

Minutes - FOCCR Committee 12 April 2023 at LSC at 1900

Attendees: Lucie, Gary, Arthur, Jane, Doreen, Louise, Donald, Iain

Apologise: Ross, Lynda

1900 - Introduction - Lucie

1905 - Approval last minutes/outstanding actions (under main headings) - Iain

Last meeting minutes approved by Louise seconded by Lucie

1910 - Finance - Jane

Accounts circulated to committee prior to meeting. Accounts in healthy position, only unknown is cost of Saltire refurb, expect invoice end May 23.

1920 - Membership - Iain

Stable at 87 with 8 pre-membership/membership forms awaiting response

1925 - Maintenance - Donald

Two different rear tail brake light/indicator attachments are available for skiffs. One fits Saltire and other Thistle. Discussion agreed that in practice we tend to only use Saltire for away regattas, apart from Castle to Crane where both skiffs require transporting. In this case the Teal (braked) road trailer already has an acceptable arrangement for tail brake/indicator attachment so it was agreed to use the Saltire attachment (in box trailer) as the "standard" tail brake/indicator attachment. Club nominated towers (Iain, Caroline, Ross, Don, etc) to familiarise themselves with Saltire set up prior to towing to regattas - **Closed**

Health & Safety Committee reps with Hugh & Donald took both skiffs out to review Thistle offset settings, straps, oars and any other adjustments needed to alleviate concerns raised by club members about issues with the set up as it is at present. The following next steps were agreed:

Short term -

- Change stroke footplate, using Lizzy/Henry's design - **Lizzy/Hugh**
- Level up footplates for positions 1,2 & 3 to ensure hips are level by replacing current footplate **Hugh/Donald**
- Adjust interface of root plates and oars to minimize wear & tear - **Hugh**
- Change-over oars - **Closed 5th April.**

Longer term -

- Determine seating strategy, i.e. (i) 1, 4 central, 2,3 offset; (ii) all positions central; (iii) all positions offset;
- Based on above, determine 'best' long term design/positions for points of contact with skiff i.e. footplates, thwart, oars, thole pin/fulcrum, taking into account biomechanics, power application, and allowing for social & competitive rowing.

Committee agreed that for the time being Saltire should not have any fixed offset installed until H&S committee are comfortable that we have an acceptable arrangement in Thistle.

With this year's regattas on the horizon, it was agreed that we need to make a decision on whether to have the offset in place in Thistle for the coming season. Whilst not dismissing the offset as a possibility going forward it was felt that in order to allow time, if needed, to remove and replace the offset arrangement with suitable adjustable box foot rests (which may need manufactured) and allow members to become comfortable with and train with whichever arrangement is preferred, particularly for the upcoming Ocean to City Regatta, it was agreed we need to make a decision on which arrangement we have in place for this season on Saturday after the fun regatta on 15 April - **Committee (15 April)**

Request Saltire have blue non-slip paint covered area widened on skiff floor - **CLOSED**

Possibility of PEEL Port at Hunterston developing storage facilities. Contact to be made with lead person Lewis MacIntyre - **Lucie (9 May)**

Maintenance Log - Agreement that with recent change to having skiffs refurbished by a third party we should have a record of major maintenance activity carried out on the skiffs, road/launch trailers and box trailer and stored on club website/hard drive etc - **Iain (9 May)**

1955 - Youth - Lynda

Under 40's group, Kerryann has accepted taking the lead on this and has set up a whatsapp group with interested parties. They will self manage themselves - **Closed**

Youth group continues to grow and get out on the water as much as possible. We may lose a few youth members temporarily through summer with work/holiday commitments but club remains committed and focused on supporting the youth and the transition to adult row as they move on to further education and full-time employment. Committee would again like to express its thanks and gratitude to the members of the club who help in supporting the youth activities.

2015 - Training & Safety - Gary

Informal Soup & Safety session ran on Saturday 25 March 23 at LSC with over 30 members attending. Run by Gary/Arthur/Kerryann/Kevin and covered a number of topics including safety, use of VHF, weather and fitness. An enjoyable couple of hours with a lot of pertinent information and tips. Feedback from membership was very positive - **Closed**

2035 - Regatta - Doreen

FOCCR members Fun Championship (15 April) – All arrangements in place for a 1000 start at Fairlie Beach. Food arranged through Village Inn at Fairlie.

Great Cumbrae Hop (Saturday 22 April) - Charge £10/club, teams of 6 male/6 female in relay race around Great Cumbrae. All clubs accepted Gourock, Royal West, Troon, Prestwick, Rhu and Cumbrae have been notified of arrangements. Clubs where they do not believe they can meet the crew criteria have been offered to come along anyway and will sort on the day – **Closed**

Note to be issued to members for help in cleaning up Largs Sailing Club championship slip in advance of above event. Committee agreed to buy 15 medals for this event.

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Ocean to City, Eire (Thursday 1 June to Monday 5 June) - All involved are on a whatsapp group. Skiff transport (double trailer) travel arrangements & costs been arranged and paid for by those rowing. Caroline will be towing the skiffs. All attending arranging their own transport. Accommodation in Cork reserved for all attending from club.

Geoff (Renegade) from Ayr, owner of the double skiff trailer we need for Cork, will not now be attending the Great Cumbrae hop so we need to sort logistics for club to have the double trailer in time for practice with loading & towing the double trailer and provide Ayr with a replacement temporary road trailer if required – **Iain (14 April)**.

Local Regatta Season - Club website has all known regattas listed (others will be added once known) and those wishing to attend can register there. Agreed that one month before regatta date we would confirm tower/captain etc so that we can advise members if we will be able to attend that particular regatta.

Skiffy Festival, NI (Friday 4 August - Sunday 6 August) - Lucie taking the lead in coordinating activities at this time. Accommodation reserved. Individuals booking their own transport to the event. Proposed we car share and book soon as event is in busy holiday season. Iain towing Saltire, transport to be booked – **Iain (14 April)**

FOCCR Regatta (Saturday 19 August/Sunday 20 August) - Eight teams plus FOCCR invite only.

Expedition Row around Bute (TBD) - Majority felt Bute would be a better option for a variety of reasons. To be discussed at next committee meeting - **(12 April)**

2055 - Social & Fund Raising/Cox meeting feedback - Louise

Great Quiz, well supported, thanks to Alison S. St Patrick's Party, great night, 50 attended, raffle well supported, profit £245 thanks to Doreen-selling raffle tickets, Alison S-Quiz, Lynda-great new game and of course the one and only DJ Fatboy Slimfast (Arthur)

All social events are now available for members to register to attend to help club know possible numbers and interest in any particular event. Monthly Quiz's will be announced separately. Registering is the same arrangement/process as the regatta booking system.

20th April - Bingo Night, Masonic Lodge confirmed

19th August - Regatta Ceilidh, Masonic Lodge and Chanty Dyke confirmed

Three End of Grant Reports submitted & well received. New application - Baillie Gifford: cost of Saltire's renovation, Kelburn Windfarm: regatta costs and SPAR Community towards cost of training & oars.

Article & photos with Magnox decal on trailer to wee paper - **Lucie (9 May)**

Arrange for sponsors to be visible on Club website - **Iain (9 May)**

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2110 - AoB - All

AGM Saturday October 7 Oct ahead of annual membership start date of 1 Nov - **Closed**

Braked trailer at LSC used infrequently/exposed to all weathers. Relocate to Hunterston along with any footrests not needed from trailer clear out - **Closed**

Sale of Club equipment, proposed wording circulated to committee. Agreed with Chair to add to "documents" tab in members area - **Closed**

Review alternative insurance policy and oars included - **Iain (9 May)**

Nominate two people to attend SCRA cox training event - **Lucie (9 May)**

Discussion post coxes meeting about length of social rows, increase from 1 hour to 1 hour 15 mins to allow for changeover etc. Club website rowing booking system cannot accommodate 15/45 min past hour bookings (additional cost to club to modify) so agreed to extend rows to 1 hour 30 mins on Tues/Thur and Sat mid-morning slot - **Iain (12 April)**

2130 - Close

Next meeting will be Tuesday 9 May at LSC at 1900.