

Minutes FOCCR Committee 20 June 2023 at LSC at 1900

Attendees - Lucie, Louise, Doreen, Donald and Iain

Apologies - Jane, Gary, Lynda

1900 - Introduction - Lucie

1905 - Approval last minutes/outstanding actions (under each section)

Minutes approved by Lucie and Louise

1910 - Finance - Jane

Healthy finance statement issued to committee in advance of meeting. Thanks to one of our members Lesley MacKay, we have had a donation of £250 from EDF.

Regatta monies - Jane's proposal that we collect £5 per person at regattas to pay towers and any profit goes to the club to offset other misc costs such as ferry costs or regattas further away, fewer attend, etc. Supported by committee.

Agreed quiz money from quiz on 21 June to be put towards "wee skiff" for FOCCR garden plot in Douglas Park. If further funds need (circa £50) club willing to support.

1920 - Membership - Iain

Membership stands a healthy 91 with 8 on waiting list

1925 - Maintenance - Donald

The holes in the trunions on Arran oars require widening - **Closed**

Cushions: Approved the expenses for Lynda to buy more foam - **Closed**

Maintenance Log - digital version circulated to committee and on club hard drive - **Closed**

Possibility of PEEL Port at Hunterston developing storage facilities. Contact made with lead person Lewis MacIntyre, awaiting dates from him for meeting. Don to also attend. - **Lucie**

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

Note to cox's to remind drying skiff inside prior to storage after rows, return lifejackets to FOCCR trailer after rows and when applying skiff covers to put cover on front and back first before then tying on cover so as to put minimum stress on cover - **Iain**

Maintenance plan and places for refurb to Thistle and Saltire for this winter 23 - **Don**

After consultation with members and from rowing in position Hugh proposing we modify Thistle No3 oar to move pivot point to extend oar length in skiff.

Agreement required with Gary/Arthur to carry out alternations during regatta season - **Gary/Arthur**

Issue raised around Saltire stroke position (plywood laminates planking) by Hugh. Any alterations proposed to be agreed with Gary/Arthur in advance - **Don**

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1940 - Youth - Lynda

Youths have been rowing regularly as weather, studying and work has allowed. Sessions have offered Fri 4.30 & Sat/Sun 12.30 with a plan to offer more options as school holidays start especially to facilitate training for Strangford. Ross has taken a couple of the older youth crews out recently which is great. U40 sessions haven't taken off as yet but hopefully more will take up the option soon.

1950 - Training & Safety - Gary

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

2000 - Coxes and Rota - Lucie

Gary to discuss with Arthur the possibility of running an on-shore training session. - **Gary**

July rota discussed and agreed to be issued on web - **Iain**

2020 Regatta - Doreen

Following on from our successful social regatta on 15 April to kick off the regatta season, we have had a great start to the season with 1st equal overall at Arran combined with a further gift of a bottle of Arran Malt from the committee. Cork was another successful event with 2nd overall for one of our skiffs. Some members took part in the half marathon.

At Troon we were 2nd overall with the ladies coxed pairs retaining the trophy for another year.

Royal West was another very successful day where we were 1st overall with a trophy to keep and a silver salver to retain for one year. A big thanks to all who competed and gave such a superb performance and to Gary and Iain for being captains and to Iain and Caroline for towing.

Stranraer on 1st July is doubtful as so far numbers are low. I have put out a request for more rowers so it all depends on the response. Prestwick follows on the 8th July and Wigtown Bay on 22nd July. [+There is a](#) have a commitment from Iain to tow to Wigtown Bay and Strangford Lough.

Caroline will tow to Stranraer and Prestwick. The captain's duties are shared between Iain Burnside and Gary at the moment.

Stranraer (1 July) - Captain (Gary/Iain B)/Tower - Caroline

Prestwick (8 July) - Captain (Gary/Iain B)/Tower - Caroline

Wigton Bay (22 July) - Captain (Gary/Iain B)/Tower - Iain McG

Skiffy Festival, NI (Friday 4 August - Sunday 6 August) - Teams TBC ASAP. Iain B, Gary and Arthur in charge, Iain McG towing - **Gary**

FOCCR Regatta (Saturday 19 August/Sunday 20 August) - Eight clubs have been confirmed, Stranraer on the wait list. Agreed to have a Regatta Organising Committee meeting on Tuesday 1 August at 7pm. Room at LSC to be booked (1730-2100)/those required invited - **Lucie**

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

Castle to Crane & Nith/Bell Ringer are now on the same weekend 2/3 Sept. Committee agreed that we should have one skiff at Largs at all times for social rows over that weekend.

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After some discussion it was agreed that we would send one skiff/one crew (already established) to C2C, a tower needed - **Gary**

The Club will try to source another skiff to go to Nith/Bell Ringer weekend if sufficient others wish to attend - **Lucie**

2040 - Social & Fund Raising/~~Cox meeting feedback~~ - Louise

Quote required for new youth oars - **Arthur**

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

Wednesday 5 July Evening swim/BYOB picnic - **Louise**

Summer quizzes and coffees after rows continue to be a success with good attendance.

Big thank you from committee to those who helped with tidying up and planting at the FOCCR beds in Douglas Park. A credit to you all.

2050 - AoB - All

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

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

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

Constitution on website date appears to be incorrect and it needs to be signed by Chair and Secretary - **Iain**

**Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 1 August at 1730 at LSC before
Regatta Committee Meeting at 1900 at LSC**