

**Minutes of Meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> 2009  
The Spectrum Centre, Inverness.**

**Present:** Richard Jenner - Chair person  
Elissa Steven – Coaching Highland  
Tom Mason - Treasurer  
Caroline Sterritt - Secretary  
Stewart Nairn - Findhorn Boatyard  
Graham Sutherland – Cromarty B C  
Jane Campbell Morrison - RYAS  
Robert Gordon – Nairn SC  
Miles Mack – Chanonry SC  
Richard Evans – Chanonry SC / NoSSS/GS webmaster  
Robbie Hay – Inverness Sea Scouts  
John Coe – Inverness Sea Scouts  
Gary Laing - Royal Findhorn YC  
Iona Cornish - Royal Findhorn YC  
Dave Bilsland – Invergordon BC  
John Newman – Loch Morlich SC  
Ian Ross – LMSC and Lagganlia OC  
Derek Martin – Avoch Sea Scouts  
Cathy Kitson Jones – Lochcarron SC  
Doug Yeats – Banff SC  
Tony Wright – Lossiemouth CC

**1 Apologies:** Gavin Meldrum – Gairloch BC  
Simon Patterson – RFYC  
George Silvester – Cromarty BC  
Chris Tomlinson – Vice Chair  
Martin Balcombe – Caledonian Discovery  
Alan Hoseason – Coaching Highland  
David Murray, Jenny Baker – LSC

**Richard welcomed everyone to the meeting – a very good turnout.**

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Proposed by Miles Mack and seconded by Graham Sutherland.  
**Matters arising not on Agenda:** None

**3 Treasurer's report:**  
New Treasurer just taken over. £810 approx in account.  
All agreed for the new Treasurer to be signatory on the account and the meeting formally recorded that Tom Mason would replace Frances Stirling forthwith as a signatory and as the main holder for the Gaidhealtachd Bank Accounts. Tom was empowered to make the necessary arrangements with the bank.

**Tom**

**4 Passage Plan:**  
GS to become a Sailing Development Group. Will be 'new' organisation. Currently promotes dinghy sailing in the Highlands. To include all aspects of 'sailing' (which includes powerboats) and to include Moray with Highland. Membership to include commercial organisations and uniformed youth groups. Will be some RYA unaffiliated groups. Boundary caused some issues – eg Banff SC fell outside the area but had close links with Lossiemouth CC and Findocherty. While local government funding issues required boundaries to be aligned with local authority areas the chairman undertook to propose a solution via the constitution that would not exclude Banff SC.

**Chair**

	<p>Decisions: To realign new organisation not wind up GS. To relook at office bearers when up and running.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agreed that the constitution of GS should be amended at an EGM – only formal GS clubs can vote.</li> <li>2. Proposed name – Highland &amp; Moray Sailing (HMS)</li> <li>3. Agreed that the office bearers and RYAS rep should provide the wording of a first draft of the new constitution by 1 Dec 09.</li> <li>4. Agreed that all GS &amp; potential HMS members should have until 15 Dec 09 to comment by email on the first draft of the new constitution.</li> <li>5. Agreed that an EGM should be held in Feb 2010 for the purpose of adopting the new constitution (a 2<sup>nd</sup> draft would be circulated with the formal calling notice 14 days in advance of the meeting) and launching the new organisation. The agreed date was Sat, 27 Feb and the Spectrum Centre has been provisionally booked.</li> <li>6. Agreed to hold a Coach the Coaches day on Sat Feb 27<sup>th</sup> following on from the AGM as a launch event. Jane to put together a programme. All ideas to Jane (ideas proposed at the meeting: Race Rules seminar, Club Race Officer Course, something of interest to youth groups, a key speaker)</li> <li>7. Agreed that all 'enablers' should be in place by 27 Feb so that HMS would be fully functioning at launch</li> </ol>	<p><b>GS RYAS</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>Richard Caroline</b></p> <p><b>Jane All</b></p> <p><b>Office Bearers Web master</b></p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Co-ordinating events in 2010:</b> All events to be e-mailed to Richard Evans for the website or can be inserted into the google calendar – Richard will put out guide to using Calendar and extend permissions. Separate calendar for training but on same page. April 25<sup>th</sup> – Loch Morlich hosting the Frozen North Challenge.</p>	<b>Richard Evans</b>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>North of Scotland Dinghy Champs:</b> Agreed that Findhorn would host the 2010 event and Loch Morlich the one in 2011. June 12/13 or 26/27. Will look at other event dates to try to deconflict.</p>	<b>Iona</b>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Needs analysis:</b> Jane to send e-mail to see what clubs / organisations want???</p>	<b>Jane</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Meetings:</b> 3 per year. The AGM will be in May followed by a general meeting. The following meeting would be in Oct with the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Mar of the following year together with a seminar. The quarterly plan will be discussed at each meeting.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>AOCB:</b> Lossiemouth CC briefly outlined a suggestion where interested clubs purchased 2 Hunter 707s that would be kept at a central location and used for team or match racing. Tony to put project in writing for discussion on 27 Feb by interested parties.</p>	<b>Tony</b>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>DONM:</b> EGM / Coach the Coaches day – Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<b>All</b>