

Nairn Coastal Rowing Club – Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 29th July, 7pm, Boatshed

Present: Alison, Bob, Sally W, Matt, Dot, Sally M, Catriona

Apologies: Laura, Nick, Kirsty, Mairi

Matters Arising:

1. Progress on developing a youth team

- Identified the first requirement is to appoint a PVG co-ordinator. The person in that role should not be involved in coaching or coxing the youth team. Agreed to put a shout out in the next newsletter.

2. Risk Assessment

- The committee agreed to discuss the risk assessment at the next committee meeting. Catriona will distribute the risk assessment to the committee before then.

3. Moderate Rows

- Following feedback about the moderate rows, some adjustments to the scheduling were identified to ensure they were working as was initially intended. These included:
 - using a more applicable term instead of moderate rows
 - having its own colour on the calendar
 - having a whatsapp group to schedule the rows.

Membership Update:

- There were no new members this month. There are currently 58 members.
- The next Come and Try row is 2nd August

Treasurer Report:

- Matt provided an update on the 2025 accounts. These are the same as presented at the AGM. Steve Bain has now signed them off and they will now be sent to OSCA.

Current Account: £6859.21

Savings Account: £10,138.79

Boat Maintenance & Kit:

● Dulsie Maintenance

- It was recognised that Dulsie is now 9 years old and is due for a thorough strip down and programme of works. It is also an opportunity to review any possible alterations to make her lighter and better for racing. As she is

currently being used for regattas any work would be better scheduled during the winter.

- It was suggested that initially a small group of rowers would meet to identify possible adaptations to Dulsie before discussing fully with the bosuns about what is feasible. **Action:** Sally W to set up a small group and liaise with the bosuns.

Regattas / Social events:

Regattas

- Findhorn - 15 August
- Strathpeffer - 5 September
- Nairn regatta date - 5th June currently looks the best date.

Social

- An Old Bar picnic row is very dependent on the weather conditions so agreed it would be best for the coxes to flag up any opportunities as they arise.
- 5 Miles from home, 2 - 6 September, is now on the calendar for rowers to sign up if interested.

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Storage of trailers at the kayak yard

The committee agreed it would be best for the trailers to be stored at the kayak yard over the winter. It cost £50. Meanwhile the kayak club has requested the possible use of our meeting room for monthly meetings over the winter. **Action:** Catriona will contact the kayak club to discuss these two matters.

Cradle for launching the skiffs

The rollers on the trailers can easily cause damage so it is suggested a cradle could be made.

Safety for unloading and loading the skiffs for towing.

After some discussion it was agreed there should be a named person to co-ordinate the unloading and loading of the skiffs for towing to ensure the safety of all those helping. It is the same with the gazebo. Agreed that these two roles should be identified when information goes out about regattas.

Affiliation with the Sailing Club.

There has been no further progress.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm.

Date of the next committee meeting: Wednesday 26 August, 7pm, Boatshed

Review Actions from last meeting:

Start	Who	What	Complete?
29/7/26	Sally W	Set up a small group to identify any adaptations to Dulsie for racing and liaise with the bosuns.	
29/7/26	Catriona	Contact the kayak club to discuss storage of the road trailers and use of our meeting room.	
3/6/26	Committee	Developing a youth team.	On-going action (97)
3/6/26	Catriona	Contact the lead coxes about attending the next committee meeting and developing a risk assessment.	Unable to attend June committee meeting. Risk assessment now with the committee for discussion.
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	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	Laura	Laura to contact Jeanette to arrange a date for the RNLI rescue training session.	Jeanette will liaise with the RNLI and get back to us.

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