



CHANONRY SAILING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 15 May 2012

Present: Helen Jenner, Marisa Astill-Brown, Mairi Macleod, George Hogg, Kevin Holliday Steve Bramwell, Richard Jenner, Helen Morgan, David Pocock, Pamela Hogan, James Burns and Gavin Campsie.

Agenda Item

Action

1. Welcome & Apologies

2. Minutes of meeting of 13 March 2012

Approval of the minute was proposed by Pamela Hogan and seconded by Steve Bramwell.

3. Action Points & Matters Arising

All action points were discharged or addressed on the agenda with the exception of the following which were carried forward:

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| ▪ AP16 (18/1/11) Helen M to investigate possibility of a "sign up system" on the web site for recreational sailing and dry suit die-hards events. | HM |
| ▪ AP4 (26/7/11) Peter Illingworth, David and Roxby Robson will meet to discuss craning issues and will then present their recommendations to the committee. | DP/RR |
| ▪ AP4 (1/11/11) A loft-hatch will be made and installed to create more storage space in the Clubhouse. | GC |
| ▪ AP2 (6/12/11) The starter box requires repairing. Helen M will email Alan Hardie about this. | HM |
| ▪ AP4 (6/12/11) Lifeboat Day/Ness Cup – 21/22 July. Steve Bramwell will coordinate Lifeboat Day. | SB |
| ▪ AP3 13/3/12 George Hogg will investigate switching the insurance to the Highland Council rate when it is due for renewal in August. | GH |

5. Matters Arising

The harbour bar has been removed and the slipway cleared.

6. Accident Book/Health and Safety Issues

No new incidents have been reported.

7. Finance Report

George presented the latest report to the Committee. The Club is now moving into the period of greatest expenditure, with electricity remaining as one of the biggest areas of spending.

Some members still need to pay their membership fees; new members coming into the Club should make up for this, although membership numbers are slightly down this year.

George and David are still having discussions about craning-out fees.

8. Changing Rooms Update

James informed the Committee about the amount of work required in the changing rooms. He is still waiting for an updated quote that may be more than the original one.

The Committee discussed the need to find a window where no sailing is taking place so the coats of paint can dry. No decision can be made until a final quote is agreed on, this will have to be done by email and James, George, Helen J. and David will make the final decision. **(AP1 15/5/12)**

James will get a quote for the painting, although this may have to be done by Club members to reduce the cost.

**JB, GH,
HJ, DP**

9. Trophies

Many thanks to Joan who has generously agreed that the trophy she donated will continue to be awarded to the Junior Club series aggregate.

The Committee also thanked Steve for his generous donation of the George Taylor Cup which will be awarded annually at the CSC Regatta to the winner of the Slow Handicap cruiser class. In the event of amalgamation of slow and fast classes the cup will be awarded to the highest placed slow handicap cruiser in the fleet. Many thanks Steve!

Engraving of the Taylor Cup

After discussing this at great length David Pocock moved and the Committee agreed that the Committee needs more information to be able to make a decision regarding the engraving of the George Taylor Cup. The Committee decided to ask Mike Burns for a full list of the names which he feels should be engraved on the trophy to inform the committee's decision on what engraving would be done. The Cruiser Liaison Officer kindly undertook to contact Mike Burns to request this.

10. Ness Cup (Course and Safety Arrangements)

The Committee discussed if we should have a longer course for this race. Safety issues were also discussed and Steve moved that the Club boats should only do a short course. It should be made clear (in the newsletter) to members that the Club cannot provide safety cover for such a long course. Four RIBs will be available.

Helen J. proposed a race to be run at the same time as the Ness Cup over a shorter course for those not wishing to compete over the long course. She offered to provide a new trophy for this to be called The Nessie Trophy. Entry fees would also be charged on behalf of the RNLI fundraising. **(AP2 15/5/12)**

11. Youth Regatta Finance

Kevin presented the Youth Regatta finance report. The Club should break even if we get 45 – 50 boats taking part. Kevin then outlined the major cost for the event. Food expenditure will not be as great as anticipated. Helen M. asked George if the money could be run through the Chanonry books and George was happy with this. Helen also showed George and Kevin the invoice form and it was approved.

12. Work Party (possibly pre SYS regatta)

The Committee felt that a work party before this event is not necessary. Club members will be advised in a newsletter that they may have to move their boat before this event.

13. Sail for Gold

The RYA created the Sail for Gold event – we registered for this and received materials/displays, some of which can go to the Youth Regatta. We can also promote the Youth Regatta as a Sail for Gold event. Another youth race will be run with the Dolphins as an official Sail for Gold event (in an evening).

14. Training Update

Powerboating

We've issued 18 power boat level 2 certificates so far this year – 10 for Chanonry Members, 5 for Nairn SC members and 3 for Avoch Sea Scouts (trained by Derek Martin).

We have 2 more firm bookings from Chanonry members and another 2 interested but not booked in yet.

There have been 4 safety boat skills sessions run on Sunday mornings and these remain popular.

Dinghy Training

We've hosted the North Squad for 2 weekends (15 sailors) plus the

HMS Open Race Training for one session (7 sailors) – unfortunately we lost a training Optimist rudder during the ORT so the ‘small boat’ training fleet currently numbers 7.

Dolphins & Champs are both underway. At present 3 have 6 active Dolphins and 9 active Champs but these numbers will undoubtedly as the weather warms up and more juniors attend training.

The adult dinghy course starting on 26 May is full with 6 students including 2 new members.

Bookings are being taken for the junior courses in July.

Shorebased

The Essential Navigation & Seamanship course in February had 7 students.

We’ve found a First Aid instructor to replace Mike Armitage (Willie Wilson) and he conducted a course last Sunday for 4 students, 3 of whom are our instructors.

We do have some demand for a Club Race Officer Course and I hope to be able to arrange something soon.

15. Club eNewsletters

Helen J. and Derek Young will be the regular eNewsletter writers. Members can send anything noteworthy as it arises. The Committee thanked Derek and Helen for taking on this task.

AOCB

Helen M. raised the issue of possible liability to the Club if the safety crews from Nairn are not formally qualified. It was pointed out, however, that the RYA stipulates that it is up to the Club to carry out its own risk assessment.

Helen M. announced that, since she will be stepping down as Sailing Secretary, it may be prudent to start recruiting for the post now.