

Minutes Wed 13th March 2024 at Drouthies Largs at 7 pm

Attendees: Lucie, Jane, Doreen, Drea, Iain and Linda Graham

Apologise: Gary, Donald, Jaqueline, Ross

1900 - Introduction - Lucie

1905 - Finance - Jane

Accounts - Some outstanding costs due but accounts in good order.

Development Fund - Agreed to set up and put £3500 into a "Development Fund" in a high interest bank account to support future club interests - **Jane (10 April)**

Windfarm Funding - Response required for funding - **Lucie (10 April)**

SCRA Subs - Contact SCRA regarding our status, to be paid - **Closed**

1915 - Membership - Iain

Members - 72 (40 ladies/21 men/11 under 22) with 6 ladies waiting dates/taster rows.

Encourage Male members - Invite Callum, wee paper, Fairlie Fun Day - **Lucie (10 April)**

1920 - Maintenance - Donald

Club Trailer - Refurbished at Donald's shed with new solar roof vent, insulation and floor vents to reduce internal condensation. Purchased a number of sealed boxes (with label of contents) to hold club kit in the trailer to reduce dampness in equipment. Request that members please try to keep the trailer tidy and return equipment back into labelled box so as to make it easier to find equipment when required.

Thistle Refurb (18-29 March) - Will go in for work at Donald's shed for general tidy up and stroke offset slightly altered to reduce rowing angle. After discussion with some members of the club the thole pins will not be modified in any way during this shop visit.

Maintenance Whatsapp Group - The work required on Saltire/Thistle and Trailer over the winter in preparation for the coming season has required a covered/dry shed and Donald has been kind enough to offer his facilities at home to carry out the work required. There is and will continue to be on-going day to day maintenance needs as we go through the season that do not require a covered/dry shed. The committee recognise and appreciate the time

devoted/expertise in the group and would continue to encourage participation as issues arise through the season.

1940 - Training & Safety - Lucie

Training day Saturday 23 Feb - Event went very well attended by 25 members. Talk by Lucie on safety & exercise and element hosted heart foundation appreciated by all in attendance.

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Warm up before row- Reminder with summer season approaching the importance of carrying out some warm up exercises before heading out on a row.

Saturday row cancellation - Any cancellation of rows through the season will arrange club get together at 1000 in LSC with activity, knot tying, safety slides, etc

Long Row Procedure - Contact SCRA for advice/guidance -
Received Closed

1950 - Youth - Drea

Strangford Lough Regatta - Group of youths keen to attend, need cox and if youth rows planned at event. Only one adult from club planning to attend/row. FOCCR not planning to take a skiff to event so contact Royal West to see if they plan to have a SW skiff.

Meeting at Stranraer - SW lead rep (Vicky Reay-Martin) taking FOCCR info to next SCRA meeting about youth rowing in SW region. Maybe a combined youth team with Stranraer/Wigton at next Worlds.

Ardrossan Sea Cadets - Have on water activities April-Sept in Ardrossan harbour in their Trident 500 fibreglass skiff (they have 3). Their leader (Kenny Bell) offered one to ourselves for youth but we are unsure if their skiffs are suitable for "sea rowing". The cadets may come to Largs for a taser session. Arrange for one of our cox/adults to view/try their fibreglass skiff and see if suitable for our use - **Linda (16 June)**

2000 - Coxes and Rota - Iain/Lucie

Cox meeting - See Appendix 1

2015 - Regatta - Doreen

Fairlie Fun Day 13 April - Lizzy arranging team allocation and Lucie captain for the day. Low tide 0940 so may have later start, high tide 1630. Lunch in Village Inn £5/head. Request for Cox "race" training scenarios on the day, committee agreed this might not be the best

event to do this on and maybe better on a Saturday morning race rows organised by Cox's.

FOCCR Regatta 11 May - Two heats of five skiffs. Invited eight groups Arran, Cumbrae, Rue, Troon, Stranraer, Royal West/Gourock (combined team), Renegade and Prestwick, with 2 slots for FOCCR skiffs. Volunteers from previous regattas to be contacted to see if they are happy to support again. Timing - Dougie/Ian Ward? (Lucie as back up), Cox Brief - John McF cox briefing (if Gary not available), Safety Boat - Hugh & Iain McG. Catering covered in Social update below.

SW Regattas - Registered for Prestwick (1 June), Troon (8 June) and Arran (22 June)

2035 - Social & Fund Raising- Jaqueline

Fairlie Fun Day - Lunch arranged at Village Inn £5/head

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FOCCR Regatta - Burgers, soup, tea and home-made baking be available. LSC available for prize giving on the day. Agreed to request bar be available from 2.00 -10.30pm, if LSC can provide a volunteer. Plan would be to order in pizza later in the day at £5/head. Social committee will organise games and see if JMCF will do DJ. Agreed we should have a raffle during the regatta, even buy "decent" prizes out of club funds as long as we can cover our costs.

Scotland vs Ireland Saturday 16 March Pub Visit - informal meet up in Drouthie Niebors

Fundraising Event for RNLI 200 - Thinking of a BBQ/games night, ask FOCCR's for suggestions. Agreed we should do something but wait till later in year (August 2024)

2045 - AoB - All

FOCCR oar sets - Review and decide which ones to keep, rework or sell - **Arthur/Gary**

New Youth Oars - Waiting till summer to arrange youth row and rework of oars with Arthur and Hugh - **Closed**

Constitution signed - by Chair/Secretary.- **Closed**

Wishlist - See appendix 2, to be reviewed at each committee till all actions closed

Meetings 2024 - 2nd Wednesday of month at 7pm, 10 Apr, 8 May, 16 June, 10 July, 14 Aug, 11 Sept, 9 Oct, 13 Nov and 11 Dec. **Get them in your diary!**

Appendix 1

Cox Meeting - Thursday 7 March 2024

Attendees - Lucie, Hugh, John, Caroline, Iain B, Doreen, Dougie, Joan, Lizzy, Iain M

Apologise - Gary, Ian W, Eleanor, Louise, Arthur

- 1) Views on Saltire stroke offset position and apply to Thistle - All very complimentary of work carried out on Saltire by Don. Agreed to have same carried out on Thistle but that stroke offset be slightly less offset.
- 2) Thistle out of rota for rework Monday 18 - Friday 29 March. See above.
- 3) Summer Club Organised Rowing from 1 April - 14 rows/week rota:
 - a. Saturday - 3 rows x 2 skiffs
 - i. 0830-1000 (launch)/1000-1100/1100-1230 (recover)
 - ii. 0830 rows to be training/racing
 - iii. 1000 rows to be both social
 - iv. 1100 rows one beginners race training/technique & one social
 - b. Tuesday - 2 rows x 2 skiffs
 - i. 1730-1900 (launch)/1900-2030 (recover)
 - ii. 1730 rows to be one training/racing & one social
 - iii. 1900 rows to be one training/racing & one social

- c. Thursday - 2 rows x 2 skiffs
 - i. 1730-1900 (launch)/1900-2030 (recover)
 - ii. 1730 rows to be one training/racing & one social
 - iii. 1900 rows to be one training/racing & one social
- 4) Outside of above club organised rows - members to be encouraged to organise/book rows on system for regattas/events with team/cox
- 5) Club supported regattas (SW etc)
 - a. 1 skiff remains at Largs/1 skiff goes to regatta
- 6) Any other regattas/events
 - a. 1 skiff remains at Largs/Request to committee for other skiff
- 7) Number of members = 72
 - a. Number of cox 14 (7 Male /7 Female) plus 3 under 22
 - b. Approx 1 cox/5 members
 - c. Two cox in training (Sharon & Iain McG)
- 8) Regattas 2024 - Captains to be decided nearer time & enough towers to support events this year.

Appendix 2

Wish List Session - Saturday 5 Feb 2022 at Sailing Club at 1100

12 members in attendance. Note pads passed around for wishes for FOCCRRS's.

Below is a list of items discussed and agreed actions:-

- 1) Hi vis vests to every cox for use when coxing, 10 x XL/10 x L - **Ordered**
- 2) New p clips to retain oar pins to be replaced with new - **Iain**
- 3) Pole to assist getting on/off skiff on pontoon - **Lucie/Doreen**
- 4) "Wrap around" cushions for seats in skiff to be sourced/trialled - **Lucie (Sharon)**
- 5) Personal locator beacon - RNLI Largs to be consulted on benefit - **Lucie (Lizzy)**
- 6) Radios to be checked are waterproof/flash in water - **Closed note sent**
- 7) Throw rope to be in grab bag under cox seat - **Closed note sent to cox's**

- 8) Passage planning course, contact SCRA for advice - **Closed info received**
- 9) New skiff fund. Committee agreed no need for a 3rd skiff at present (space/condition of existing community-built skiffs/cost, etc). Agreed to establish a "Development Fund" to support any future club interests - see 13 March meeting minutes - **Closed**
- 10) Saturday 1100 "introduction to training row", Dougie volunteered to cox - **Lucie**

Above list and actions agreed at 13 March FOCCR committee Meeting.