**SKIFF MEETING**

**SHIELDAIG VILLAGE HALL**

**2.2.18**

**MINUTES**

PRESENT:

Lisa O’Brien (Chair) Viv Maclennan (Secretary) Roger Shilton, Jo Polak, Janene Waudby, Tom Tindall, Kalie Wilkinson, Nigel Thomas & Kevin Wood.

Apologies – Karen Starr (Treasurer) Ruairidh Maclennan, Peter Fenton

Lisa opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming, giving apologies and explaining the skiff was now independent financially from the Community Association.

FINANCES

Karen had prepared a statement explaining the current financial arrangement and monies currently held in the skiff’s own account. The account was set up in January, with the balance of funds transferred. There is a balance of £1882.93 however there are outstanding bills to be paid and paint is needed to be purchased for boat repairs. It was felt the insurance for the trailers was undervalued and should be covered for £2K.

*Follow up – Viv to speak to insurance company re trailers.*

SHED/GENERATOR/BOAT REPAIRS PROGRESS

Roger and Kevin reported that the shed housing the skiff was now secure and alarmed. Work is commencing on boat repairs immediately with a work party most days from approximately 10 am – 1pm. Volunteer workers welcomed but advised to phone Roger or Kevin before making the journey to Corrie. The boat should be back in the water during March. Modifications have been made to trailers. It was suggested that launching the skiff off the beach may help prevent future damage caused by the concrete pier. The pontoon should be used whenever possible for changing crews etc

WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

Lisa has very kindly set up a SALT website which she explained is a work in development. The main purpose is to give up to date information about safety, regattas, training etc but may include retrospective photos of build etc which people may find interesting. The website includes a Google calendar to be trialled for training sessions.

wwwsaltiesrow.wixsite.com/mysite

*Follow up – Lisa to continue to develop website and Jo to continue to ensure Facebook is kept updated.*

TRAINING

We have the opportunity of a weekend of training from rowing coach Gabriel Murphy at the beginning of April. This was welcomed by everyone. Karen has kindly offered him accommodation for the weekend.

*Follow up - Karen to confirm dates with Gabriel. Find out if all training water based or do we need to book hall too?*

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Jo handed out draft safety guidelines she had compiled. It was felt in order to comply with SCRA advice and insurance policy it was necessary to have safety guidelines in place. It was felt these needed to be as simple and direct as possible. A bullet point checklist that could be laminated and kept in the equipment box to be used before the skiff was launched and also displayed on our website. These would be accompanied by a map displaying hazardous rocks etc.

There followed a long discussion about radio function, use of mobile phones, eperbs, lifejackets etc and the provision of training for identified coxes.

Annual membership was also discussed which would mean skiff members had also signed to acknowledge risks and safety procedures. This system seems commonplace with all clubs. There was a suggested annual fee of £10/£5 concessions. The feel of the meeting was that whilst it was necessary to formalise some procedures it should be kept as informal and welcoming as possible.

*Follow up –*

* *identify a list of people who are willing to cox and provide training. (this may be covered by Gabriel if not Tom and Janene volunteered to organise in house training.*
* *Jo to further develop safety guidelines*
* *Viv to source maps & requirements on insurance policy*
* *Lisa to put guidelines on website*
* *Investigate membership form format*

LOGO/CLOTHING

Lisa had investigated several sources of clothing with the aim of submitting our logo so clothing could be individually ordered and chosen. (t-shirt, windproof jacket, hoodie etc as preferred) We are looking at a teal/aqua colour to link to the boat colour. Different logos were displayed and one chosen.

*Follow up – Lisa to submit logo and pass on link for purchasing clothing.*

OWN REGATTA/OTHER REGATTAS

Ruairidh had prepared an update for our own regatta – August 12th. All 12 spaces are now filled. Categories as last year, with caveat if unable to fill decades category, teams must total over 250 years in ages of crew. Expected sponsorship of £1100.00 but expenditure for marker buoy, championship t-shirts and medals to be deducted. Janene kindly agreed to investigate making ceramic “medals.”

*Follow up –*

* *Janene - medals*
* *Organisation of t-shirts with salmon logo for winning team*

Other regattas entered this year:

June - Friendly with Lochcarron

July – Ullapool – 7th/8th

August -Shieldaig – 12th

September – Lochcarron date to be confirmed

*Follow up – Viv confirm dates/arrangements with Lochcarron*

FUNDRAISING

With funds rapidly depleting all fundraising ideas welcomed. Nigel was able to advise on previously held events that were successful. Karen has kindly organised:

* Quiz - Torridon Hall – Friday 30th March 7.30 pm
* Whist – Torridon Hall Wednesday 11th April 7.30 pm

Other suggestions to be discussed & considered:

* 100 Square – chocolate bonanza
* Summer Beach BBQ
* Celtman Eve BBQ – 5-8pm
* Tom - Archery
* Fete Day Breakfast
* Lisa card design
* Bealach Race if not already being used by school

*Follow up – Sandwiches/ Baking/ Raffles for quiz and whist please*

*Lisa to do posters*