



PLOCKTON SMALL BOAT SAILING CLUB

(Committee of 13)

2nd Committee Meeting

1930hrs – 24th March 2025

Venue - Teams

Minutes

1. Apologies from – Aonghais Rowe and Alexander Mackenzie.

2. Adoption of Minutes from 05th February 2025
Proposed Graham Sharp & Seconded Julia MacKenzie

3. Treasurers Report

Julia MacKenzie reported that the account is sitting on £2,600. This is a good position for now, as the service costs for the safety boats has already been paid for. Julia also thanked everyone who was involved in the recent fund raiser car wash, which covered these costs with around £700 raised.

4. Sub Committees to report as Required.

Racing & Sailing

David Hay reported that a meeting had taken place to propose the sailing calendar for the year, with some changes to try and maximise the participants. The Moore Bowl will be spread across two weekends, with the first two being run on the same day one after the other. This will help to reduce the volunteers needed and also having it later in the year will hopefully bring out more boats. With Trophies available for both weekends if you can only manage one of the weekends, this goes for centreboards as well. Regatta fortnight had some discussion for moving the boys and girls due to the long day, however we would monitor again this year with focus on completing the two races quicker after the Consett.

Neil MacRae mentioned that adding a date would be good for the rowing race, competitors can do it anytime, but an official date over a weekend would be good. It could be flexible and weather dependant, but just so it is not forgotten about.

David Hay stated that he would organise the Yacht Race info and speak to the Hotel about food again.

Post Regatta will be single races and over the first weekend to try and increase numbers.

Handicap

Not Required at this stage.

Training and Club Nights

Michael Hay reported that they had a meeting recently to come up with ideas to introduce the training nights back to the Club. They have agreed to start Club nights again on Tuesday nights, dates still to be confirmed for starting. Minimum requirement will be for children who already have stage 1 completed. This will concentrate on water confidence, rowing and other activities. This will run from 1730 until 1930 and entry will be £5. We will have to have a weekend set aside well before the start to have a check of all the boats and equipment and allow time to renew equipment if required. Also we still need a Welfare Officer for the Club Nights to run, once we have this job description set then we can look at appointing someone. PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) will come into force 1st April, so anyone within the Club working with Children will need this completed and the Club registered. Neil MacRae has already registered the Club with Volunteers Scotland and will now start sending away applications as the Lead Signatory. Michael Hay will speak to all members to see if anyone has any training certification who could help out, this is with a vision of obtaining RYA accreditation again for 2026 going forward.

Property

Ian Hay reported that the notice board has been replaced that blew off and smashed. If we get some good weather then will try and get a coat of paint on the starters hut. Also the fence needs replaced down at the boat shed and a design for the gate there. Ian also said he has a contact for some funding possibilities and will keep us updated as things progress. The electric charges still seem high and we should continue to monitor this closely to ensure we are not being over charged. Graham stated that there does appear to be something electric running under the sink that may be linked to the water heater that is not working, this will need investigated. Keri Fraser also stated that she would be able to apply for something from her employer for the Club, if we have anything specific that could be put forward.

Safety Boat

Neil MacRae stated that the service kits have been purchased and the engines and boats will be serviced in April. Looking forward to the future we will need a trailer for the Whally as it is not good for the boat being in the water all year and indeed the Rib trailer is well past its best.

Alexander Tindall stated that Portree carry out training for Powerboat Level 2, the cost would be around £200 a head and they could come down to Plockton to carry it out.

Graham Sharp stated that his son has a qualified ticket from CalMac for rescue boats but because it is not RYA then cannot helm our rescue boats.

After some discussion it was agreed to change the operating procedure and risk assessment so it could be RYA Level 2 or MCA approved Fast Rescue Boat Certificate.

Michael Hay said to have a look at the combi trailer down at the green shed and see if it could be used for the Whally and modified for use.

Junior Endeavour

Not required at this stage.

Social Committee

Keri Fraser stated that they had a meeting recently and were focused on rotas and trying to ensure it is not the same people every time. This included fund raisers and the to do list required for each event. Dave Maclean has offered to run a fund raising event for the Club called the Galloping Gourmet, Keri will get back to David that the Club would like to progress with this. The Club would run the bar for these events to increase the profit. Also if someone could have a look at the hot water situation at the boat shed and see about replacing the hot water boiler.

Alexander Tindall offered up another idea for fund raising, for a boat pull from Kyle to Plockton, this could be in tandem with the RNLI to boost profits and then share with funds at the end. This will be looked into for April.

5. Discussion on this seasons racing calendar.

The proposed calendar from Racing and Sailing was agreed without question.

6. AOCB

Fiona Mackenzie stated that running a first aid course at some point, but ideally before the regatta fortnight would be very advantageous for everyone. Aiming mainly at the safety boat crews and skippers, we should look at costs involved for providing this and have as many people attend as possible. Also finding out who currently has in date first aid training and updating the list for the Club.

A new Sub Committee will be added to the Safety Boat to cover Health and Safety going forward.

7. Set proposed date for next meeting.

This will be the end of April.

8. Close meeting

Commodore Alexander Tindall thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

Racing & Sailing – **David Hay** (convener), **Alexander Tindall**, **Michael Hay**, **Graham Sharp**, **Laura Anderson** & **Neil MacRae**. (Plus any member co-opted)

Handicap – **Laura Anderson** (convener), & **Sarah Bruce**. (Plus any member co-opted)

Training and Club Night – **Michael Hay** (convener), **Ian Hay** & **Alexander Tindall**.
(Plus any member co-opted)

Property – **Ian Hay** (convener), **Neil MacRae** & **Alexander Mackenzie**. (Plus any member co-opted)

Safety Boat + Health & Safety – **Neil MacRae** (convener), **Ian Hay**, **Fiona Mackenzie** & **Alexander Tindall**. (Plus any member co-opted)

Junior Endeavour – (Commodore & Timekeeper & Training Principle)
Alexander Tindall (convener), **Laura Anderson** and **Michael Hay**.

Social Committee – **Keri Fraser** (convener), **Julia MacKenzie**, **David Hay**, **Fiona Mackenzie** & **Alexander Mackenzie**. (Plus any member co-opted)

Junior Committee – To be confirmed.

Actions

David Hay to prepare Yacht Race info and distribution, also speak to Hotel for Curry.

Neil MacRae to post on facebook about money spent from the car wash fund raiser. Also to speak to Hotel about Hotel Stakes night to ensure they are happy with the proposed dates. To continue applying for PVG for all involved. To modify Rescue Boat RA to allow MCA FRC certified members to helm safety boat. Speak to Brian Harvey about changing out the heaters and lights in boat shed for more energy efficient ones.

Michael Hay to set dates for Club Nights and work with Neil to revise the Website info. Plan for a weekend to check boats & Welfare Officer Job Description required. Also to change the lock on the second door at the boat shed. And speak to Morag Amos about possible use of Lady Destiny for the boat pull.

Julia MacKenzie / Ian Hay to speak with SSE to see if we are on the right meter and if someone would be available to check this. The old meter is still there and are we paying for the two meters. Continue to take meter readings.

Keri Fraser to sort a thankyou card for Edmund and family for the car wash facilities and ongoing support for the Club.