

FOCCR Committee - Minutes 15 June 2022 at 2000 - 2200 Largs Sailing Club

Attendance - Lucie (Chair), Iain (Secretary), Donald, Louise, Doreen, Jane, Lynda

2000 - Introductions - Lucie

2005 - Approval last minutes (April/May) & outstanding actions - Iain

Actions Status from March/April 22 meetings:

Review inventory of equipment in the Club Trailer, if needed arrange a day to clear trailer out to check what we have for coming season - Completed - **Closed**

Donate £150 to RNLI as thanks for organising man overboard activity - Done - **Closed**

Youth fund, confirmation required of spend for NAC - Completed - **Closed**

Skiff cover clips status - Completed - **Closed**

Put some recent youth & parents testimonials on FOCCR website - Completed - **Closed**

Note to be sent out to members advising of Regattas this year and request that those who have been race training on a regular basis enter - Completed - **Closed**

Recommendation from above was for each skiff to have a hi-viz jacket for cox, due to skiff sitting so low in water and a throwing rope for person overboard - Purchased - **Closed**

Oars nearly finished with a 5th as spare. Compensate Rory for completing this work. Confirm if we are paying for the work, if not agree a gift (up to £200 in value) - Completed - **Closed**

Launch Trolley examples/committee members viewed. Agreed (12-14 week lead time, circa £2k) Specification, quote for complete trolley then take to chairperson - **See action below - Closed**

On agreement for trolley spec/price (above) note to be sent to membership for agreement to purchase, we have funds/one week to respond or we go ahead - Agreed - **Closed**

Recognising cox support by paying their membership. Agreed did not want to set precedents plus a number of people provide a lot of their time in support of FOCCR activity. Cox's receive a gate access, xmas drink, sandwiches at their meeting and a cheer at xmas. Write to member concerned and explain committee decision - Completed - **Closed**

Breakdown club accounts in place - **Closed**

Option 1 – Can Martin take Thistle, carry out maintenance required before worlds and provide a replacement over summer to cover maintenance & worlds – **Closed**

Option 2 – Can Thistle be maintained in Hunterston by FOCCR crew if above timing not suitable for Martin – **Not required Closed**

Request from member regarding rowing/seating and footrest position in stroke position having impact on physical health. General discussion there was agreement with the comments raised. When Thistle goes in for maintenance there should be a review of the stroke oar position, tiller arm and all foot rest/plates positions – **Closed see maintenance section in minutes**

Regatta party at LSC on 10 Sept, sub-group to be established, see Social in minutes – **Closed**

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Discussion about numbers/who to invite/format for 10th anniversary party. Post meeting agreed to ask members for expression of interest and then decide on venue/format to accommodate as needed, see social in minutes – **Closed**

Another person overboard activity to be planned for later in summer – **Closed see action under Training section in minutes.**

Two committee members met with CC&B regarding the cushions they recently provided FOCCR's. CC&B helpfully supplied hard foam to insert in addition to foam provided. This was tried, unsuccessfully. Existing cushions that are permanently fitted to skiffs will be used for day to day/short rows. Plan for longer rows, based on Loch Awe experience, is to fit increase padded set (Eleanor's set). **Closed**

A number of options for next steps were proposed and discussed. Based on the Training & Safety committee recommendation, members wish list event recommendation, a mail to all members from chairperson advising of committee approach and chairperson addressing those who responded asking further questions it was unanimously agreed by the committee that we go ahead and purchase one trolley/trailer combo and one trolley at cost of approx. £2500. We have club funds available to support this purchase. It will be on a 10-14-week lead time (available around Sept 22) from Sale Fast – **Closed**

2015 - Treasurer - Jane

Accounts are healthy. Agreed to allocate cost of new oars back to youth account

2025 - Membership - Iain

New membership still closed with waiting list in place. Anyone wishing to join should be asked to apply through the FOCCR website and they will be added to the waiting list by application date.

Discussion on how to make sure we are encouraging recently joined members to row. Agreed to review level of engagement later in year once weather improves and worlds completed.

2035 - Maintenance - Donald

Agreed to purchase Lanoshield for new trolley/trailer combo - **Donald (3 Aug 22)**

Agreed once we have received and are happy with new combi trolley/trailer and trolley we should look to find opportunities to sell our existing two trolleys and one trailer.

Once Saltire comes back from worlds (week commencing 4 July) the plan is for Thistle to come out of the water for general tidy up and maintenance only.

As Saltire will be away at Worlds and Thistle out of water for maintenance it was agreed to approach Martin at Irvine for a substitute skiff for approx. 2 months from 18 June to maintain 2 skiffs available for club members to row over summer - **Donald (18 June 22)**

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Hugh had written to the committee for guidance/next steps on a few topics. A response has been sent directly to Hugh covering the items below:-

First item regarding recognising the work completed and equipment provided by Rory @ Arran. Agreed to purchase couple items and present Rory with bottle Gin at Arran.

Second, regarding finding an opportunity to trial the new offset/new oars arrangement to enable members to use and give feedback on. We agreed week commencing 4 July Saltire will be back from worlds. Proposed that between 4 July and 28 July (next Cox meeting) Hugh fits the new offset/new oars set up for members to try during social/race training rows and comment on before 28th. At Cox meeting agree if we continue with offset arrangement or revert back to previous set up. Between now and 4 July we do not make any alterations to Saltire.

Third, Hugh managed to acquire for a small fee 4 x carbon fibre oars from Glasgow Rowing Club. It was agreed decision on whether FOCCR are interested in keeping these oars should be discussed at Cox meeting and recommendation put to committee at next meeting on 3 Aug.

2055 - Youth - Lynda

All good teams training hard for worlds

2105 - Social & Fund Raising - Louise

FOCCR regatta party Saturday - 10 September - Ceilidh planned. Venue & Chanty Dyke to be confirmed. 80/100 spaces. *Fairlie Village Hall & Chanty Dyke since booked*

10th Anniversary Dinner Dance/Xmas Party - 26 November - After success of members enjoying "The Skanks" band at recent doo at Skelmorlie Golf Club it was agreed we would approach them for playing at our Dinner Dance/Xmas party that has been provisionally booked at Brisbane Hotel in Largs. It is hoped we will have space for 150.

Next FOCCR newsletter is in preparation. If any members have any FOCCR related articles please send them to Louise.

It was clarified at this meeting that whilst we have memberships of the LSC, the memberships/access to LSC is restricted to FOCCR members to when FOCCR events (rowing days & evenings/quizzes etc) are happening. If FOCCR members wish to join the Largs Sailing Club (LSC) to have year-round access they can apply direct to the LSC. Lucie to explain in the newsletter

Grants:

Secured: £2,996 - CalMac & NAC YPBF

Decisions pending: £2,000 - Magnox Socio Economic Good Neighbourhood Grant

Started: £4,000 FS Baillie Gifford

2125 - Regatta Plans - Doreen

Arran Regatta - Saturday 18 June - 17 members going, early start and finish as weather expected to worsen in afternoon. Iain Burnside captain for the day/Lizzy towing.

Prestwick Regatta - Saturday 23 July - 11 members interest to date, only 3 men so need some more!

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Nith & Bell Raid Regatta - Saturday 13 August/Sunday 14 August

Castle to Crane Row (12 mile row) - Saturday 3 September

FOCCR Regatta - Saturday 10 September - Establish a regatta committee, first meeting planned for Wednesday 13 July at 2000 in LSC with committee plus some members who have organised previous regattas - John Mc/Gary/Lizzy/Hugh. There will be plenty opportunities for members who have not rowed in a regatta before.

2140 - Training - Rep from Arthur/Lizzy/Gary

Ensure rep from Gary/Arthur/Lizzy invited to committee meetings.

Another person overboard activity to be planned for later in summer - **Gary (3 Aug 22)**

2145 - Skiffle Worlds Committee Feedback - Lucie

Skiff World Championships in Holland Mon 27 June - 1 July. All planning in place.

We want wish all the FOCCR's and family attending the championships best wishes and hope they can bring back some silverware.

2155 - AoB

2200 - Close

Next committee meeting Wednesday 3 August at 1930-2130 at LSC