

Chanonry Sailing Club Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 12th March 2013

Present: David Pocock, Diarmid Hogan, Mike Burns, Mike Wilson, David Bell, Gavin Campsie,
Marisa Astill-Brown, Steve Bramwell, Helen Jenner, Joanne Johnson

Opening remarks

DP welcomed new Committee members SB (Secretary) and David Bell, and thanked Marisa for her great work in setting up the Training Programme. Marisa is moving away and hence standing down as training principal. DP had subsequently spoken to Richard Jenner who has agreed to act as temporary Training Principal for the rest of the season or until a suitably qualified replacement came forward. The committee were unanimous in agreement with this plan and expressed thanks to Richard for stepping in again.

Agenda Item

Action

Minutes of meeting of 29 January 2013

Action Points and Matters arising

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

AP16 (18/1/11) To approach Adrian Hodges to help develop a “sign up system” on the web site for recreational sailing and drysuit die-hards events. DP/AH

AP4 (26/7/11) Harbour craning discussions still to take place DP/PI

AP4 (1/11/11) There is still a desire to get the loft hatch installed GC

Dinghy Park/ Slipway

DP reported that MW had led on reorganising the dinghy park as previously agreed – fresh tie-down lines with all dinghies pointing into the prevailing wind had been installed. MW would publish a plan of where dinghies and tenders should be located and police the implementation. The harbour bar has been removed and the secondary slip cleared of debris.

Members have been asked to ensure that all boats and trailers are suitably labelled. Some unused/ unmarked boats will need to be moved to permanent storage off site if not removed by owners.

Cruisers

The cruising programme has now been published.

The Training programme for 2013 is now on the web site

Health and Safety Audits

DP reported most of the external measures had been or were being completed but that several of the internal actions were outstanding. GC

Repair of Starters Box before start of sailing season- Approved spend of £600 for Alan Hardie to do work

Rusted rail bases on harbour wall- Approved DP had approached Billy MacNaughton to repair guard rails

Malcolm Wilson has replaced the substantial bollard on the pier- this was rotten and unfit for purpose. The Committee recorded formal thanks to Malcolm for this work.

Richard Jenner is reviewing the Club Health and Safety policy and will recommend changes to the Committee and do a new entry into the website.

In view of the encouraging increase in new members Marisa suggested that an **induction / social session** could still take place- date to be decided. Marisa would lead with DP.

Items for Discussion

1 Finance Report GH

Updated accounts circulated. GH confirmed that lower funding from subscriptions was likely to result in £300 less overall income, however this will probably be offset by an increase in the training and social activity income, so overall the financial position is satisfactory.

Expenditure- a modest increase in cost of cleaning likely but not a significant concern.

Balance – the club is aiming for a surplus of £4000 of which £2000 goes into safety Boat Fund and the remainder either saved or spent on essential items, The committee felt that as there is an adequate contingency fund, the aim should not be to accumulate more money but spend it on equipment and improvements.

2 Membership Renewals

JJ tabled a list of members/ subscriptions received. It was noted that there were some outstanding unpaid subscriptions and committee members undertook to informally approach anyone who they think wish to remain members to remind them to take action. However a deadline for payment of subs beyond which membership will be deemed to have lapsed is close and JJ will send out an email to all 2012 members to remind them.

HJ queried if it was essential for the constitution of the club to make a permanent record of all members and JJ undertook to do this. JJ was thanked for her excellent work.

3 Sunday Morning Events

DB outlined plans for Sunday am sailing which will incorporate informal handicap racing and training events- the aim is to encourage people to participate in social sailing and have the opportunity to improve sailing skills. It is hoped that they will go on to do the Sunday races.

Catering will be available/ brought in for the bigger events but members will be encouraged to socialise and use the galley for hot drinks, lunches etc. HJ/ DP

Discussion centered around how amalgamate different aspects of Sunday sailing through Dutyman and also how to combine dinghy and cruiser activities to bring the two sections closer together.

MB announced Sunday cruising events on 14 July, 4th August, and 29 September, the last muster to be named the Jimmy Munro Memorial cruise/ race.

4 Sailing Sub-committee

DB felt that Dutyman is set to work well and Adrian Hodges was thanked for the considerable effort he has put in to organising the duties for the 2013 season..

Ness Cup sailing Instructions had been discussed extensively and circulated with modifications by RJ, RE and DB. MB expressed concerns over possible rough conditions in bad weather at the outer can buoy if used as a racing mark and also felt the race documentation was too long.

The committee decided that the RO would have discretion to use marks depending on weather conditions and that the sailing secretary should be the arbiter of the content of the sailing instructions. DB agreed, in the light of MB's concern to look again at the expected tidal conditions at the outer can.

Start sequence to remain 3 2 1 except for the Ness Cup.

5 RNLI Day Date == HW 1400 3.4m

DP summarised the plans for this significant event – effectively a club open day.

A fuller list of plans to be drawn up and more volunteers will be needed to help run the event.

DP and Committee

6 RYA Champion Club

RYA have taken over from Volvo and thus no sponsorship funding. The committee felt we should still apply for Championship Club status this year, but to reassess before doing so again next year.

7 Work Party 23 March

DP stated that there was probably insufficient work needing done around the club to justify a full scale work party and this was thus deferred.

Marisa did feel that the club dinghies would need a day of maintenance and undertook to organise this and will require volunteers.

8 AOCB

a: Empty Moorings

DP stated that several cruising members were either leaving or selling their boats and up to 10 of the Club moorings could be vacant this season.

The committee had received an application to rent up to 4 moorings for a small cruiser charter business. It was agreed there were many implications stemming from this but if these could be resolved there were no absolute objections in principle.

A small committee composed of DP, GH and SB to consider the request and report back to the committee for decision..

B: HJ asked for a mechanism of recording junior members who at present are not logged as individuals if part of a family membership subscription. JJ and HJ to look at ways of achieving this.

C: Training Issues

Marissa felt the **last club GP14 was now obsolete** and needed to be retired! Committee noted that this was an end to a long tradition of GP14's used for training in the club but accepted the point. Whilst various imaginative ways of disposal were considered, it was decided to offer the GP to club members who could submit closed bids, failing which it may need to be destroyed or put into permanent storage. GH/ Marissa

RYA Training Centre recognition may cost for the first time next year.

Ross and Cromarty Sports Council Grants of £1000 had been used to the advantage of junior club members ,ast year and were available again in 2013 with a deadline of end March for application. Marisa felt that the money could be split flexibly to assist young sailors and to purchase equipment and the committee agreed that this should be decided on by the Training principal

D: DB confirmed that we will not have pottery mugs as prizes his year and he will look into alternatives.

E: MB Asked for a letter of support from the Club for the newly formed charity formed to raise funds to maintain the **"North Kessock Community Pier"** and DP will write this letter.

GC explained that pressure of work and the distance he lived from the club meant that he thought he should stand down as house member. DP said that Donnie Mcleod had previously said he might be interested in taking on this role and it was agreed DP should approach him.

Date of next meeting would be decided when it became apparent if there were any significant issues needing resolution before the sailing season got into full swing.