

Nairn Coastal Rowing Club – Committee Meeting Minutes

Boathouse: Wednesday 27 August 2025, 7pm

Present: Alison, Dot, Kirsty, Matt, Sally M, Sally W, Martin (Lead Cox)

Apologies: Bob, Catriona, Laura, Mairi, Nick

Matters Arising:

1. Development Rows / Cox Development - coxes programme to develop existing and new coxes will be scheduled. New coxes will also be encouraged to join in - will be mentioned at the Winter Rowing meeting and people encouraged to cox.
2. Club affiliation - Alison has been in discussion with the sailing club commodore and will schedule a meeting with the sailing and kayak clubs to discuss next steps and cost vs benefit for club members.
3. Winter rowing programme and Club nights - All to be invited to a club night to discuss. Club night booked Wednesday 10th September 7pm - St Columbus Church Hall.
4. Parking in front of boat shed - Laura to contact Highland Council requesting 'Keep Clear' to be painted in front of boat shed.
5. Roller Door - Action for Bob to provide a copy of the warranty and action for Matt to provide a copy of the proof of purchase. Once we have these, action for the Bosuns (John A) to contact Gliderol.

Membership Update:

- 64 current members, 1 new member since the last meeting. Action for Mairi to arrange the next 'Have a try row' in September - date TBC.

Treasurer Report:

- Account: £10,087.58 Savings: £5,789.40
- Agreed to renew boat insurance with current provider (Elite Rowing)
- Gift aid - Those donating via bank transfer and want gift aid to be processed, will need to complete a gift aid declaration. Action for Matt to write a newsletter item.
- OSCR Online Portal Access - Matt to liaise with Sally M to gain access.
- Club Signatories - no new signatories to be added at the moment.

Boat Maintenance & Kit:

- Boat trailer for Esther - Order is complete and paid for, waiting for delivery.
- Scrapping of old trailer - On hold until the new trailer is delivered. £100 per ton at HRL 3-5 Carsegate Inverness - wheels need to be removed. Will keep the wheels as spares. Forres scrapyards to be considered as a second option.

- Trailer storage - decision to move forward with storage at the kayak club. Action for Laura to request price for seasonal storage (1 October - 30 April). Otherwise the annual cost is £100.
- Small Gazebo Repairs - Options were discussed and there will be a vote at the next committee meeting to agree best course of action. Action for Kirsty to explore second hand Gazebos with no branding.

Health & Safety:

- Safety and Maintenance Schedule - Sally W / Catriona / Jeanette. Email from Jeanette circulated 18/8 on Whatsapp. Attachment saved to G-Drive. Jeanette has confirmed she can attend the September committee meeting to discuss required H&S actions for the club.

Regattas / Social events:

- **Cromarty Regatta** - 30 August - Not enough people to formally enter. People can join a ROTW boat if they like.
- **Nairn Regatta 2026** - 20+ in favour with 16 volunteers to organise. Regatta meeting to be scheduled for 1 October at St Columbus Church Hall, 7pm. Action for Sally W to add meeting details to calendar and newsletter.
- **Orkney Regatta** - invite for 27 June 2026. Dot has added this to the calendar for people to express interest. Rough cost of transporting the boat to the regatta as it would require a financial contribution from attendees - Approx £450 based on 2025 costs for a return journey for car + 5m trailer on Northlink Ferries.
- **Christmas meal** - Lucy has agreed to organise again this year and will contact the Sundancer and NCRC soon.

AOB:

- We were aware that non-committee members were still accessing the club mail box. Action for Laura to sign out all devices and current committee members can sign in again with a verification code from Sally W or Laura.

Actions:

27/08/2025	Alison	Liaise with Sailing and Kayak Clubs re: affiliation	
27/08/2025	Laura	Book venue for 10th September for winter programme meeting	Complete - St Columbus Church Hall.
27/08/2025	Laura	Contact Highland Council regarding 'Keep Clear' signage on road in front of boat shed	In progress. Email sent 28 Aug.
27/08/2025	Bob / Matt	Provide copies of roller door warranty and proof of purchase so bosuns can move forward with repairs.	
27/08/2025	Mairi	Arrange September 'Have a go' row	

27/08/2025	Matt	Write Gift Aid update for newsletter	Complete
27/08/2025	Laura	Email kayak club re: seasonal storage of trailer	In progress
27/08/2025	Kirsty	Explore second hand gazebo options	
27/08/2025	Laura	Invite Jeanette to September meeting.	Complete, Jeanette confirmed she will attend.
27/08/2025	Sally W	Communicate Nairn Regatta meeting via newsletter and calendar.	
27/08/2025	Matt	Calculate rough transport cost for getting a boat to Orkney.	Complete
27/08/2025	Alison	Ask Lucy if she will organise Christmas Meal	Complete. Lucy will organise.
27/08/2025	Laura	Sign all devices out of the club G-mail.	Complete

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 24 September 7pm Boatshed

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