

FOCCR Committee (interim) - Minutes - 30 April 2022 at 1200 - Largs Sailing Club

Attendees: Iain, Lucie, Louise, Lynda, Jane, Doreen, Gary, Arthur P/T & Apologies: Donald

1200 - Introductions - Lucie

We have agreed to lift all Covid related activities in line with Scottish Government Regulations

Fiona Reed has agreed to take on role of “merchandising” from Lizzy after the world’s equipment has been procured.

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 - **Action Iain (11 June 22) check with Lizzy.**

1210 - Last Minutes & Action Status

Minutes from 26 March 2022 approved by Lucie and 2nd by Doreen.

Minutes from 6 April 2022 approved by Louise and 2nd by Lynda.

Outstanding action status in appendix 1 below.

1220 - Treasurer - Jane

Accounts all in good order. Discussion about ringfencing Development Fund for future.

Donate £150 to RNLI as thanks for organising man overboard activity - **Action Jane (20 May 22)**

Breakdown club account - **Action Jane (11 June 22)**

Youth fund, confirmation required of spend for NAC - **Action Jane/Louise (20 May 22)**

1230 - Membership - Iain

99 paid up members, 1 waiting taster = Total 100. Membership is closed at present, to be reviewed July 22, 2 people on waiting list. Prospective new members apply through website.

Two new “Firth of Clyde Offshore Rowing Club” feathers have been purchased for use by the club. Demonstration of assembly shown to committee. These will be held in the club trailer.

1240 - Maintenance - Donald

Thistle showing wear and tear, pictures sent to committee from members. Agreed we should try and get Thistle into maintenance ASAP. To do this we need a substitute skiff:

Option 1 – Can Martin take Thistle, carry out maintenance required before worlds and provide a replacement over summer to cover maintenance & worlds – **Action Louise (7 May 22)**

Option 2 – Can Thistle be maintained in Hunterston by FOCCR crew if above timing not suitable for Martin – **Action Iain (7 May 22) - talk to Donald**

Skiff cover clips status – **Action Iain (7 May 22) - talk to Donald/Lizzy**

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Request from member regarding rowing/seating and footrest position in stroke position having impact on physical health. After 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 – **Action Iain/Donald/Whatsapp Maintenance Crew (11 June 22)**

1250 Youth - Lynda

Rowing as much as possible around exams! Will need both skiffs to support row & swim fund raiser on Saturday 21 May, same day as SW Regatta. 12/13 August will need 1 skiff to support youth pride activity, same date as Niff Row.

1300 - Social and Fund Raising - Louise

Agreed to give Claire McRae (RNLI press officer) access to FOCCR Facebook page

Regatta party at LSC on 10 Sept, sub-group to be established – **Action Louise (11 June 22)**

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 – **Action Louise (11 June 22)**

Put some recent youth & parents testimonials on FOCCR website – **Action Louise (11 June 22)**

1330 - Cox's Meeting - Louise

Three new cox approved, Lucie, Dave M and Ross. Congratulations to them all and thanks to them and the trainer cox for their time and commitment in achieving this.

1340 - Regatta's - Doreen

Royal West – 9 FOCCR's interested but no skiff available. Activity underway to source an alternative skiff or share/use one at regatta.

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 – **Action Doreen (20 May 22)**

Discussion about need for new tent agreed we believe we have enough equipment around us and that there is no need for new at present. Review after inventory check see Intro.

1350 - Training & Safety - Gary

Person overboard activity with RNLI great success. Activity was filmed and will be on FOCCR face book page. Agreed to look at other opportunities to work together with RNLI in future.

Another person overboard activity to be planned for later in summer – **Action Gary (11 June 22)**

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 – **Action Iain (11 June 22)**

Oars are nearly finished with a 5th being completed as a spare. Discussion about how best to compensate Rory for completing this work. Confirm if we are paying for the work, if not agree a gift (up to £200 in value) – **Action Iain/Hugh (11 June 22)**

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Launch Trolley examples with pictures shown and committee members viewed examples. Agreed very promising (12-14 week lead time, circa £2k + couple adjustments). Specification, quote for complete trolley then take to chairperson – **Action Gary/Training & Safety committee (11 June 22)**

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 – **Action Lucie (11 June 22)**

1415 - Worlds Update - Lucie

No meeting since our last meeting. Awaiting confirmation on 1 May that worlds will be going ahead. All reports positive to date.

1420 - AoB

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. Ongoing – **Action Lynda/Louise (11 June 22)**

Note from member regarding recognising cox support by paying their membership. It was agreed we 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 – **Action Lucie (11 June 22)**

1435 - Close

Next committee meeting on Saturday 11 June at 1200 in Sailing Club.

Appendix 1

FOCCR - Outstanding/Closed Actions from 22 March/6 April 2022 meetings as at 25 April 2022

Membership - Iain

Action - Is it possible to have a matrix of rowers - Completed issued to committee - **Closed**

Action - Arrange code change and inform Lucie for members note - Completed - **Closed**

Action - Write to membership covering topical issues - Completed - **Closed**

Regatta Plans - Doreen

Action - Confirm if we have a tick list for regatta tasks/roles - We don't - **Closed**

Action - Register for '5 miles from home', Castle to Crane but not Ocean to City - **Closed**

Social & Fund Raising - Louise

Action - Purchase 20L manual fill gas BURCO water boiler approx. £270 - **Louise (11/6/22)**

Action - World crews Saturday 0830-1000 slots through April/May/June - **Closed**

Action - Accelerate approval of the trainee cox's - **Closed**

Action - Change in maintenance put Thistle back on rowing booking system - **Closed**

Action - Approach Martin at Irvine and see if we can borrow skiff to cover above period - **Closed**

Maintenance - Donald

Action - Skiff handling - Trial/get members to view and then take decision - **Closed**

Action - Can we sell old road trailer to Bute - **Donald (11/6/22)**

Action - Skiff covers - pockets in cover - get maintenance team agreement - **Closed**

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 - **Closed**

Action - Cushion option, other clubs, spec from Gigass/current supplier - **Closed**

Regatta Kit - Iain/Doreen

Action - Catering Tent - Provide dimensions and quotes for blow up tent - A number of possible been discussed with Doreen but no decision as yet - **Action - Closed**

Action - Order Two FOCCR Feather Banners, on order - **Closed**

Misc

Action - Food hygiene training - Understand how other clubs/SCRA recommendation - **Closed**

Action - Note to members to see if someone would be interested in taking this role on - **Closed**