**Sailing Club meeting Sunday 13th October 2024**

Present; Steve Patch, John Murphy, Angela Goodman, Ori Woods, Storm Ing, Douglas Baker-Patch, Jenny Baker, Lorna Lory

Apologies: Vivienne Goodman, Dave Murray, Terri Stewart, Steve Smythe

Approved minutes of last meeting

**Finance**

John confirmed currently appx 9.6k in the bank. Increase over the last year mostly due to member subs and Highland Games donation.

**Outlay to consider:**

1. Electrics still an ongoing issue to get the full list of required jobs and someone to do it! Local contact identified but proving difficult to pin down to actual work…
   1. We’ll likely need a new fuseboard, supply lines to shed and main building to be assessed, capacity to expand/upgrade to be identified, shower, work to be done and EICR to be done for insurance. Currently insurance cover will exclude anything electrical
2. Engine for the pioneer tender – new or recon? Ideally looking for one with a push button start as pull cord is a challenge to quite a few of us… External controls would be welcome but likely to push above available budget.
3. Radios – ideally looking at 10-12 which would give us much better coverage for events in particular. DB-P raised option of cheaper options available online, may require programming but not difficult to do. Question of waterproofing and durability but worth exploring
4. Safety Equipment – safety boat bag items, flares etc
5. Moorings for safety boats will need servicing
6. Initially looking at more topper sails but in reality, complete new boats x3 would be preferred so will add to funding research below:

Grants /donations/deals to be explored!!

**DB-P** going to speak to Caley Marine / Gaelforce to see if any sponsorship or discounts available, particularly for the larger items ie engine / boats!

**AG** going to look at Scottish Sea Farms (previously funded toppers), and Community/Hydro Grants?

**Thanks**

Advert to go into An Carrannach to thank support from local businesses and organisations including: Kishorn Mechanical, Highland Games, Community Council/Hydro Grant

**Moorings Association**

We have been approached to show support for a funding application being made by the Moorings Association to upgrade/replace visitor moorings in the area. An idea to extend the slipway (if funds would stretch to it) was included, with the idea that visitors could store tender dinghy’s in the vicinity of the sailing club.

Agreement to support the application in principle, specifically regarding the moorings.

Not in agreement with the slipway element as would not want to highlight work done already and raise potential for shore rent liability. Also space for storage of external boats limited and could lead to further liability with visitors around the club site and wanting to use facilities. Dave Murray joined the meeting and gave some background to this idea, and feedback was given on concerns.

**Dinghy Fleet & Jobs to do**

1. New Trio from Plockton
2. Wayfarer from Applecross actually surplus to requirements so SP will look at selling on if possible.
3. Omega – keep for now
4. 420 to be kept and run on til end of use
5. 1 laser damaged
6. Ori going to explore if Portree have any lasers surplus to requirement.

Radio on Humber not working, Ori going to install new microphone

Ori to put together a list of general chandlery required

**RYA Inspection**

All went ok, some procedure documents to be reviewed/updated but nothing major

There are places available on a RYHA funded instructor course – AG has the details

**Club Management**

Still looking for ways to streamline some of the activities within the club – including member subs, payments (online if poss), booking courses, rotas for duties etc along with upgrading the website.

Options being considered are a team app solution such as DutyMan App

Also options for a mini-hosted website template that has the booking software included like WebCollect

Storm flagged up that her son Gabriel may be able to assist with building something suitable and will have a chat to him about it. \*\*post meeting update that Gabriel is interesting in helping and will look at ideas, we need to create an outline brief for him to work to

**Sailing next year**

Thursday nights – not great attendance so looking at ideas to get the word out as much as possible and encourage all levels of sailors to come along.

* Reduce faffing! 4.30 open with ‘on the water’ 5-7pm sharp
* Make people aware support/informal coaching available
* Beginners taster sessions/learn to sail/all ages, on dedicated dates – need to get wording right to appeal to as many as possible

**Dates**

2nd Nov Work Party 10.30am

10th Nov & 24th Nov Frostbite Sailing Sessions

Fri 29th Nov Laying Up Supper at the Sailing Club- 7pm, bring a dish to share

9th Jan 2025 Committee meeting 7pm

Thurs 20.2.25 AGM 7.30pm