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**Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Thursday, 27 May 2010 at 07:00 PM  
Nairn Sailing Club**

**PRESENT:**

**Voting attendees:**

Richard Jenner	Chairman
Chris Tomlinson	Vice-Chairman
Tom Mason	Treasurer
Caroline Sterritt	Secretary
Peter Baxter	Cromarty BC
Iona Cornish	Royal Findhorn YC
Robert Gordon	Nairn SC
Cathy Kitson Jones	Lochcarron SC
Miles Mack	Chanonry SC
Ian Ross	Loch Morlich SC & Lagganlia Centre
Tony Wright	Lossiemouth CC

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<b>Non-voting attendees:</b>			
Jane Campbell Morrison	RYA Scotland		
Richard Evans	Webmanager		
John C Quinn	Lairg SC		
Bill Taylor	Auditor		
Paul Chaplin			
Kevin Davidson			
Graham Macaulay-Smith			
Mary Prart			
Christine Spreiter			
Heather Tomlinson			
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>			
Martin Balcombe	Caledonian Discovery		
Alan Hoseason	Coaching Highland		
Simon Paterson	Findhorn Marina & HMT		
Doug Yeats	Banff SC		
<b>Number</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Action Person</b>
1	<b>Welcome to Nairn SC</b> & update on news by Robert Gordon, Commodore	Nil	Nil
<b>FORMAL AGM ITEMS</b>			
2.	<b>Introduction &amp; Apologies</b> , Chairman & Sec	Nil	Nil
3.	<b>Election of Office Bearers.</b> No nominations had been received. Three of the GS Office Bearers offered to continue as HMS Office Bearers: Richard Jenner (Chairman), Chris Tomlinson (Vice-Chairman) & Tom Mason (Treasurer).  Caroline Sterritt had indicated her intention to stand down as the Secretary.	All were in favour of the 3 Office Bearers continuing in post and Richard Jenner, Chris Tomlinson & Tom	

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	Richard thanked Caroline for her work over a considerable period and this was echoed by the meeting.	Mason were duly elected to the respective posts of Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Treasurer. The Secretary post remained vacant.  Richard asked attendees to contact him if they had a suitable nominee for the Secretary post.	All
4.	<b>Acceptance of Accounts and Auditors Report.</b> Tom presented the annual accounts and emphasised the importance of the grants from RYAS and Coaching Highland to balancing the books after the Successful Sailing Seminar failed to cover its costs. He suggested that HMS needed some sort of regular funding stream for the longer term. Jane Campbell Morrison said that speakers would be under contract in the future so that their costs could be clearly agreed in advance of events.	The Accounts 2009/10 were approved unanimously.	Nil
5.	<b>Appointment of auditor for 2010-2011.</b> Tom thanked Bill Taylor for auditing the books and asked that he was reappointed as the auditor.	The meeting was unanimous that Bill Taylor should continue as the auditor for 2010-2011.	Bill Taylor
6.	<b>Proposal to amend the constitution.</b> Coaching Highland had asked for an	Amendment proposed	

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	<p>amendment to the Constitution as follows:            Point 29 (Section 6: Dissolution) of the HMS Constitution to be amended as follows:            Delete:            In the event that following on such winding up the accounts of HMS prepared to the date of winding up show a credit balance, this shall be passed to RYA Scotland for use by them for related community sailing activities.            Insert:            All financial liabilities to funders, sponsors and creditors outstanding at the date of winding up shall be repaid and any remaining funds shall be passed to RYA Scotland for use by them for related community sailing activities.</p>	<p>by Iona Cornish and seconded by Miles Mack. The meeting unanimously agreed to change the Constitution as proposed.</p> <p>Richard agreed to amend the document and send a copy to the Webmaster for the web-site.</p>	Richard
<p><b>THIS CONCLUDED THE FORMAL AGM; ANY ACTIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING UPDATE ITEMS WILL BE REVIEWED AS ROUTINE BUSINESS AT THE NEXT MEETING</b></p>			
7.	<p><b>Sail Related Talk.</b> Chris Tomlinson gave a well received illustrated talk on preparing for and participating in the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers including hitting an unidentified (semi) floating object!</p>	<p>An informal poll of those attending indicated that a 20 -30 minute talk on a sail related matter would be welcomed at all meetings.</p>	Richard
8.	<p><b>Keel Boat Racing.</b> Briefing from Banff SC on Hunter 707 &amp; match racing project. Unfortunately Doug Yeats had been prevented from attending the meeting at the last moment and this item was not covered.</p>	Nil	Nil
9.	<p><b>Cruiser Rally.</b> Peter Baxter briefed the proposal to hold a cruiser rally in the Moray Firth (The Moray Firth Triangle) in 2011. It would be a passage event</p>	<p>It was decided that some advance publicity</p>	

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	involving marina stopovers in Inverness, Wick & Lossiemouth. The event could be run as a charity fundraiser and would have a social event at each stopover. Peter was seeking some assistance with the organization.	on the web-site would be useful.  Anyone willing to help Peter organizing should contact him at: <a href="mailto:mail@iv98pu.fsnet.co.uk">mail@iv98pu.fsnet.co.uk</a>	Richard  All
10.	<b>One Design Dinghy Championship.</b> Chris Tomlinson briefed the proposal for a Highland & Moray dinghy championship, finishing as a one design event/final. Chris had prepared a short paper with questions (attached).	Clubs were requested to consider the questions and contact Chris at: <a href="mailto:chris@moulinhotel.co.uk">chris@moulinhotel.co.uk</a>	All
11.	<b>North of Scotland Dinghy Championship.</b> Iona Cornish briefed on arrangements for the 2010 event to be hosted by RFYC on 12/13 June. The event would be for fast & slow handicap classes and HMS had donated an engraved class trophy to be kept by the winner in each class. There were also other prizes. NoR & SIs at: <a href="http://www.rfyc.net/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=6:north-of-scotland-championships-2010&amp;catid=10&amp;Itemid=9">http://www.rfyc.net/index.php?option=com_content&amp;view=article&amp;id=6:north-of-scotland-championships-2010&amp;catid=10&amp;Itemid=9</a>	Nil	Nil
12.	<b>Open Race Training.</b> Miles Mack briefed on a proposal by Chanonry SC to host Junior and Youth open race training in parallel with the RYAS Northern Squad (formerly NoSSS).	It was decided that HMS would send each club a letter explaining the proposal together	

	Changes to eligibility criteria for the RYAS NS would result in many of the current participants being excluded and it would also be harder for newer sailors to access coaching. Open Race Training could fill this void and while Chanonry was taking a lead, the club would need support in the form of coaches and coach boats, from other clubs.	with a number of questions and would correlate the responses.	Richard
13.	<p><b>Coaching Action Plan.</b> Jane Campbell Morrison briefed on the 2010 Coaching Action Plan for Highland based coaches and highlighted that funding was available for Racing Coach Level 2 (6 coaches to permit a course 'locally') and for the SI course to be held at Lochaber 5 – 8 July as well as funding for a whole range of other instructor courses.</p> <p>Jane proposed that rather than hold a separate sailing instructor/coaches conference, HMS should be part of the Highland Coaching Conference in late October. This would allow sailing instructors to meet coaches from other disciplines and to take part in high quality general workshops before a specialist workshop in the afternoon.</p>	<p>The meeting was supportive of the suggestion to take part in the Highland Coaching Conference rather than hold a separate sailing instructor/coaches conference.</p> <p>Jane to forward the CAP to the Webmaster</p>	<p>Jane</p> <p>Jane</p>
14.	<p><b>Operational Plan.</b> Richard Jenner introduced the First Draft of the HMS Operational Plan. Richard asked for feedback. Specifically was it a good idea to have one plan rather than separate Development/Strategy and Annual/Operational plans? Was the idea of a 3 phase year and a rolling 'part 2' that covers up to 2 calendar years good? He was looking for items for part 2. <b>See attached.</b></p>	<p>All to comment on the plan directly to Richard:  <a href="mailto:r.h.jenner@btinternet.com">r.h.jenner@btinternet.com</a></p>	All
<b>END OF MEETING</b>			

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