

Nairn Coastal Rowing Club – Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 3rd June, 7pm, Boatshed

Present: Alison, Sally W, Mairi, Catriona, Dot, Kirsty, Bob

Apologies: Matt, Laura, Sally M, Nick

Welcome: Alison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

1. Affiliation Update

- There has been no progress on affiliation since our last committee meeting. Topic will be discussed at the next Sailing Club Committee Meeting on Monday 08th June.

Action: Sally W will put a note in the newsletter to keep members informed.

2. Towing

- The committee agreed to increase the towing rate to 55p/mile in line with the latest HMRC rate. There would be no maximum distance set but a £5/person contribution may have to be charged for some events. It was confirmed that the tower would always be fully reimbursed.
- We currently have only 4 club members willing and able to tow the boats. We discussed ways to encourage more members to tow and an informal workshop on hints and tips for packing and towing a skiff was suggested.

Action: Sally W to put a note in the next newsletter to identify members with a tow bar and to gauge interest in a workshop.

3. Feedback from Harbour Day 30/5/26 and First Social Row 31/5/26

- The Harbour Day was low key and fun. The club raised about £100. Agreed we would discuss fundraising at the next meeting and also ask members for fundraising ideas and help to co-ordinate and fundraising events.

Action: Sally W put a note in the next newsletter touting for ideas.

- The social row was also successful. However, for future events we will take a more structured approach.

4. Progress on developing a youth team

- As we continue to explore the development of a club youth team, we agreed it would be helpful to speak to other clubs on how they have progressed developing a youth team. It was also recognised that this needs to be a wider Watersports initiative and not something the rowing club is in a position to progress on our own. On-going action for the committee.

5. Guidance for signing up to open and training rows

- There is already guidance on open rows and training rows built into every club calendar event.

6. Kit Order

- There have been some requests for club kit. **Action:** Catriona to get in touch with Kay and Stella about a club order for kit.

Membership Update:

- There are currently 56 members.
- There is now a QR code to link to the club email. A QR code link to the membership form is the next step. On-going action.
- The next Have a go row is scheduled for the 14th June.

Treasurer Report:

Current Account: £6601.20

Savings Account: £10,130.61

Coxes Meeting update:

- Following on from the recent coxes meeting, there was some discussion about how to encourage and support members to become coxes. Agreed it would be useful to invite the lead coxes to our next committee meeting.
- Crew Safety - We had a discussion about crew safety on and off the water. We agreed we should have a club risk assessment in place for our activities.
- **Action:** Catriona to ask lead coxes to the next meeting and request they develop a risk assessment.

Boat Maintenance & Kit:

- **Scheduling maintenance** - We will discuss this at our next committee meeting.
- **Door locks** - Bob will purchase a new lock.
- **Inventory of club assets** - on-going action

Regattas / Social events:

- Portsoy - 13 June. There is a good number of members signed up.
- Golspie - 25 July. Needs someone to coordinate our participation. **Action:** Sally W to highlight need in Newsletter and add role to the calendar event
- Sunday Social Row Dates - Sunday 21st June (Solstice). We will adjust the calendar entry to have hourly times to row and also put out a request for a BBQ. **Action:** Sally W to put a note in the newsletter and Kirsty to adjust the calendar.
- Laura is looking into taking the skiff to Loch Morlich.
- Nairn regatta date - Dot now has the tide times for 2027 and will identify date options for consideration.

- Appin rowing club - Laura has suggested some dates for them to row in company here, will feed back if they still intend to come.

Club Nights

Action: Sally W to put a note in the next newsletter asking for ideas for topics for our winter club night.

AOB - There was no other business.

Date of the next committee meeting: Wednesday 24th June, 7pm, Boatshed

Review Actions from last meeting:

Start	Who	What	Complete?
3/6/26	Sally W	Note in next newsletter about - affiliation progress, Block Booking, Towing workshop and support, fundraising ideas and help, solstice row, requests for ideas for winter club meetings.	
3/6/26	Committee	Developing a youth team.	On-going action (97)
3/6/26	Catriona	Contact Kay and Stella about kit order.	
3/6/26	Catriona	Contact lead coxes about attending the next committee meeting and developing a club risk assessment.	
3/6/26	Committee	Discuss fund-raising ideas	On-going action (73)
30/4/26	Committee	Monitor towing costs. Develop a towing policy.	On-going action (116)
30/4/26	Kirsty	Speak to Mairi and Laura about developing a QR code for new members joining the club.	Link to club email set up. On-going action (119)
25/03/2026	Matt	Matt to remind members to complete Gift Aid declarations so their donations are eligible for gift aid and that the upper limit for gift aid donations is £30.	Reminder sent. Needs to check gift aid forms.

		Matt to check who has already completed these and let them know.	
25/03/2026	Alison	progress affiliation with the sailing club and provide updates to the club.	On-going action (104)
25/03/2026	Alison/Sally W	Talk to John Ashford about getting an inventory of the items in storage at the sailing club.	On-going action (105)
25/03/2026	Alison	Talk to John Ashford to get a schedule going for maintenance Discuss at next committee meeting.	On-going action (107)
25/03/2026	Bob	Research alternative options for locks and discuss at the next meeting. Would a key and keybox be the most straight forward option? Bob to purchase a new lock.	30/4/26 - Committee agreed best option was to replace locks as needed.
25/03/2026	Laura	Contact Jeanette about replacing First Aid Kits in the Boatshed.	Laura to order replacement kit from the link shared by Jeanette.
25/03/2026	Laura	Respond to Appin Coastal Rowing Club about their request to row in company Nairn.	Done. Suggested the following dates for a company row in Nairn which are free on the calendar 20 June 4/5 July 18/19 July 1/2 August 29/30 August
25/03/2026	Laura	Laura to contact Jeanette to arrange a date for the RNLI rescue training session.	Messaged on Whatsapp.

Link to outstanding actions from previous meetings: [NCRC Actions](#)