**Sailing Club meeting Thursday 16th Jan 2025**

Present; Steve Patch, Angela Goodman, Ori Woods, Douglas Baker-Patch, Lorna Lory

Apologies: Vivienne Goodman, Dave Murray, Terri Stewart, Steve Smythe, John Murphy, Storm Ing, Jenny Baker,

Approved minutes of last meeting

**Finance**

Current figure not to hand but minimal expenditure since our last meeting, so balance appx 9.6k

**Notes**

1. Electrics still an ongoing issue to get the full list of required jobs and still no response from the local contacts initially identified. Ori currently working on rewiring the shed, but the clubhouse remains difficult to pin someone down to the work needed – any ideas/help with finding an electrician would be welcome!
   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. Radios: for the short-term we will look at trialling a small number of the cheaper, waterproof radios, especially as the lifespan of the mor expensive models appears to be limited. Also considering better post-sailing routine of rinsing and storing them – plan to clear the boiler room and re-site the radios in there to be rinsed, dried prior to recharging.
3. New Engine for the pioneer tender – looking at app £4k so currently reviewing options for grant support – Bakkafrost Community Fund raised as an option, Angela to follow up. Application deadline is 31/3 so early in the year which would help with the imminent season. DB-P to speak to Gaelforce to get quote.
4. Safety Equipment – safety boat bag items, flares etc to be checked and renewed.
5. Moorings for safety boats will need servicing – some discussion on moving the running mooring to a new spot to the right of the clubhouse.
6. Scottish Sea Farms have confirmed a grant of £3000 (thanks Angela) and so considering whether to buy one new, with top up from club funds/other grants for a second, or to buy x2 second hand models. Angela to check if SSF have any issues with either option, and also to find out if they have any marketing materials they would like to site at the club, or possible sails logo again.
7. Advert to go into An Carrannach to share AGM notice, highlight sailing sessions for the season and to thank support from local businesses and organisations including: Kishorn Mechanical, Highland Games, Community Council/Hydro Grant, SSF – Lorna to organise.
8. Ori going to speak to Stuart Mcleod at Woodworkz about securing some cladding
9. Notification that the RYA has moved out of their headquarters and now all a remote workforce
10. RYA Dinghy course taking place the first week of June. 4 places filled by Mia, Vivienne, George and Finlay – 2 spaces still available. Some further training may be needed, going to check if Robin available/organise accommodation.
11. Need to review the changes to the Disclosure Scotland process coming in the spring, with some changes to the process and legal requirements for PVG checks. There are free online information training sessions, with more info available at: <https://www.volunteerscotland.net/disclosure-services>

**Dinghy Fleet & Jobs to do**

1. Wayfarer from Applecross actually surplus to requirements so SP will look at selling on if possible or just moving with a free-to-a-good-home post online
2. Explore if any lasers available for the club to use for the season.

**Club Management**

Ori 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. Ori going to look at the free trial options for DutyMan App and WebCollect

**Dates**

**Thurs 20th Feb AGM 7.30pm**

**Sat 1st & Sun 2nd March Work party weekend**

Easter Start of sailing season