

## PLOCKTON SMALL BOAT SAILING CLUB

### MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE – 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010

1. **Apologies:** Douglas Hamilton, Morag Amos, Maggie Byrne, Lyndsay Avern, Fiona K. MacKenzie, Alexander MacKenzie, Neil MacRae, Catriona MacDowell, Belle MacAndrew, Coleen Golan
2. **Present:** Bob Rowe, Sandra Byrne, Alasdair MacKenzie, Ian Hay, Linda Hay, Michael Hay, Ruari James, Geoff Webster, Lauren Glasgow, Tristan Southall, John Leiper, Stanley MacRae, Fiona MacKenzie
3. Adoption of committee meeting minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> June and the 8<sup>th</sup> August. Proposed by Alasdair Mackenzie, seconded by Bob Rowe.
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - i. **Sail Area:** The AGM on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August showed that a considerable number of members would like to see a reduction in the overall sail area of the local boats. It was agreed that the RSSC would compile a survey for local boat skippers. However it was agreed that a record should be kept of all local boat sail areas. It was also suggested that the reefing rule should be more heavily enforced. The RSSC will meet on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September and it was put forward that they take into consideration boat weight and sail ratio, as well as approaching Lerwick Boating Club, who race the Shetland Model Clinker boats, to see what measures they have implemented. Ian Hay pointed out that the Seolta's previous two sails have actually decreased in size. The subject of implementing possible penalties for new rigs, sails etc. will also be remitted to the RSSC.
  - ii. **Handicaps:** It was suggested that the handicap committee review the system to try and bring the centreboard and local boat handicaps closer together and also that the local boat fleet show more consistency. It was suggested that Andrew Hamilton be asked to assess the handicap formula. Linda asked if someone from the handicap committee assists in calculating and collating the handicaps particularly during Regatta.
  - iii. **Racing Calendar:** Tristan has proposed that there should be a junior race series running throughout the season to retain interest and foster development. He pointed out that Sunday Race training was already well attended. It was agreed that this should be decided by the RSSC. It was also suggested that a minimum number of centreboards and a minimum number of races competed in a series be implemented. this will be passed over to the RSSC.
  - iv. **Club Nights:** Tristan thanked Alan Burrell, Tim Gale and Douglas Hamilton for their generosity in allowing their boats to be used on a Tuesday. He pointed out that overall the nights had been a big success and attracted many new members and a lot of interest. He asked that there be more local boat involvement to help attract sailors to the boats. Tristan has proposed that there be an informal meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October to discuss ideas for next season's club nights with anyone interested welcome along.
  - v. **New Boats:** Tristan informed the committee that the Village Hall has ordered 3 RS Fevas and a use agreement has been proposed between the club and charity. The Plockton Harbour Association has agreed to look after the winter storage and maintenance of the boats.

These boats should be ready for the start of the 2011 season. Lauren Glasgow suggested that the committee warmly thank Tristan for his hard work and effort this season, and commend him on his remarkable achievements.

## **5. Reports from Sub-Committees:**

**Training:** A number of training courses have been successfully run. The dinghy instructors course produced 3 passes, an adult dinghy course produced 6 passes, and the Sunday race training has been very well attended. The club has underwent an RYA inspection and successfully passed.

No other committees have met.

## **6. Correspondence:**

**i.** The club had received a thank you from Charlie M. MacRae for his honorary life membership, awarded for many years of service to the club.

**ii.** Geoff Webster had also written to thank the club for their involvement in his surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

**iii.** The club had received an email from Charlie M. MacRae raising issues, which had been addressed or discussed earlier in the meeting. Other issues have been delegated to the relevant sub-committees.

## **7. AOCB:**

**i.** It was suggested that a Yacht officer should be appointed to coordinate and expand the participation of yachts in the yacht race.

**ii.** The Secretary will write to Dennis Havard to thank him for his very kind donation of a new VHF radio system which will be set up in the boat shed.

**iii.** It was suggested that the safety boat committee assess the buoyancy of Ceathrar Bhalach.

**iv.** It was agreed that Michael will go on the safety boat committee to assist with jobs such as going for fuel etc.

**v.** It was suggested that Ruth McAndrew's Health and Safety proposals be brought up at the next meeting, and that a Health and Safety officer should be appointed.

**vi.** It was agreed that the Commodore's handbook should remain on the website.

The meeting finished at 9.50pm

**The next committee meeting will be held at 8pm on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.**