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Invergordon Boating Club

Date: 27th October 2021

Present: Robert Dinneen, John Edmondson, John Burgis, Robin Woodford, Inga Ovenstone, Matt Dent, Fraser McLelland, Beth Jordan, Tom Owen, Phil Tomalin,

Apologies: Keith Laird, Ron Stewart, Fred Fraser, Dave Bilsland, Ian Kitchingham, Denis Slattery

Minuted by: Inga Ovenstone

| Item | Discussion & Outcomes |
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| 1. Minutes from last AGM | Minutes from last AGM were taken as correct. Adopted. |
| 2. Commodore's report | <p>Robert Dineen Robert reflected on the 2021 season. He is enthusiastic and grateful for the club. We are very fortunate to have this facility on our doorstep at such a low cost. He set out to encourage new members to the club, not just sailors. He succeeded in drawing in 5-6 new members. The next step is to encourage members to be more active in the club.</p> <p>The informal fun days drew in some families, this was a little late in the season due to covid restrictions but it is hoped that they will return at the start of the season. The key is to train up new 'instructors' or 'assistants' to help share the load. Martyn Crawshaw is happy to continue to run training sessions but needs the help and support of others. We need to have this in place for the start of the season.</p> |
| 3. Sailing secretary's report | <p>John Burgis It was a late start to the sailing season, mid May before restrictions eased enough. This resulted in no Wednesday night keel boat racing but the dinghies ended up having a good season with a reasonable turn out each week.</p> <p>Thank you to John Edmonson for working out the results which was very difficult due to race sheets not being filled out correctly.</p> <p>Action for the start of the season: Have clear instructions and an organised desk & folder for the OODs and have a bit of a training session on it at the spring meeting.</p> <p>Praise to Fred Fraser for being the only keel boat in this year. Fred and his crew continued to sail each week even though there were no weekly races. They did exceptionally well in the Moray Firth Cruisers race.</p> <p>It was nice to hear of sailing happening out with the club too; Don MacKenzie sailed and raced on the west coast and Stuart Paterson sailed with his wife on their yacht Eddy around the west coast, up to Orkney and back down the east coast to Inverness.</p> |

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| | Prize giving cannot be at the Storehouse this year due to low numbers. JB and RD are looking at an alternative. |
| 4. Treasurer's report | <p>Matt Dent</p> <p>The club accounts have been checked and returned. The club broke even. Water and insurance are the main outgoings. Mat had secured a new SSE contract for the electricity earlier in the year when the rates were lower so this will be a saving. He is planning to look into and compare water rates. We pay a lot for water although we used very little due to a daily standing charge.</p> <p>He suggests spending some money on getting covers for the club dinghies.</p> <p>Online banking - Matt has researched this. Although it would make paying bills much easier rather than countersigning cheques, it would probably result in charges such as a monthly business account charge and transaction charges so it was agreed to leave it as it is.</p> <p>Some memberships were lost from keelboat crew since there was no sailing for them this year but they will hopefully return next year.</p> <p>It was proposed to keep the subscription fee the same. This was agreed.</p> |
| 5. A.O.B | <p>Grass cutting - Tom Owen asked if there was a community group who would cut the grass around the club. RD to ask Maxime Smith.</p> <p>Other options - we pay for grass cutting or we buy a petrol lawnmower. RD could complete a discretionary fund application for this.</p> <p>To be discussed at a committee meeting.</p> <p>Tom also asked for some money to be spent on the Moorhen. About £200 is needed for wheels and a deck. Tom to discuss with Matt and arrange for this.</p> <p>Searider - R Dineen volunteered to look at selling the Searider (previous rescue boat) as it has not been used in years and would bring some money into the club.</p> <p>Beth - suggested it would be good to get acknowledgement of payment for membership and a membership card (these used to be issued). To be on the agenda for the next committee meeting.</p> |
| 6. Election of officers. | <p>The committee agreed to remain the same for the year 2022 with the following exceptions: Inga Ovenstone accepted the invitation to be Vice Commodore. RD proposed, A Pennington seconded. John Edmonston to remain on the committee. Tom Owen to rejoin the committee.</p> <p>Commodore: Robert Dineen Vice commodore/secretary: Inga Ovenstone Rear commodore: Dave Bilsland Treasurer: Matt Dent Beach/Moorings master: Ron Stewart Sailing secretary: John Burgis Training principle: Martyn Crawshaw Bosun: Robin Woodford Committee Members: Fred Fraser, Tom Owen, John Edmonson, Andrew Pennington, Keith Laird.</p> |