

FOCCR Committee - Minutes 26 October at 1900 - Largs Sailing Club

Attendees: Lucie, Gary, Louise, Don, Iain, Lynda, Doreen, Jane

1900 - Introductions - Lucie

Largs Sailing Club AGM on Sunday 4 Dec, Lucie plans to attend

Agenda for 2022 AGM on 17 Nov agreed, to be issued to members 27 Oct -
Iain (Closed)

All committee to submit their elements for the AGM to be sent to Iain - **All Committee (4 Nov)**

1930 - Approval last minutes (28 Sept) & outstanding, actions - Iain

Minutes of last meeting approved by Iain and seconded by Gary.

Ability to regularly row over autumn/winter months, approach Castle Semple (Lochwinnoch) to see if we could base one skiff there - **Closed see action below with Gary**

10th Anniversary Christmas Dinner Dance - Sat 26th November, Brisbane House Hotel with The Skanks. 150 tickets max @ £40. Member + 1 and guests. Sub-committee to be set up.

Agreed to have a display or something to celebrate the last 10 years -
Closed see below.

1935 - Membership - Iain

At end Oct 22 membership stands at 101 members (adult & youth). Stats for year 21/10/21 to 16/10/22 - Total rows 441, 23 members (15 were cox's) rowed 40+, 28 rowed 30+ and 34 rowed 20+, so approx. third of membership active rowers.

Written to members advising the annual membership fee for 22/23 will be agreed at AGM on 17 Nov 22. I will then write and advise of new annual fee with payment required by end 8 Dec 22, no exceptions. Propose assume 80 members for 22/23.

1945 - Finance

Finance status is healthy and full set of results will be prepared for the AGM.

Agreed that membership annual fees should cover fixed and maintenance costs for each year. In prep for the AGM proposal for establishing the annual membership fee to be determined from known annual fixed costs and anticipated costs of annual maintenance now being carried out on Thistle and Saltire. There should be some additional contingency for in year day to day maintenance of the skiffs. - **Jane (17 Nov)**

Agreed to assume 80 members for 22/23 for estimates of annual membership fees.

2000 - Maintenance - Donald

Thistle in with Martin at Irvine for annual maintenance. It is expected that Saltire will then follow Thistle. Estimate for annual maintenance cost for both Thistle and Saltire - **Don (1 Nov)**

2015 - Youth - Lynda

There have been very few training sessions recently mainly due to weather, however we did manage to have a crew out on 22nd Oct - no wind but rather a lot of rain! We had a new youth on 22nd and a few more trying out asap. Lara and Maedoc were delighted to participate in the

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regatta especially as they were in the crew who won the Duncan Winning Trophy. Sessions will continue to be organised for Saturdays & Sundays depending on crew availability and weather.

2025 - Training - Rep from Arthur/Lizzy/Gary/Dougie

Access if Lochwinnoch suitable for taking skiff there over winter - **Gary (14 Dec)**

Plan for managing youth progressing to adult rowing - **Lynda/Gary (8 Jan 23)**

Row and train in categories - **Gary (8 Jan 23)**

2045 - Regatta - Doreen

The regatta year concluded with our own regatta on 8th October. I think you will all agree it was a great success especially after the disappointment of having to cancel our planned date due to the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth. The weather was kind to us after an initial squall while setting up.

I wish to express our thanks to the race control team, catering team, Jane our beachmaster and other volunteers and bakers without whom it wouldn't have been possible. I also think that this year has shown the positive effect of regular race training resulting in superb performances and results at the different regattas throughout the year.

Iain, Lucie and myself will represent the club at Loch Tummel (SCRA AGM/Row) next weekend to round off an amazing year.

Proposed plan for FOCCR attendance at regattas for 2023 and agree date for FOCCR regatta taking into account LSC activity. Louise has a regatta/social dates matrix for 2023 - **Doreen/Louise (8 Jan 23)**

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

10th Anniversary Regatta Ceilidh: Great night, perfect venue for numbers (approx 60), band were excellent, approx £270 profit from tickets, roll the coin & raffle

10th Anniversary Christmas Dinner Dance: 8 guests invited in addition to Foccrs +1 (Martin & Susan, Andy & Carol Anne, Simon & Alison, & Ron Clayton +1). 56 names booked so far. Have opened out to past members and will recontact current members before closing-off date of 1st Nov. Have

advised Brisbane House of possibility of reduced numbers. Less than 80 will incur £150 room charge.

Great return of winter quizzes under the stewardship of our very own quizmaster John McFarlane that meets the third Wednesday in the month at Village Inn, Fairlie.

Halloween outing planned Friday 29 Oct and Xmas Row Sunday 18 Dec

Future social events: Sub-committee discussing FOCCR Golf, FOCCR Fun day regatta early in season, Our regatta - big enough & cheap or BYOB/St Patricks night (LSC)/Xmas Party - Fairlie Village Hall

Grants YE 2022 Update: Nothing new to report other than I'm chasing the formal decision from Magnox

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Coxing & Rota: Have opened sessions on Sunday

2115 - AoB

Sell the 2 electric urns, try David Couser - **Lynda**

As winter approaches if weather inclement agreed to have alternative plans for Saturday mornings, dates to be agreed:

Knots - Lucie, Weather - Kevin, General Safety - Gary, Keep Fit - Iain B

Topics for Jan 23 committee meeting:

Agree towing numbers, Attendance at regattas in 2023, Regatta rowing teams, youth to adult.

Dates for diary:

FOCCR AGM Thursday 17 November at 1930 at LSC, committee to meet at 1830.

Next committee meeting 21 Dec at 1900 in George Hotel Pub, Largs.

Committee meetings in 2023 will be the first Wednesday in the month at 1900 beginning with Wednesday 11 January, 8 February, 8 March, 12 April at LSC unless otherwise informed.

2130 - Closed meeting