

PLOCKTON SMALL BOAT SAILING CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Plockton Village Hall on Monday 10th August 2009 at 8.00 pm.

1. **Present:** The commodore, Charlie G MacRae was in the chair. 30 other members were present.
2. **Apologies** - Graham Sharp, Maggie Byrne, Alisdair MacDonald & George Finlayson.
3. **Adoption of minutes of AGM of 11th August 2008:** These had been read and approved - Proposed by CM MacRae & seconded by Patrick MacRae
4. **Commodore's report:** The commodore expressed his gratitude for all the good wishes he received during his stay in hospital and gave a comprehensive vote of thanks to the club & individuals for all their help and support during his time as commodore. Charlie was applauded for his work during his third term as commodore.
5. **Secretary's report** - read and attached.
6. **Treasurer's report** - This was read and approved by G Webster & C McAndrew. The treasurer explained that £1000 had been raised by public collections (including a club contribution) for the RNLI during the final days of Regatta. It was planned to present this to the RNLI as a token of the club's appreciation for the excellent support they gave during the rescue operation after the sudden squall on the evening of 5th August. Charlie, Duncan McAndrew and two RB skippers would hand over a cheque in Kyle. Duncan had already written personal letters of thanks to all the emergency services.

A request was made by L Hay for a printer for the line team. M Hay to seek a second hand one.

7. **Election of office-bearers:-** A vote of thanks was given to the retiring commodore and the new commodore nominee, Alisdair MacKenzie, who was duly elected, proposed by M Byrne and seconded by M Amos, took the chair.
 - **Vice-Commodore :** Bob Rowe prop: M Byrne sec: M Amos
 - **Secretary:** Sandra Byrne prop: J MacKenna sec: J MacKenzie
 - **Racing & Sailing Secretary:** Maggie Byrne prop: A MacKenzie sec: J MacKenna
 - **Treasurer:** Douglas Hamilton prop: A MacKenzie sec: J MacKenna
 - **Timekeeper:** Linda Hay prop: A MacKenzie sec: R McAndrew
 - **Social Convener:** Claire MacDonald prop: M Byrne sec: M Amos
 - **Auditor:** Bob Anderson prop: D Hamilton sec: J MacKenna

8. Election of Committee

Joy MacKenna wished to stand down as secretary and Shirley Grant wished to stand down as Social Convener. Jane MacKenzie & Freya Allan retire by rotation.

John Leiper, Charlie M MacRae & Johnda Byrne all wished to stand down from the committee. Timothy Blackwell would not continue as a cadet member. Charlie G MacRae remains on the committee for one year as retiring Commodore.

The following nominations had been received by the secretary by 8pm on 2nd August:-

Lyndsay Avern - membership secretary prop: M Byrne sec: M Amos

General Committee - Alexander MacKenzie, Belle McAndrew, Catriona Hay, Neil MacRae - all proposed by M Byrne & seconded by M Amos

Further nominations were received at the meeting as follows:

Sam MacKenzie as a cadet member - prop. J MacKenna & sec. D Hamilton

Freya Allan to continue as a cadet member - prop. J MacKenna & sec. D Hamilton

Co-opted members to be decided by committee at first meeting.

9. Matters arising

- i. Local Boat buoyancy - There was a proposal that the onus should be put on skippers to ensure adequate buoyancy by imposing a race penalty, for example. Matter to be discussed by R&SSC.
- ii. First Aid training - R&SSC to discuss who needs training, including SB crews, and another session to be arranged. (I Hay)

10. Business

- i. Topper Race for Gunn Trophy - It was thought that the Lochcarron SC was organising this. Date?
- ii. Rowing race - R&SSC to discuss rules.
- iii. Regatta fortnight begins on 26th July 2010.
- iv. Training/Youth Development - John Leiper had done 2 weeks of Topper training before Regatta and this had been very successful. Ian Hay wished to thank John and all those who had helped him by agreeing to be on the rota and offering their services. June Sanderson's contribution to training was also acknowledged. There had been three power boat courses pre-regatta, George Glasgow doing the preliminary work and Ian Hay the assessment. This resulted in three additional SB skippers being available during regatta - Johnda & Fionnlagh Byrne and Ed Stanley.
The need for more club centreboards was stressed. This would help with post-Topper transition courses for young sailors and enable them to continue sailing - vital for the future development of the club.
- v. Safety issues - The following points were raised and are to be discussed by the committee/R&SSC: a) the minimum age of Safety Boat crews b) radio communication difficulties experienced by SB skippers c) introduction of incident forms for skippers d) number of people in each boat to be noted by timekeepers at start of every race e) age limits for Topper skippers/course limitations? f) the need for a mobile phone for the timekeepers on the line.
All skippers are to be contacted by e-mail and asked to write an account of their experiences on Wed. 5th August.
Some of the above points were raised in letters to the secretary from Bob Rowe & George Finlayson.
- vi. Mainsail size restriction - to be discussed by the general committee.
- vii. Constitution review - in hand.
- viii. Replicas - to be continued but the number awarded has been reduced.
- ix. Key points from special youth meeting held on 3rd August - notes from M Byrne attached.

11. AOCB

Ian Hay proposed a vote of thanks to all the committee convenors, to Joy, Shirley and Johnda. He suggested that the winner of the Junior Endeavour trophy should be given a mention at the concert in future years. Freya Allan had made an outstanding effort this year in both sailing the new boat and contributing to other club activities and was very deserving of this award.

Shirley Grant thanked the Social Committee, Douglas & Morag especially, for all their hard work and support, Anna Rowe for organising the concert, Freya for attending to the concert programme, Sandra Glasgow for arranging food provision and Alexander for doing the bar and door rotas for the dance.

Colin McAndrew requested a formal analysis of the handicap system as it had been more volatile this year. Handicap Committee to discuss this. Tim Gale is going to do an audit at the end of the season. Claire MacDonald offered to help with handicaps.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

The committee then met briefly to discuss the following ...

Date of next meeting - Friday 11th September at 8 pm in the boatshed.

Decommissioning day - Saturday 12th September at 11 am - meet at the boatshed.

Committee Convenors

Racing & Sailing - Maggie Byrne
 Safety Boat - Maggie Byrne & Neil MacRae (vice convenor)
 Training - Ian Hay
 Handicap - Alasdair MacKenzie
 Boatshed & General - Alexander MacKenzie
 Social - Clare MacDonald

Racing & Sailing Sub-Committee

Maggie Byrne
 Alisdair MacKenzie
 Bob Rowe
 Linda Hay

Ian Hay
Mikey Hay
Graham Sharp
Alexander MacKenzie
Freya Allan

Joy MacKenna
Secretary (retiring)