Nairn Coastal Rowing Club – Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 30th September, 7pm, Boatshed

Present: Alison, Bob, Catriona, Dot, Kirsty, Laura, Mairi, Nick, Sally W (Jeanette)

Apologies: Matt, Sally M

Matters Arising:

1. **Dulsie Refurbishment**
    - Agreed the budget for the works is £500. Sally W to manage costs for the project with the project team.
    - There will be a club night to communicate the works to the wider club, likely to be Wed 11 November.
    - Esther - she should be used more for regular rows to help spread wear and tear. Esther currently does not need significant refurbishment.
    - Matt to take over from Sally W as committee representative for the project from end of October.
    - Sally W to set up an account for paint supplies, invoices should be sent directly to the treasurer email.

2. **Progress on developing a youth team**
    - Several club members have indicated interest in being involved and some have volunteered for specific roles.
    - First batch of PVG forms are currently being processed with a further three in the pipeline.
    - Kirsty explained there is quite a lot of training for volunteers to start with.
    - A whatsapp group has been set up for volunteers and a first meeting is arranged for 14th October.
    - Agreed to purchase two life jackets for younger people (Kirsty looking into funding options).
    - Hoping to be ready for first junior rowers after the October school holidays.

3. **SCRA AGM - 23/24 October**
    - Put out another call for a member to attend.
    - Reimbursement agreed as usual fuel costs (55p per mile)
    - Laura will email SCRA and request health and safety for rowers to be discussed at a body level.

4. **Risk Assessment**
    - Jeanette attended - she will input to the youth RA which Kirsty has shared with her.

5. **Serious Incidents Whilst out Rowing**
    - Laura will raise this with SCRA as a suggested AGM item.
    - Jeanette will ask RNLI if there is any training they can give us.
    - Laura will see what existing online resources can be shared with members.

- Committee to set up ‘man overboard’ practice in the summer and to set up a ‘water safety’ winter club night.

6. **Winter Programme**

    - Suggested programme, dates and organisers to be decided at the next meeting,
        i. 11 November: Club updates (Youth, Dulsie, Regatta) Bowling Club
        ii. December: Christmas party (18 Dec) and Solstice row (20 Dec)
        iii. January: Water Safety
        iv. February: Curry and Quiz night.
        v. March: TBC

7. **Affiliation with the Sailing Club**

    - Agreed that we can sign the affiliation paper work. Annual cost is £400.
    - Alison to negotiate cost of storage at sailing club yard
    - Bob to create inventory of all NCRC items held in the Sailing Club yard and container.

Membership Update:

- Currently 61 members
- 6 new members

Treasurer Report

- Current Account: £6,506
- Savings Account: £10,146

Boat Maintenance & Kit:

- Life jacket servicing - numbers 2, 7, 8, 9. Catriona to take arrange servicing in Nairn
- Trailers to kayak yard - Catriona to organise. Only one trailer as the other is with Dulsie.

Regattas / Social events:

- Nairn Regatta - 5 June. Committee needed ASAP so that funding can be applied for.
- Christmas Social - Friday 18th - Nairn Community Centre
- Solstice Row - Sunday 20th December (HT 08:00) / Monday 21st December (HT: 09:00) TBC

AOB -

- Memorial to Bill Wright. Alison to contact Cleo to get input from Bill’s family.
- Coxes training Spring 2026 - Sally W to inform lead coxes.

The meeting finished at 21:15

Date of the next committee meeting: Wednesday 4th November, 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.	Done
29/7/26	Catriona	Contact the kayak club to discuss storage of the road trailers and use of our meeting room.	Done
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.
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.	Closed. RNLI have not suggested a date.

Link to outstanding actions from previous meetings: NCRC Actions