Nairn Coastal Rowing Club – Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 26th August, 7pm, Boatshed

Present: Alison, Dot, Kirsty, Catriona, Sally W, Nick

Apologies: Mairi, Bob, Laura, Matt, Sally M

Matters Arising:

1. **Risk Assessments**
    - Agreed to discuss this at the next committee meeting.
2. **Serious Incidents Whilst out Rowing**
    - Agreed to discuss this at the next committee meeting
3. **Progress on developing a youth team**
    - Kirsty provided a comprehensive summary of where we are with developing a youth team and what the club's next steps might be to achieve this.
    - Following on from a special newsletter issued to club members, several people have shown an interest in being involved. It was agreed to ask if anyone else was interested in the next newsletter.
    - Kirsty has created all the necessary folders on the google drive and written the relevant policies, codes of conduct, assessments and necessary files.
    - The next steps include registering the club with Volunteer Scotland, appointing a CWPO, starting the process of PVGs, creating a Whatsapp group and arranging training for volunteers.
    - **The committee wants to acknowledge and thank Kirsty for the enormous amount of work she has done to enable the club to start developing a youth team.**
4. **Workshop on Skiff Preparation and Towing**
    - As there is only one more regatta this year, the committee agreed to schedule a workshop in the spring.
    - Having a team to help prepare Dulsie for towing and a team to put up and take down the gazebo worked well at Findhorn so would do this again for future regattas.

5. **Nairn Kayak Club**

    - The committee agreed with the proposal to provide the kayak club the use of our meeting room (a maximum of six times) in lieu of the storage of our two road trailers in the kayak yard.

6. **Update on planning for the Winter refurbishment of Dulsie**

    - Sally W outlined the work required on Dulsie. The main work is to completely strip back the old paint, carry out any necessary repairs and then repaint using more robust paint.
    - It is also an opportunity to look at ways to reduce the weight and improve the ergonomics from a racing perspective.
    - The next steps will be for the bosun and a group of rowers to look at the work required.
    - The aim is to have Dulsie off the water at the end of September. Esther is still available for club rowing.
    - Work has already started on making a cradle to help protect the hulls from the rollers and a brace for the trolley straps when towing.

Membership Update:

- There have been 2 new members this month. The membership number is currently 61.
- Another successful come and try row was held on 2 August.

Treasurer Report:

Current Account: £6,851

Savings Account: £10,143

Regattas / Social events:

Regattas

- Strathpeffer, 5 September - a small team is going to this last regatta of the season, joined by some of our friends from the Lossiemouth and Findhorn clubs who did not get a spot.
- Nairn regatta - a provisional date of 5 June has been agreed.

Social

- 5 Miles from home, 2 to 6 September - 3 teams have registered.
- A club Christmas event was discussed and this year we could possibly use the Community Centre or Nairn Dunbar. Both have “Bring a Party to a Party” functions. Sally W to ask Lucy and Lauren if they will take the lead on this, after the great job they have done organising the past few Xmas events. They have since agreed.

AOB:

Affiliation with the Sailing Club -

- The committee agreed to find out and audit what we currently store in the Sailing Cub yard before signing the affiliation document which included a charge for storage.

Coxes training - the committee agreed to ask the lead coxes to run the next coxes training course in April.

SCRA AGM - The SCRA AGM is 23/24 October at Loch Tummel. There is a mixture of training courses, races and the AGM. The committee agreed to ask members if anyone would like to attend on behalf of the club.

Winter Club Programme -

- The committee discussed possible topics including - youth development, a quiz night, life jackets and safety bag, knots, weather, first aid relating to rowing.
- Agreed to discuss a plan for the winter programme at the next committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of the next committee meeting: Wednesday 30th September, 7pm

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 trailers and use of our meeting room.	Contacted. Kayak club will send an email confirming agreement.
3/6/26	Committee	Developing a youth team.	On-going action (97)
3/6/26	Catriona	Contact lead coxes about attending the next committee meeting and developing a club risk assessment.	Unavailable for June committee meeting. Risk Assessment now with committee for discussion.
3/6/26	Committee	Discuss fund-raising ideas	On-going action (73)
30/4/26	Committee	Monitor towing costs.	On-going action (116)

		Develop a towing policy.	
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) 26/8/26 - discussed
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