



**Minutes of Meeting April 24<sup>th</sup>, Inverness Sports Centre**

**Present:** Donald Mackenzie Secretary GS  
 Caroline Sterritt Vice Chair GS  
 Jane Scott RYAS  
 Brian Stirling Chairperson GS  
 Donald Marcus Nairn SC  
 Richard Jenner Treasurer GS  
 Elissa Steven Coaching Highland  
 Alan Hoseason Coaching Highland  
 Graham Sutherland Cromarty BC  
 Laurie Skuodos SVSC  
 Neil McCormack Invergordon BC  
 David Liley Skye S C

**ACTION**

**1** **Apologies:** Shane Rankin, Ian Hay, Paul Copestake, Paul Bartlett, Martin Crawshaw, Dave Murray, Pete Hyde.

**2** **Minutes of Previous Meeting Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>** As read. Proposed by Richard Jenner seconded by Caroline

**3** **Matters arising:**  
 Database of Instructors in the North – Mike/Ian were to look at this.  
 Brian to e-mail.  
 Questionnaire – gone out to clubs  
 Insurance – done

**Brian**

**4** **Treasurer's report:**  
 In AGM minutes. There was a discussion on how best to use GS funds to support sailing. One proposal was to 'underwrite' suitable activities that clubs may want to organize and open to the other GS clubs but where there was some financial risk if the uptake was poor. By 'underwriting' the event, the financial risk could be removed should there be a shortfall. However, a clear agreement would be needed between a club and GS in every case. The proposal was accepted in principle with Brian & Richard to present the mechanics at the next meeting.

**Brian/  
Richard**

**5** **Coaching Highland:**  
 Sailing back in to CH as one of core sports.  
 Scholarships – only £500 spent – 9 participants.  
 In last 5 years – 71 scholarships, £7000+ spent.

**Coach Action Plan:**  
 To be in by April 31<sup>st</sup>. Proposed expenditure £1850 including subsidy for HSS  
 Jane to e-mail to Caroline then e-mailed out to all clubs.

**Jane  
Caroline**

	<p><b>Development Plan:</b> Questionnaires that have gone out to Clubs will assist with the plan. To be discussed at next meeting.</p>	<b>All</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Junior Race training in Clubs:</b> Weekends March 25/26<sup>th</sup> Lochcarron (12 participants) and April 22/23<sup>rd</sup> Chanonry (11 participants) took place. Next weekend May 13/14<sup>th</sup> – Invergordon. Proposed w/e in Skye in August.</p> <p>Chanonry looking at w/e in Sept/Oct that would also include a session for other classes / ages with a separate coach (remote coaching) Other opportunities for race training in the North to be discussed as a sub-gp – Paul, Donald, Jane, Roy and Caroline. Caroline to e-mail</p>	<p><b>Paul / David Paul / Richard Caroline</b></p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Club Development:</b> It was suggested that GS should run a Club development day. Jane agreed and offered to draft a programme for discussion at next meeting</p>	<b>Jane</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>NSYA Dinghy Champs / N of S Schools:</b> To be held at Chanonry on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Brian to speak to Shane to confirm. To be discussed at next meeting.</p>	<b>Brian</b>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Sea Safety Day:</b> Very positive feedback. Brian/Richard to go through feedback to decide suitable topics for future events.</p>	<b>Richard / Brian</b>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Highland Sailing Seminar 2006:</b> In November. Alan to look into Inverness College as a venue. Jane to e-mail out draft programme</p>	<b>Alan Jane</b>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>GS Newsletters:</b> On hold</p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>GS website:</b> A web forum was suggested. Richard (Jenner) to ask Richard Evans</p>	<b>Richard</b>
<b>13</b>	<p><b>AOCB:</b> Jane announced that the RYAS had been given £20,000 for Club development. 2 after school clubs in Edinburgh and Glasgow getting half of the funding. Audit of clubs and their training needs will be carried out. Encouraging school to Club links. Training for committees through GS.</p>	
<b>18</b>	<p><b>DONM:</b> Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm at Inverness Sports Centre Elissa to book venue.</p>	<b>All Elissa</b>