



PLOCKTON SMALL BOAT SAILING CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm – Monday 21st November 2022

Venue – PSBSC Boat Shed / Zoom

1. Apologies

The meeting was chaired by the Secretary, **Neil MacRae**.

- **Present:** Neil MacRae (Chair), David Hay, Calum Mackenzie, Ian Hay, Alasdair Mackenzie, Graham Sharp, Malcolm Mackenzie and David Skilling. Present online were: Simon Fraser, Michael Hay, Roslyn Hay, Patrick MacRae, Maureen Leask, Alexander Mackenzie, Fiona L Mackenzie, Julia Mackenzie, Clair MacRae, Terry Kitching, Jane F Mackenzie, Rhona Hagen and Charles M MacRae.
- **Apologies:** Alasdair Hendry, Sarah Bruce, Catherine Will, Morag Amos, Douglas Hamilton, Judith Bullivant and Neil Marshall.

Neil MacRae began by making a special mention for Ann Mackenzie who sadly passed away recently. Ann was the first female Commodore for the Club in 1985, 2nd Female to win a major trophy, won the long distance in the Curlew in 1979, won the Ladies Cup seven times, first in 1968 in 3 different boats Sineag, Curlew & Searanger, our thoughts go out to her family and will miss seeing her waving from her window during every race.

2. Adoption of Minutes 2021 AGM

Proposed Alasdair Mackenzie and Seconded by Graham Sharp.

3. Commodore's Report

Neil MacRae stated that it was unfortunately not applicable this year, however Neil gave thanks to everyone who covered Officer of the Day including the Timekeepers, Rescue Boat Crews and general help throughout the season. It was a first for the Club to run a season without a Commodore and for many aspects it proved a positive one, with many more faces getting involved with the running of the Club and allowing those who didn't fancy doing a full season as Commodore to still have a go at running races or being more involved. Neil also gave a special thanks to the 2022 Committee, all of who have put themselves forward to do it again for another season, it is much appreciated and the more we do together the easier and more efficient we will be.

4. Treasurer's Report & Adoption of Accounts

Neil MacRae firstly gave his thanks to Julia Mackenzie our treasurer, as she has worked tirelessly behind the scenes trying to bring the Club funds up to date, online and reduce our outgoings to the minimum to keep the club going.

Julia Mackenzie shared the current account for the season just past and this was:

Proposed by David Hay and Seconded by Ian Hay.

However Ian Hay questioned the electricity amount as it seemed to be very high and if the account was from April to April. Julia Mackenzie went through the various items and it was agreed it would be far more accurate from now on due to it being easily accessible and the AGM account would reflect the season just passed, rather than the previous years figures. It was agreed that the electricity meter would be recorded on a regular basis to monitor and ensure accurate and to also look at changing back to pay as you go as the old meter and pay system is still in the shed. Due to the numerous parties using the shed without the Clubs knowledge then the Committee will look at changing the locks to ensure use only by Club and to protect the items within it. Alexander Mackenzie also confirmed that Neil (Neilly Ach) MacRae owes money for the use of Club House. It was also agreed that more fund raising and social events to encourage more sailors and bring additional funds would be required for 2023.

5. Membership Update by the Membership Secretary

Neil MacRae stated that once again the online system has proved its worth, this year we tried to save even more money by producing our own pdf version of the membership handbook, which could then be printed if the member so wished. Neil believe this worked well and should continue, it allows for mistakes to be rectified quickly and can be sent to members emails directly when then sign up to the Club.

Neil went onto say that adult memberships around the area are Chanonry £50, Gairloch £55, Skye,Lochcarron £60, Nairn £70, Oban £105, Lochaber £135, but Neil was not currently proposing an increase from our £40 a year but aim to attract a lot more members to bring the total back up. Currently our total for 2022 is 74 members, our lowest year to date, however around 50% of these members are either Honorary or Life Members, that means only half paid money for this year to be a member. Neil stated that he understood that our life members contributed a great expense to the club to be a life member, but majority of this money has long been spent with no new funds coming in. Rather than push to increase the cost to our current members, Neil wanted another push to try and bring in new members to the sailing club for 2023 and bring some new ideas to achieve this.

6. Members Agenda Items

1. The Club is critically short of members and participants, especially out with regatta, what can we do about this?

Ian Hay suggested continue with RYA and can add additional club specific items. Malcolm Mackenzie wants on the water nights, to get everyone out on the water. Whole families involved rather than just dropping kids off for the night. Unfortunately there are not enough instructors, Alexander Mackenzie our current principle instructor cannot commit to every Tuesday by himself, he continued by saying it doesn't benefit the Club by providing all this training, as very few continue into the races and assisting at the Club to continue. Patrick MacRae suggested more advertising to a wider audience. Clair MacRae suggested speaking with the Schools locally to encourage more participants in the events. The new Committee will take these ideas forward and work hard to try and bring the numbers back up.

7. Election

- a. Honorary Life Membership – No member put forward for this, constitution currently states a maximum of 10% as Honorary Life Members.
- b. Office Bearers

Office Bearers	NAME	Proposed	Seconded
Commodore	<i>David Hay</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Candidates for election to the Office Bearers were eligible for re-election Notified to the Honorary Secretary prior to Sunday 20th November 2022 at 7.30pm.</i></p>	
Vice Commodore	<i>TBC</i>		
Honorary Secretary	<i>Neil MacRae</i>		
Honorary Treasurer	<i>Julia Mackenzie</i>		
Membership Secretary	<i>Neil MacRae</i>		
Sailing Convenor	<i>Michael Hay</i>		
Time Keeper	<i>TBC</i>		
Principle Instructor	<i>Alexander Mackenzie</i>		
Social Convenor	<i>Malcolm Mackenzie</i>		
Welfare Officer	<i>Lauren Glasgow</i>		

- c. General Committee Members

General Committee Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Ian Hay	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Candidates for election to the Committee were eligible and Notified to the Honorary Secretary prior to Sunday 20th November 2022 at 7.30pm.</i></p>	
Graham Sharp		

8. Commodore Handover and Close

Neil MacRae stated that it will be 40 years after his father was at the helm of the Club and would like to welcome David Hay as our new Commodore for the 2023 season to close the meeting. David Hay thanked everyone and closed the meeting.