



## Gairloch Boat Club AGM 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Reports.

### Chairman:

Thanks to:

The Board of Trustees (Fiona, Morven, both Janets and Phil) for the work put in over the past year. Zoom meetings, organising events, keeping me right, keeping track of finances, organising our online presence.

Volunteers for doing the multitude of jobs required to keep our boat club running: Maintenance, rigging dinghies, helping launch and retrieve, crewing safety boats, refuelling them, strimming the grass, working in the kitchen, donating cakes, fundraising, contributing ideas and suggestions for improvement

Last but not least, the sailors, because what's the point in having a boat club if nobody is sailing?

Looking back over the last year, we achieved a lot.

A training committee was set up which is taking forward two of our club's stated purposes: advancing public participation in water sports, and supporting and promoting leisure and recreational facilities.

Looking forward:

We aim to : progress our development plans, finally get the leases sorted out, run taster sessions for young people, run adult training sessions, organise regattas, add to our online presence – I'm thinking tictok, Instagram – and keep looking at ways of maintaining a safety culture in our club.

The question of mid-week sailing is to be discussed further.

We are to investigate enhancements to the website

Courses: **A** Taster sessions for local school children will be led by Roger. **B Adult** Level 1 and Level 2 Courses will be led by Ori from Lochcarron Sailing Club.

**C** Power Boat Courses including further safety training to be investigated.

We will be paying the Highland Council to keep a RIB on the Pontoon during the season. Enquiries to be made whether we locate alongside the pontoon or acquiring one of the 'Finger' berths.

We've started our RNLI fundraising campaign: Knit 200 hats for the RNLI's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary (hats are available tonight, those on Zoom can place an order...).

Succession Planning of posts within Gairloch Boat Club will be considered at a future Trustees meeting.

Finally, here's hoping for good sailing weather in our 2024 season.

### Treasurer: Janet D.

Copies of the Club's Financial summary were available.

As at financial year end (31/1/24) there was a healthy balance of £13808.12

There are just a couple of points to highlight:-

- Hydro figure appears low but this is because the final 2023 quarter has not been debited to the account. Hydro have sent a letter of apology to say this would now be collected on or after 28/2/24
- Clubhouse Repairs & Equipment has seen a marked increase from last year. This is mainly due to purchases of a printer, cartridges, paper, and first aid supplies.



- Equipment/Boats this is our largest expense after the Club Insurance. Repairs and maintenance required on Wayfarer, RS Fevas, Laser and RIBs.

It is recommended the Club consider opening a High Interest savings a/c with instant access.

Thanks to Martin for once again ratifying the accounts.

**Secretary: Phil.**

The number of sailings during the previous season were greater than the previous year.

A lot of interest was generated by the Club's activities: Water Sports Taster Day, Dinghy & Big Boat Race Events' Regattas with visiting sailors & safety crew.

New members joining: 13, Left the Club: 5, (4 of which left the area,) giving a net increase of 8.

We continue to get support from the RYAScotland including advice & promotional material.

