

FOCCR Committee - Minutes 2 August 2022 at 1900 - Largs Sailing Club

1900 - Introductions - Lucie

1905 - Approval last minutes (June) & outstanding actions - Iain

Doreen and Jane approved last meeting minutes.

Open actions from June 22 meetings:

Another person overboard activity to be planned for later in summer -

Cancelled

Agreed to purchase Lanoshield for new trolley/trailer combo - **Closed**

As Saltire will be away at Worlds and Thistle out of water for maintenance it was agreed to approach Martin at Irvine for a substitute skiff for approx. 2 months from 18 June to maintain 2 skiffs available for club members to row over summer - Substitute skiff not available, plan was to operate with one skiff but timing of Martin availability vs need for two skiffs in late July/August agreed to carry out minor maintain on Thistle locally and delay putting Thistle into Martin at Irvine till after FOCCR regatta mid Sept. **Closed**

1915 - Treasurer - Jane

Accounts report available. Accounts are in good order and recent sale of old trailer/trolley to Forfar CRC included.

1925 - Membership - Iain

Membership at 100 members with 3 on waiting list. Agreed to open membership up and on confirmation from Treasurer that we will cover fixed costs plus element for maintenance keep annual membership fee at £25 for 2022-2023 season. Will review annual membership fees for 2023-24 at AGM on 5 Nov 2022. Will review membership levels at each committee meeting.

Agreed that we will notify membership of 2022-23 annual fees (Nov - Oct) due 1 Nov 2022 on Wed 12 Oct 2022 and reminder again on Wed 2 Nov 2022 that if fees are not paid by Wed 16 Nov 2022 their membership will lapse -

Action Iain (12 Oct)

1955 - Maintenance - Donald

Interim work carried out on Thistle so that it can stay in water till after our regatta mid-Sept.

Plan is for Thistle to go into maintenance with Martin at Irvine after 11 Sept and then followed by Saltire. For both skiffs committee would like to see a list of proposed work, possible start/end dates and approx. cost for the work required with Martin - **Action Don (31 Aug)**

Cover clips on Thistle cover to be replaced with same as those on Saltire cover - **Action Don**

2010 - Youth - Lynda

10 youth / U26 members attended the Worlds where they put in a tremendous effort and were a real credit to our club. As a club we also had a fab time socialising at the Worlds and it was great to spend time with the youths and their families.

Youth training sessions have started again and we have 2 young people interested in a taster session. We also be arranging to meet with the youth members to discuss the plan for training.

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Youth Pride Rowing is planned for 13th & 14th August with 2 sessions each day 10am & 1.30pm for approx 1.5 hours. 3 youth pride rowers at each session depending on numbers. Arthur will cox & youth members will be available to row. Jane will be available to co-ordinate Saturday and will need another volunteer for Sunday.

2020 - Training - Rep from Arthur/Lizzy/Gary/Dougie

Committee thanked the training committee for their work with organising teams for Worlds. It showed in our good showing reaching a number of finals, our overall showing and team spirit.

Iain Burnside has again offered to run Thursday night training sessions over the autumn/winter months for those members interested at Inverclyde sports centre, information on this will be issued at a later date.

Discussion around maintaining ability to regularly row over autumn/winter months so proposal is to approach Castle Semple (Lochwinnoch) to see if we could base one skiff there - **Action Jane (31 Aug)**

Lizzy has decided to step down from the training group. The Committee would like to thank her for the enthusiasm, time and support she has shown during her time involved with this group.

2045 - Social & Fund Raising/Cox meeting feedback - Louise

10th Anniversary Regatta Ceilidh - Sat 10th September, Fairlie Village Hall with Chanty Dyke

Agreed ticket price: £10. Limited to 99 people. Member +1. Sub-committee arranged.

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 - **Action Louise (31 Aug)**

Newsletter summer edition will be issued within a week with input from Lucie

Grants YE 2022 Update:

Secured: £2,996 - CalMac & NAC YPBF

Unsuccessful: NAC Place Based

Decisions pending (August): £2,000 - Magnox for trailer & trolleys

To complete: £3,000 - Baillie Gifford - ON HOLD pending Magnox decision

New rota to accommodate members wishes where possible:

Adding 'Fitness Training' to bridge gap between Social & Race Training
Adding long distance afternoon social rows
Limiting Thistles use to Social Rowing whenever possible.

Trainee coxes started training - Sharon, Chi, Robin & Kevin

Skiff to be recovered each time except Fridays & Sat and any time the back slip is inaccessible

Agreed to pursue "offset" rowing and sub-group has been set up lead by Gary to look into this with a view to taking the time to get variety of input to ensure we maximise the benefits of this type of rowing position.

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2110 - Regatta Plans - Doreen

Arran - small number from club managed to Arran on this occasion and enjoyed their day.

Troon - great weather and results. A very successful day overall.

Worlds - a great achievement by the club.

Prestwick - another brilliant performance.

C2C - Disappointing but postponed till next year

Nith and Bell Raid - Teams established

FOCCR Regatta - We have obtained approval from LSC to use the clubhouse on the day of the regatta so that helps with catering, toilets, etc.

Long discussion about course and ability to host 11 skiffs vs normal 9 skiffs. A number of options and length of races etc discussed. Agreed we needed other input from John, Alan and Hugh as they are key participants - **Action Doreen (31 Aug)**

Next bit added post meeting at Doreen request.

Use of clubhouse for food

Pro's - access to toilets, showers etc., reliable source of hot water for drinks. Good view of races

Cons - proceeds from food etc, may not totally go to Foccrs - donation to LSC? Harder to manage in terms of mustering crews for races. Radios are not licensed for shore use.

Gazebo

Pros - All proceeds to us, closer to the action, easier for beach master.

Cons - Hot water, we must have a gas urn. Harder to see the races.

2150 - AoB

a) Selling 2nd trolley, Bute not interested due to transport of trolley. Agreed to try and sell locally through LSC notice board etc - **Action Lucie (31 Aug)**

- b) Maintenance Facility – Raised by Hugh in mail to committee July 11 2022 – Hugh had agreed to join this discussion but was unable to attend.

Lucie has been in discussion with reps from LSC and their approach to secure Scottish government funding to build a maintenance facility with five bays on site that can be utilised for a number of activities including maintenance, training, etc. An area in the marina has been identified and drawings completed. We are hopeful that this approach will be successful in providing a local facility locally to enable minor maintenance to be carried out on skiffs.

- c) Members taking part in regattas – Issue raised by Gary to committee July 15 2022 - Did not manage to get to this item before LSC closed. Will discuss at next committee meeting.

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Agreed the following dates for committee diary:

Committee Meetings Wed at 7pm at LSC – 31 August, 28 Sept and 26 Oct

Regatta Meeting Saturday 27 August at 1200 at LSC

FOCCR AGM Saturday 5 November at 1pm at LSC

2200 - Close (when we got kicked out!)