

Nairn Coastal Rowing Club – Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 27th 2023

Attendees: Andy Walker, Leah MacKay, Stella Matheson, Bob Ferenth, Valerie Wareham, Sally Moore, Tom Hodge.

Apologies: Mairi Ryan

Next meeting: 25th October

Chair report. Andy

There are no issues with the previous minutes.

Berny is standing down from the committee however he wants to help run a cox's course and still help with the running of the club.

NCRC is a first class club and we need to look after it. Regatta results have been excellent and reviews from non-members good. There is in excess of £60,000 in assets (Boathouse etc) and an increasing membership, testament to Berny's ability to run the club through troubled times. Prior to Berny, Bill Wright was president. He wrote the Constitution and was instrumental in getting the club established, something which also has to be acknowledged by the club.

Life jackets: Some have disappeared so an initial audit is required, perhaps a complete club audit of all assets, Andy, accompanied by Robbie, is to meet with a local individual, who, it is felt, could fulfil this role. As we have a duty of due diligence, we may need to buy some jackets and encourage new and existing members to buy their own.

Treasurer's report. Sally Moore

Balance £14,826.01

Insurance paid so up to date with PLI and Boathouse, and contents etc

Regatta income: £1,424.50 with £110 float. £53 of merchandise sold and still some available. The regatta committee will have a 'debrief' soon when expenses will be discussed. Some equipment can be re-used in the future e.g. buoys. There is still expenditure with the Boathouse e.g. wall protectors for chairs in meeting room. Andy is still to be registered as Chair with OSCR. Bob and Sally M are organising an online fund-raising store. Slip Payment has to be clarified and finalised. Bob will help Sally M with Gift Aid.

We should not have to pay Council rates due to our charity status.

Boathouse and Inventory. Bob

The Boathouse is in a mess and needs cleaned up. Floors need brushed and things tidied away.

There will be a maintenance schedule planned and all members are to be involved. Shelves will be put on the walls to keep everything off the ground. Extra sockets will be fitted in the Boathouse for battery charging.

Both boats need to be dried and cleaned after every row using sponges/absorbent towels and other methods to keep the boats dry will be investigated. Tom suggested looking at the possibility of fitting a bung into one of the boats to see if that would help remove the water but this was not felt necessary. There is going to be a water pipe fitted at the slip so washing out the boats will be safer away from cars.

Esther will be re-fitted to match Dulsie's footplates and stroke's position in both boats improved.

The Thole pins and Rowlocks on each boat will be changed.

The wiring on the trailers need looked at and possibly renewed.

Nylon or plastic covers to protect the gunnels from the movement of the rowlocks will be tried to reduce friction.

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A new path and cycle racks will be done by the council at the back of the club to keep people off the road along the harbourside. This will be wheelchair friendly.

Other Business.

Sally M and Valerie will make some amendments to the Code of Ethics and submit at the next meeting

Andy W will be writing the club newsletter to keep members abreast of happenings within the club. The committee agenda will be circulated so members can intimate any items they would like to be considered under AOCB.

Andy reviewed the Action Plan and he will update the Action Column as they are dealt with, these included, recruitment, calendar, social media, social rowing, beach launches, notice board, extra rows.

Stella mentioned that one of the Umpires at our regatta thought that the World Championship Committee would be interested in using our style of course for their future events as the 500m course was easy to watch and entertaining for spectators.

Business cards not deemed necessary at the moment to promote the club.

Tom

Tom will organise a box for donations to the local foodbank. The box will be left in the Boathouse with suggestions from the Trussel Trust as to what is needed.

SCRA fresh water sprints.

Nairn is part of the North East Regional Team and we will row against other regions on the 28th of October 2023 10am to 4.30pm. Leah will contact other NE members.

SCRA

A discussion then took place re the forthcoming SCRA AGM on 28th October, as well as two courses being run. Leah is circulating the letter received by the club and collating responses. A decision will then be made re attendance, transport and accommodation.

Official Boathouse Opening

Bob and Tom to organise. Possible people to invite are, Davidson Trust, Lord Lieutenant, Lord Provost, Councillors, Sailing club and kayak club. All these people helped towards the building of the Boathouse in some way.

Bob suggested plaques with names of those who donated/helped with the build. Social committee to be asked to organise simple catering for the opening.

Future meetings are to be the last Wednesday of each month.

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