

Minutes of Meeting February 23rd 2009, Coaching Highland

Present: Brian Stirling (Chairman)
Elissa Steven (CH)
Richard Jenner (Communications)
Simon Patterson (Findhorn Boatyard)
Caroline Sterritt (Secretary)
Graham Sutherland (CBC)
Jane Campbell Morrison (RYAS)
Paul Biggin (LYC)
Robert Gordon (Nairn)
Miles Mack (CSC)

1 Apologies: Donald MacKenzie (Deputy Chairman)
Malcolm Lord (PFSC)
Frances Stirling (Treasurer)
Richard Holmes
Ian Ross - (LMSC)
Paul Copestake (LBSC)
Jim Shearer (LYC)

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting Sept 29th
Proposed by Richard Jenner and seconded by Graham Sutherland.
Matters arising not on Agenda: None

3 Treasurer's report:
See attached. **Frances**

4 Coaching Highland:
£745 in CA plan now allocated for this financial year.
£300 for 'Coach the Coaches' day on March 28th.
Jane produced the Core Sport Review 2008/9. Would like to see sailing in CH for at least another year – to get an exit strategy in place.
Courses coming up:
Strength and Conditioning Workshop by Nansen's Endeavour March 17th, Inverness Leisure, 6.30pm – 9.30pm. **Elissa**

5 GS Operational Plan:
To set date of AGM. To invite Hamish Mackay, RYAS Chairman.
GS Committee to discuss via e-mail.
New op plan ready for AGM. **Brian
All
Richard**

6 Communications report:
Had been agreed at last meeting that Richard write to all GS clubs asking for views on way ahead and to confirm contact details for their GS rep.
Draft letter was discussed by office bearers in Dec and decision to delay sending letter until Jan and to also delay next meeting to allow clubs more time to respond.
Final letter sent on 13 Jan. Establishing definitive list of GS clubs and mail addresses not straightforward. Some letters were sent to commodores via membership. One outcome - Loch Broom SC, Lairg SC and Sutherland SBC not re-affiliated with the RYA in 2008 and technically were no longer 'GS Clubs' as defined in constitution.
Responses from Chanonry, Invergordon, Lochaber, Lochcarron, Loch Morlich, Nairn & Pentland Firth and Cromarty. **Richard**

	<p>Malcom Lord from Pentland : <i>My own view is that the website, squad, coaching grants, NoSDC are positive. The other events we always publicise but the take up (myself included) is close to zero. Perhaps there is a role as helping to share best practice, but that may be too close to a "local RYA".</i> Malcolm also made a plea for the earlier establishment of the date for the NoSDC as they have had to change their regatta dates to avoid a clash. Not heard anything from Gairloch, Plockton or Skye.</p> <p>Richard recommended that GS write formally every year – Jan / Feb – to all clubs to ensure contacts are up to date, prior to GS AGM.</p> <p>Brian suggested letter re AGM plus poster for NoSDC – Richard to co-ordinate this with Caroline</p>	<p>Richard</p> <p>Richard / Caroline</p>
7	<p>North of Scotland Sailing Squad (NoSSS): 3 weekends planned – March / April / May at Chanonry for Toppers and Lasers. 2 coaches are available if numbers dictate – up to 12 participants. Will be advertised through clubs and on RYAS and GS websites. Paul B to be invited to AGM to talk about NoSSS.</p>	<p>Richard / Miles</p> <p>Richard / Brian</p>
8	<p>North of Scotland Dinghy Championship: At Lochaber Yacht Club June 20/21st. Also their Regatta. Draft NoR and entry form on LYC website. Sis to be done. Link to LYC website from GS plus poster. Currently 4 classes but flexible. Funding of £100 available from GS and prizes. OOD needed.</p>	<p>Richard / Paul</p>
9	<p>RYAS update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New dev plan in draft stages. There will be operational changes within RYAS. Will be predetermined groups of clubs in Scotland each with Group Co-ordinator – voluntary position with honorarium. • 'Coach the Coaches Day' on March 28th at CSC. Workshop Tutors tbc. GS input £200 underwritten by further £100 if required. CH - £300. £20 per participant. • Club affiliation to RYAS - Agreed to send out letter to 3 clubs to note that while they were disaffiliated, GS may be able to support them and if this was of interest they should provide contact details. 	<p>Jane</p> <p>Jane</p> <p>Richard</p>
10	<p>AOCB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many people at seminars not members of clubs. To ensure they are contacted when there is an appropriate event. • MF Partnership. November Newsletter. Link to website. • Meeting of members of Spectrum Centre, March 11th. Richard to attend. • Nairn SC trying to access water at Whiteness Marina for dinghy sailing. May need support at a later stage - especially from instructors. • NoSDC for 2010 not fixed yet – both LMSC and Findhorn both volunteered. LMSC first. To discuss at next meeting. 	<p>Richard</p> <p>Robert</p> <p>All</p>
11	<p>DONM: AGM. Monday May 11th. Venue and time tbc – to be discussed by committee via e-mail. Brian to invite Hamish MacKay from RYAS. Minutes from last AGM, club notice etc.</p>	<p>Committee</p> <p>Brian Caroline</p>