

Nairn Coastal Rowing Club – Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 25 February 2026, 7pm

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

Apologies: Kirsty, Sally W, Mairi, Laura

Welcome: Alison welcomed everyone to the meeting

Matters Arising:

1. Affiliation with Sailing Club

Alison summarised the recent informal chat with Stuart Fox, commodore of the sailing club. In essence we should focus on the aim of affiliation rather than get too hung up on costs.

Action; Alison will write a message to accompany the draft affiliation document.

2. AGM Preparation

We discussed documents needed for the AGM.

Action: Catriona/Laura to prepare and send out the agenda, last year's minutes and the draft affiliation document with Alison's message. A sign-in sheet is also needed for those attending.

3. Sailing club recompense for storage

Agreed this could come under any affiliation agreement with the Sailing Club.

4. Oars

Findhorn have asked if we had any spare sets of oars that we were not using. Bob had made a set of oars that NCRC don't use so Bob and the committee agreed we could offer these to Findhorn to purchase.

Action: Alison will get in touch with Findhorn

5. Robert Gordon's letter

Robert Gordon from Inverness rowing club has asked if we would be interested in being involved in a youth development programme. We agreed we would be favourable and we would need to explore what would be involved for having young people taking part in coastal rowing.

Action: Alison will get in touch with other clubs who have youth participation - Lossiemouth and Ullapool.

6. Watersports Forum

Stuart Fox, Sailing Club, has invited us to participate in a watersports forum being facilitated by Sports Scotland on Tuesday 31st March. Other local watersports clubs have also been invited to participate. It would be a good opportunity to hear from Sports Scotland. Nick, Bob and Alison are going to attend.

7. Get Active Highland Grant

Sally M updated the committee on how this grant fund might be used. It can cover a variety of projects and be between £1000-£5000 pounds. We agreed it might be a useful fund once we had a definite project.

8. Newsletter

Sally W offered to send out a newsletter focussing on the AGM. The relevant documents could be attached as a link.

Membership Update:

- 68 members currently.
- One new member - Robert Shepherd
- There was a successful "have a try" row on February 22nd and another one scheduled for the end of March/ beginning of April hopefully.

Treasurer Report:

Matt provided a summary of the 2025 annual accounts. The running costs of £3657 are covered by the membership fees and donations. The wording for donations needs to be amended to make it clear it is for general running costs.

- Current Account Balance: £5,114.75
- Savings Account Balance: £10,117.99

Action: Sally W to amend wording on the calendar.

Boat Maintenance & Kit:

- **Life Jacket servicing** - 7 life jackets need serviced and the firing unit replaced before October (about £35). Sensible to take two a month for servicing. Visual inspections of club life jackets should be undertaken regularly. Members have been reminded about checking their own lifejackets.

Action: Catriona will organise servicing of life jackets

Health & Safety:

- **Update on roller door** - Greg is still working on the door.

Regattas / Social events:

- Appin Coastal Rowing Club have requested an opportunity to row from Nairn. We agreed to get in touch with dates nearer the time.

Action: Laura to keep in touch with Appin

- Possible events for the summer are a distance row, open club days with rowing and BBQ and rows to the old bar for a picnic.

Action: Committee to look at possible dates with suitable tides for these events.

- **Regattas**

Findhorn regatta is 15th August

Ullapool - we didn't get a place

Orkney - some club members are going and hopefully getting a row with other clubs.

Golspie - no date yet but probably July

Cromarty - not been announced yet

5 miles from home - 2nd-6th September

- **Club Nights**

Next club meeting is by Matt on Weather for Rowers, Wednesday 11th March, 7pm, Bowling Club, Albert Street.

AOB

- Highland Council will look at the sand bar at the entrance to Nairn Harbour and remove it in the next few weeks.

Meeting finished at 8.30pm.

AGM: 14th March, 10am, Bowling Club, Albert Street

Date of the next committee meeting: Wednesday 25th March, 7pm, Boathouse

Review Actions from last meeting:

Start	Who	What	Complete?
25/2/26	Alison	will prepare a message to send out to members to accompany the draft affiliation document prior to the AGM.	
25/2/26	Catriona/ Laura	to prepare and send out the agenda, last year's minutes and Alison's message to accompany the draft affiliation document when ready.	
25/2/26	Alison	will get in touch with Findhorn about purchasing oars from NCRC	
25/2/26	Alison	will get in touch with other clubs who have youth participation like Lossiemouth and Ullapool.	
25/2/26	Sally W	to amend wording on the calendar for donations to read "for general running costs".	
25/2/26	Catriona	will organise gradual servicing of life jackets	
25/2/26	Laura	to keep in touch with Appin about possible rowing dates in the summer	
25/2/26	Committee	to look at possible dates with suitable tides for club non-competitive events .	
7/1/26	Alison Committee Sally M	will meet with the sailing club to explore options for affiliation. will meet at the end of January to get a proposal ready for AGM. will look at a cost-benefit analysis.	Committee met at end of January with Stuart from the Sailing Club. Agreed to put to members at the AGM.
7/1/26	Alison	will confirm dates for the talk on tides with the Sailing Club.	Complete
7/1/26	Catriona	will check with Bob about booking the bowling Club for the AGM	Complete

7/1/26	Kirsty Alison	Put out a whatsapp to gauge interest about Saturday social row events Check timetabling with Neil	Poll put on club whatsapp 11/1/26. 17 replies all in favour.
29/10/25	Matt Sally M Bob	will check criteria for the Haventus Community Benefit Fund as it might be a possible source of funding for the Regatta. will check criteria for the Get Active Highland fund. provide advice about other suitable bodies.	Done - Action for Matt to apply for funding. Complete - Sally M updated committee 25/2/26
29/10/25	Catriona/Laura	to explore costs and venues of a film night.	In progress
29/10/25	Sally M	To obtain costs of new cones and tape for the front of the boatshed.	Complete & purchased
29/10/25	Laura	To discuss with Kay and Stella next steps in using Sum Up for managing kit orders.	On hold until the new year.
29/10/25	Laura/Catriona	To contact other groups like Blue Space and supermarkets for possible donations for winter solstice.	Laura has contacted other water users. Decided we will purchase refreshments ourselves.

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