

**FOCCR Committee - Minutes - 26 March 2022 at 1230 - Largs Sailing Club**

Attendees: Iain, Lucie, Gary, Jane, Doreen and Donald/Apologise: Lynda and Louise

**1230 - Introductions - Lucie**

**1235 - Approval last minutes & outstanding actions - Iain**

Minutes of 19 February approved by Lucie and seconded by Gary. Actions from last meeting covered by this agenda

**1240 - Training - Gary**

Crews for Worlds been established with each crew to nominate a leader to coordinate rows. Suggestions that they have separate whats app groups to help coordinate. They will align specific cox/crews nearer worlds. Arthur will try to slot 2 x Cumbrae members into FOCCR team. Nearer worlds plan to put a mark in the bay for practice/turning etc.

**Action - World crews Saturday 0830-1000 slots through April/May/June - Louise (2/4/22)**

**1245 - Membership - Iain**

85 members with 14 in pipeline = Total 99

Committee agreed to put membership on hold after 9/4/22 taster until clearer picture of worlds load, cox availability, Thistle maintenance & substitute skiff availability.

**Action - Is it possible to have a matrix of rowers - Iain (7/5/22)**

**1250 - Treasurer - Jane**

Fund levels are good, see accounts in separate attachment. £600 from St Patricks party with £160 going to youth fund. Skiff costs for Holland paid.

**1305 - Regatta Plans - Doreen**

Irvine Taster Saturday 2 April - We have a skiff going with members Lizzie (towing), Joan, Helga, Fiona, Hugh, myself and possibly Louise.

Arran Regatta Saturday 18 June - We have accepted Arran's invitation.

Bute Launch - At John McFarlane's request I have offered our support to Bute on the forthcoming launch of their skiff, date to be advised.

FOCCR Regatta Saturday 10 Sept 2022 - following clubs have entered so far: Ayr, Burghead, Royal Gourock, Troon, Prestwick, South Queensferry. Agreed to charge £10/skiff. Discussion around race categories with a total age skiff 200+/220+/240+ etc mix of male/female etc. was popular. Final decision to be made nearer regatta.

**Action - Confirm if we have a tick list for regatta tasks/roles - Iain (7/5/22)**

**Action - Agreed to register youth team for '5 miles from home', register for Castle to Crane but not to register for Ocean to City - Arthur/Doreen (7/5/22)**

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### **1320 - Skiffle Worlds Committee Feedback - Lucie**

All planning going well. Decision on whether the worlds will go ahead will be made 1 May 22.

### **1325 - Social & Fund Raising - Louise**

**LSC Saturday Coffee & Catch Up** - ongoing weekly, rowing or no rowing; members awaiting trial rows have been attending

**Quiz Nights** - 40+ took part in last quiz of the season; vote of thanks given to John; 4 members awaiting trial rows attended; £170 incl gift aid to DEC Ukrainian Appeal & £136 Youth Worlds Fund

**Rugby/St Patricks Party** - Following Ireland's victory at the rugby 87 Foccrs & friends enjoyed a wonderful party, thanks to DJ Foccr, Sue Burnside & Co, catering by Steven Low, everyone who donated raffle prizes, bought tickets, came, sang & danced! Approx £600 raised for club & Youth Worlds Fund

**Regatta Party 2022** - 10<sup>th</sup> September, LSC Lounge provisionally reserved; £5K quote (150 pax) received for posh marquee hire; have asked NAC if possible to borrow/hire theirs.

### **10th Anniversary Party**

- Kelburn Country Park Pavilion availability: 22nd Oct, 12th Nov, 3rd & 10th December - combine Christmas Party with Anniversary Dinner?? Hire £3,000 & BYOB or £1,800 using their bar (spirit & mixer costs £3.50), plus caterers approx £20pp = £50pp BYOB or Hire £1,800 using their bar (spirit & mixer costs £3.50), plus caterers approx £20pp = £38pp buy your drink there

**Committee all supportive of having an "end of year/big doo" event for 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Invite sponsors, etc. Agreed to discuss further at next committee.**

**Newsletter** - Next issue being prepared, Largs Printing Company will print a copy each time.

**Wish List** - 20L Manual Fill Gas BURCO Water Boiler (Ref MFGS20SS or CT989 - same product) approx £270

**Action - Committee all agreed to go ahead and purchase - Louise (7/5/22)**

### Further Youth Worlds Fundraising

- o Raffle at Ladies event in Skelmorlie - Drea (parent) is organising
- o Lottery - Licence granted. volunteer needed to make this happen. Committee would like to thank Karin for arranging for the licence but with 3 months till worlds plus admin involved in establishing and managing this it was felt at this time we could generate funds through other means so would not be having a lottery at this time.
- o Bingo Night - Alison Donnachie organising

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- **Grants YE 2022 Update:**

<b>Funder</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>CalMac</i>	<i>Youth oars, LSC room materials, etc</i>
<i>NAC Youth Participatory Budgeting Funding</i>	<i>Youth oars, LSC room materials, etc</i>
NAC Place Based Investment Programme Community's Project Fund	Maintenance facility hire
Foundation Scotland - Bailie Gifford	Equipment, facilities hire

### Coxing Rota

Coxes Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April, including Trainee Coxes, to agree new British Summer Time rota - covering 15 weekly sessions may prove challenging.

**Agreed that we need to accelerate approval of the trainee cox's Lynda, Lucie, Dave M, Joan and Ross G - Gary (7/5/22)**

### 1340 - Wish List Status - Louise/All

#### Skiff Handling

Launch/Road Trolley - Dave Ashton approached for a one-person launch/road trolley. Approx £2k with 10-14 week lead time, similar to Arran.

**Action - Can we trial/get a few members to view and then take decision - Donald (7/5/22)**

**Action - Can we sell old road trailer to Bute - Donald (7/5/22)**

Tow Bars - Agreed enough members can tow so no need at present. - Closed

Skiff Covers - Proposal for pockets in existing covers/tube arrangement that prevent water collecting on cover.

**Action - Pursue above and get maintenance team agreement - Donald (7/5/22)**

#### Regatta Kit

Gas Tea Urn - Per earlier action - Closed

Catering Tent – Provide dimensions and quotes for blow up tent - **Action - Iain (7/5/22)**

No flag or banner required. Order Two FOCCR Feather Banners - **Action - Iain (7/5/22)**

### **Maintenance**

Sea Anchor – Agreed no need - Closed

Storage for Oars/Maintenance Facility – Following discussions with Fairlie facility will now not be available mid-April. We have agreed to re-engage end May and sort facility arrangement then.

**Action - Put Thistle back on rowing booking system - Louise (2/4/22)**

Tools/Toolbox/extension leads. Felt there is enough equipment available at present - Agreed not to pursue - Closed

Netting inside skiff for drinks holders – Individuals can bring own to suit rather than additional equipment to manage in skiff. Agreed not to pursue – Closed

Two bailers for Skiffs – Bailers available or arranged as required. Agreed not to pursue - Closed

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### **Misc**

Food hygiene training – **Understand how other clubs/SCRA recommendation - Lynda**

Keys for Trailer Padlock – Get 10 sets cut for Cox's – Completed/Closed

### **1355 - Maintenance Committee Feedback - Donald**

Healthy discussion around the new cushions. The latest cushions design is waterproof and are designed to be fitted on seat and left on skiff not fitted and removed as previous design. Despite this there is still concerns about their ability to move and issues with clips.

**Action - Approach manufacturers and explain that the cushions have not proved fit for purpose and see if they can come up with an improved design - Donald (9/4/22)**

### **1415 - Merchandise - Lizzy**

Lizzy has intimated that after this batch of new kit has been delivered, she wishes to relinquish the role. The committee would like to thank Lizzy for taking on this role over the last few years.

**Action - Note to be issued to members to see if someone would be interested in taking this role on - Lucie (7/5/22)**

### **1425 - Youths - Lynda**

Have a wee routine now of after school on a Friday & 12noon Saturday & Sunday - all weather dependant of course. Some youths managing to row in

one session and the others managing 2 or volunteering for 3 of the sessions. Planning additional sessions during school holidays & also some sessions to accommodate out Uni students and young person from Stranraer.

A big thank you to all our coxes - Arthur Dougie Hugh Gary & Lizzy .

**1430 - Close**