**ROSS AND CROMARTY SPORTS COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY October 24th 2013**

**Osprey Room, Dingwall Football Academy, Dingwall 7.00pm**

 **Present**

Jim Hyslop/ Jenny Maclennan/ Joan Maxwell/ Sandy Gall / /Garry Bain/ Martin Rowe, Loch Gairloch Rowing Club/ Lynne Fraser

Thomas Andrew Knox/ Roy Sinclair/Jack Murray

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Jamie Stone/ Davie Ogilvie/ Graham Mackenzie /Margaret Farmer/ Margaret Paterson/ Cllr Ian Cockburn

Joan welcomed everyone to the meeting and first paid tribute to Councillor Billy Barclay who passed away this week. Cllr Barclay was a keen bowler, RCSC members are invited to submit their personal condolences.

 **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

 Minutes approved.

Proposed Joan Maxwell Seconded Sandy Gall

**3. Loch Gearrloch Rowing Club report.**

The club was formally incepted about a month ago, though a long time in the planning. The boat was designed at Anstruther for coastal rowing and there are 100 boats worldwide.22’ long 6’ wide with a crew of 4 and a cox. 20 members raised £1000 towards the £3000 cost. Marine plywood for the keel, hoping to be finished by Easter/Spring. Club recommended to apply to ward discretionary fund for future money, as still have to wait six months to be eligible for further funding from us.

**4. ASC’s Report –Lynne Fraser**

Willie Mackinnon has moved to Portree as ward manager. Jenny Herbert took over his role yesterday!

In the Alness cluster, October saw Golf and Tennis within the Averon centre. The Evanton Woodland trust has run orienteering courses. Alness golf club and Fyrish gymnastics club were selected to be audited. The Young Ambassadors conference took place. There are a couple of these in each school whose role is to develop the Commonwealth theme with the ASC’s.

SportScotland 2014 legacy fund to contribute to Alness Academy Partnership needs.

Positive Coaching Scotland-Sports Leader awards will take place in the Easter break. Paper letters are going out to primaries to encourage volunteers. Alness Academy is currently very under-used. Also looking at the possibility of running a decathlon there.

**5. Matters Arising**

None

**6. Correspondence**

As per sheet A. (attached) plus,

Letter of thanks from Tom Hoffman and a progress update. He is moving up the junior and senior rankings and is aiming at the Commonwealth Championships next year.

Letter of thanks from Eleanor Richardson, she won two Scottish track cycling titles at the Sir Chris Hoy velodrome.

**7. New Members**

 GEARRLOCH Rowing Club has paid and is invited to apply for a start-up grant.

**8. Treasurer’s Report**

 Any prefix /12 grants will not be honoured. 6 Outstanding grants for last year to be pursued and put to bed.

£7420 due shortly from Highland Council. Accounts to be formalised for submission with the Business Plan to HC. Small expenditure’s only for database management etc.

**9. Grant Aid-see sheet**

All grants Id nos. 013-040/149 were approved with the following provisos. 042/13 Hall hire not allowed under HC guidelines. Grant agreed £535.50 .ID 049/13. £500 granted, £431 claimed based on actual expenditure.

ID 048/13.Documentation requested from Inverness Harriers re Paula Gass.

**10. Update on changes on the website.**

 The new mailbox has been set up., this was Free!grants@ross-sport.org . Trialling new data retrieval package. Annual cost £45, taking a 30 day trial. Only£ 36 for three laptops.

Joan to speak to Raymond Fletcher.

**11. Succession Planning and committee roles.**

 Andrew Knox invited to join committee as co-opted member. This was unanimously approved. Andrew is chairman of Highland 4x4 response and also Chairman of the British one.

**12. Awards night 5th Dec Arrangements**

Jack to book staff room. Joan/Sandy nomination forms. Jenny to update last year’s submission to the Ross-shire4. Trophies to be retrieved via Jim and Jenny. Planning meeting Thursday 7th November in Osprey room.

**9. Date and venue of next meeting.**

Thursday 7th November awards planning. Osprey room.

Awards night 5th December in Dingwall Academy at 7 p.m.

Future meetings,

23rd January 2014

27th March 2014