

Minutes FOCCR Committee 1 August 2023 at LSC at 1730

Attendees: Lucie, Iain, Doreen, Lynda, Arthur, Jane and Don

Apologise: Jaqueline, Gary

1730 - Introduction - Lucie

Membership at 93 with 1 awaiting taster. Finance, in healthy position, circulated to committee before meeting.

1735 - Approval last minutes/outstanding actions

Lucie and Doreen approved.

1740 - Maintenance - Donald

PEEL Port at Hunterston developing storage facilities, not feasible - **Closed**

Arrange to have Saltire cover repaired similar to Thistle - **Closed**

Reminder drying skiff, return lifejackets to trailer, applying skiff covers - **Closed**

Maintenance plan/places for refurb to Thistle and Saltire for this winter 23 - **Don (Sept meeting)**

Modify Thistle No3 oar to move pivot point to extend oar length in skiff. Leave till Winter - **Closed**

Saltire stroke position (plywood laminates planking) to be agreed with Gary/Arthur - **Closed**

1755 - Training & Safety - Gary

Request for a standard operating procedure for loading/unloading trailer/trolley- **Closed**

1800 - Youth - Lynda

Eight 8 youths attending Skiffiefest and four previous youths also attending to row in adult crews. They are all looking forward to taking part in the rowing and social activities. A few other young people have tried rowing recently and we will try to recruit some more new rowers as the older youths are heading to Uni in September. Regular youth rowing sessions continue to be Friday 4.30pm, Saturday & Sunday 12.30pm. We have been arranging sessions outwith this time around youth availability and weather. I have tried to link with North Berwick re attending their regatta but there has been no further response.

Lynda announced to committee that she would like to step down from the Youth lead role at the AGM. She has been in this role since 2016 and during that time has brought through a number of youth crews as well as raising the profile of youth racing in WoS/Scotland/UK and Europe. The committee offered their thanks and gratitude to Lynda for all the work she has done in promoting and supporting youth rowing with FOCCR's. She will look to find a suitable replacement for the role before AGM.

1805 - Coxes and Rota - Lucie

General discussion about lack of support for social rowing sessions particularly Tues/Thur evenings. Agreement that weather recently has played its part but committee keen to ensure opportunities for members to meet socially on and off water. Discussion about race training

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rows and social rows on same evenings with 2 skiffs/4 sessions to promote integration of groups.

Note to be sent around to members reminding them of social rows and to request feedback as to what days/time would be best for the social rows - **Lucie (4 Aug)**

Possibility of running an on-shore training session. Discussion about hosting members get together around interactive activities related to skiffs e.g launching/recovering from back slip, tying skiff to pontoon, fitting cover to skiffs, maintaining skiff after use, knot tying sessions (with examples to try) - **Committee (13 Sept)**

July/August rota discussed and agreed to be issued on web - **Closed**

September/October rota - **Lucie**

1810 - Regatta - Doreen

Skiffy Festival, NI (Friday 4 August - Sunday 6 August) - All in place - **Closed**

FOCCR Regatta (Saturday 19 August/Sunday 20 August) -Eight clubs have been confirmed, a Regatta Organising Committee meeting Tuesday 1 August at 7pm - **Closed**

Medals to be selected and sourced for Regatta - **Closed**

Castle to Crane & Nith/Bell Ringer 2/3 Sept. One skiff at Largs at all times, send one skiff/one crew to C2C and source one/team for Nith/Bell Ringer - **Closed**

1830 - Social & Fund Raising- Jaqueline

Quote required for new youth oars, review after Strangford - **Arthur (Sept meeting)**

Don to ask Hugh about Carbon Fibre oars - **Closed**

1845 - AoB - All

AGM to be Friday 27 October at 7pm followed by Halloween Party at 8pm - **Closed**

Review alternative insurance policy and oars included - **Closed**

Review FOCCR child protection policy - **Lucie/Lynda**

Constitution to be signed by Chair/Secretary. Lucie send signature to Iain to pass to Stuart - **Lucie**

1900 - Closed