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## Invergordon Boating Club

Date: 26th October 2022

Present: Robert Dinneen, John Burgis, Robin Woodford, Inga Ovenstone, Matt Dent, Tom Owen, Paul Burnell, Andrew Pennington, Ron Stewart, Andrew Murray, Fred Fraser, Ian Thorburn, Sue Hewitt, Martyn Crawshaw, Ian MacLeod, Alex Gunn.

Apologies: Keith Laird, Dave Bilsland, Phil Tomalin, John Edmonson

Minuted by: Inga Ovenstone

Item	Discussion & Outcomes
1. Minutes from last AGM	Minutes from last AGM were taken as correct. Adopted.
2. Matters arising	Q&As: Any progress on the searider? No, Strathpeffer Rowing Club don't have the funds. RD to advertise over the winter. Any progress on the grass cutting - No progress.
3. Commodore's report	Robert Dineen Robert reflected on the 2022 season and also his three years as commodore. It is good to have normality this year and good to see so many familiar faces at the AGM although it would be nice to see some new faces and members too. Robert struggled to be so involved with the club this year due to health issues but, from what he saw, there were regular keel boat race nights, a successful open day and regatta. He did manage to get out for a sail with others such as Paul Burnell which was particularly enjoyable along with the 2021 prizegiving. He is happy to no longer be conducting Zoom meetings! Moving forward, <b>we need to look at funding and sponsors.</b>
4. Sailing secretary's report	John Burgis Thanks to Robert Dineen for the last three years as commodore. It was a season of highs and lows. Participation has been low, covid and old age has taken its toll! Dinghy turnout has been disappointing. The overall winners of the dinghy races are the Penningtons - well done to Andrew and Vivian. Low numbers but consistent turnout for the keel boat weekly races. The overall winner is Paul Burnell. The Moray Firth race only consisted of two boats, both retired due to the wind being too high. Dinghy regatta had a good turnout with people travelling from Loch Carron. Thank you to John Edmonson for calculating the results for each series. Thank you to Martyn Crawshaw for running the training events.

	<p>Members of the club have travelled further afield for cruising. Sue and family sailed around Norway and the Baltic.</p> <p>Tom, Phil, Ian and Inga chartered from Arfern and had a week cruising around Mull, Colonsay, Jura and Ghia.</p> <p>Sue, John and Tom also sailed for a week helping to transport a yacht up the west coast.</p> <p>Inga is about to sail in the ARC (Atlantic Rally for Cruisers), departing from Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, arriving in St Lucia.</p>
5. Treasurer's report	<p>Matt Dent</p> <p>The club accounts have not managed to be verified yet. The club covered costs and made £100 profit.</p> <p>We received money back from Bannermans fuel.</p> <p>Water bill was low because we were over paying before Matt checked and gave a meter reading so we were in credit.</p> <p>Building costs included padlocks and signage.</p> <p>Thanks to Tom and Ron for maintaining the moorhen - some money needed to be spent on this.</p> <p>Thanks to Andrew P for sorting out the trailer.</p> <p>Electric - mostly we only pay the standing charge and we are on a variable rate.</p> <p>Andrew is getting a quote for the heaters to go on a timer to avoid them being left on.</p> <p>Admin - £180 spend on printing and posting the booklets.</p>
6. Election of officers.	<p>Inga Ovenstone accepted the invitation to be Commodore. RD proposed, A Pennington seconded.</p> <p>Ian Thorburn is to be vice commodore, proposed by John, seconded by Inga.</p> <p>Keith Laird has retired from the committee. Dave Bilsland has also retired.</p> <p>Commodore: Inga Ovenstone</p> <p>Vice commodore: Ian Thorburn</p> <p>Rear commodore: Robert Dineen</p> <p>Secretary: TBC</p> <p>Treasurer: Matt Dent</p> <p>Beach/Moorings master: Ron Stewart</p> <p>Sailing secretary: John Burgis</p> <p>Training principle: Martyn Crawshaw</p> <p>Bosun: Robin Woodford</p> <p>Committee Members: Fred Fraser, Tom Owen, John Edmonson, Andrew Pennington.</p>
7. AOB	<p>Info on meeting with the RYA development officer. Inga, Fred, Ian, Tom and Andrew met with Brian last week and felt that it was a very positive meeting and that Brian will be a great support with fundraising, training and club development. To start with, Inga is issuing a questionnaire to members. Information will be used to put together a development plan for the club. Discussion was had at that meeting and at the AGM about <b>getting a fleet of boats such as Fevas</b> for training and to have some match racing. Funding will need to be sourced for this and, as Ron pointed out, we need to <b>make space for new boats by getting rid of some</b>. Perhaps we could sell some to help with the funds. <b>Inga plans to apply for funding</b> and to start things off, has signed the club up to 'Easy Fundraising'. If people use the app then each time they purchase something online then the company donates a percentage to the club. The more people that use it the better and can be used for anything from regular weekly groceries to holidays and flights.</p> <p>Sue Hewitt brought up the issue of the PY dinghy handicap system. She would prefer not to win so much as she doesn't feel it is fair. The alternative is a</p>

	<p>personal/performance handicap system but John Burgis and Paul Burnell said that admin of this would be very difficult.</p> <p>A fleet of Fevas or similar, as mentioned, would give opportunity for match racing on certain nights. <b>To consider the race calendar.</b></p>
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