreed that priority should be given to members who use their boats at CSC and who are active members of the Club and that this may have to be reflected in the Club Constitution.

2 Dinghies: see Item 4 above.

5 Club Clothing

HJ Helen pointed out that sales of Club logo clothing had been poor and that there were now much better opportunities for members to purchase a wider and more appealing variety of garments through internet sales outlets. Helen suggested the use of Dallas Designs who could print the CSC logo on to a wide range of garments available through their internet site. The committee approved this recommendation.

Helen also suggested that the clothing section should be moved on the website to a non- password protected area for ease of access- also agreed by the committee.

6 Sailing Event dates for 2015 DB.

The list of dates tabled by the Sailing secretary prior to the meeting was approved (Document to be enclosed with minutes for the website).

The RNLI open day was poorly attended by the public this year despite a big effort to provide an attractive day out for the public – perhaps due to the lack of the Invergordon lifeboat. SB to contact the Invergordon and Kessock stations to secure the presence of both vessels ASAP.

7 Training Diary Notes RJ

Debs Steele the ISAF Team racing Champion will be holding a Coaching weekend on 15th and 16th November .

There will be a Musto Skiff coaching weekend 1st and 2nd November.

Richard Evans has now arranged the winter Race training dates.

8 AGM planning

The AGM and annual Prizegiving will be at 7pm on Friday 28th November. There will be a finger buffet and bar.

The relevant officers agreed to prepare reports as follows

Commodore (DP), Finance (GH), Training (RJ), Sailing (DB), Skiff (DM) in advance of the meeting

Relevant paperwork to go out to members in advance (SB)

AOB

HJ suggested and the committee agreed that the next newsletter should highlight the forthcoming Club Championships, the Black Isle Challenge and the Winter Sailing programme. Action DP

Date of next Committee Meeting Tuesday 11th November 2014

