

FOCCR Committee Minutes 8 February 2023 at 1900 - Louise's Gaff

Attendees: Louise, Doreen, Gary, Don, Arthur, Jane and Iain

Apologise: Lucie from the beach in St Lucia, Lynda (subbed by Arthur) and Ross

1900 - Introduction - Iain

First item drink tea, eat freshly made scones, freshly squeezed jam and cream courtesy of Louise

1905 - Approval last minutes/outstanding actions - Iain

Last meeting minutes approved by Louise and seconded by Doreen

White paper presentation on FOCCR support/attendance at regattas given to members on 28 January 2023 at LSC. Note to be issued to club members inviting them to this event - **Closed**

SCRA subs status, check with Eleanor - **Closed**

Cost of obtaining set of offset footrests & oars for Saltire - **Closed see maintenance**

Cost & benefit of removable foot straps for offset seating in Thistle - **Closed see maintenance**

Request for some more square leather pads for under oars - **Closed**

Saltire cushions torn, go back to supplier to see what can be done to fix - **Lynda (8 March 23)**

Row and train in categories/regatta rowing teams - **Gary (8 March 23)**

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

Attendance at regattas, regatta date for 2023, regatta/social dates matrix for 2023 - **Closed**

Obtain pictures/video of fibreglass skiff to see if worth pursuing - **Closed**

Agreed to discuss how we manage cox rota planning at next meeting - **Closed**

Lochwinnoch towers agreed, row to be posted on website - **Closed**

Sale of Club equipment, agreed we would have a Club asset register and process for sale of large equipment where committee require membership authority to sell - **Action Iain (8 Mar 23)**

Sell the 2 electric urns - **Lynda**

1915 - Finance - Jane

Accounts status were circulated to committee before the meeting. We have visibility of funds to cover anticipated costs for 2023 season. Discussion around membership fees to cover annual fixed costs. Agreement we should plan for Saltire and Thistle to go in for major refurbishments every 2 years, will have a large impact on fixed costs. Agreed that we should attempt to stagger the skiffs going in for refurb so that we only have one major refurb cost per year.

This led onto discussion about possibility of annual fees may needing to be increased to cover fixed costs going forward. To enable the committee to propose any membership fee changes it was agreed committee would review membership fee status in August meeting and to move the

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AGM to first Saturday in October (7 Oct 2023) ahead of annual membership start date of 1 Nov - **Action Iain (8 March 23)**

1925 - Membership - Iain

Membership at 87 with 6 pre-mem forms sent out, 1 waiting taster and 1 sent member form

1930 - Maintenance - Donald

Don delivered Saltire to Martin in Irvine for refurbishment. No dates for when she will be returned. Committee thanked Don for his work around delivering both skiffs to/from Irvine.

Trailer cleared out (thanks Iain & Lizzy), again noted inside of the trailer was very damp/wet. Agreed refit roof vent and complete seal around doors and see if that helps - **Don (8 March 23)**

There are 2 different rear tail brake light/indicator attachments for trailers when towing skiffs. Both attach in different ways. To understand the merits of each design agreed committee should view both styles. Thanks to Don and John for making these for the club - **Don (8 March 23)**

A GRP skiff (4 rowers & cox), double endo heavy fibreglass, been offered to FOCCR's by Tyron Curry. The committee have seen some pictures of the skiff. We had a phone call with Tyron. Offer from Tyron is for FOCCR's to pick up skiff plus 2 oars (no trailer/no full pins). His offer is to pay petrol costs to pick up/return to Largs (even if we decide not to take skiff), £500 to the club, we clean it up and we would have it for approx a year. The proposal is to take Saltire trolley/road trailer (whilst Saltire in Irvine) bring it back to Largs and initially locate it on one of our pontoon slots so as not to increase our footprint at LSC (if 2nd trailer goes to Hunterston we would have a space but no trolley). Being GRP does not need to be taken out of water. Longer term could be located at Lochwinnoch sailing club (still to be agreed). Agreement to go and look at the skiff and take decision on whether its viable for FOCCR's - **Don (8 March 23)**

Confirm above is covered by FOCCR insurance before we pick up - **Iain (14 Feb 23)**

Thistle offset footrest at no 2 position has been highlighted by a number of rowers as not easy/comfortable for rowing – **Iain/Hugh (8 March 23)**

Understand cost for a set of offset footrests & oars for Saltire and cost & benefit of removable foot straps for offset seating in Thistle/Saltire – **Iain/Hugh (8 March 23)**

1950 - Youth - Lynda

Four new youths looking to join plus four started cox training

1955 - Training - Gary

General discussion on how best to deliver proposed Saturday informal training sessions plus a safety training session. It was felt best way to do this was to host a FOCCR members Safety training session day on Saturday 25 March 23 at LSC (need agreement for date/room). This will be facilitated by Gary/Arthur/Dougie/Iain B in the afternoon and look to cover a number of topics including safety, weather (Kevin) and rowing fitness (Iain B) – **Action Gary (25 March 23)**

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2015 - Regatta - Doreen

FOCCR calendar has been updated with latest info on regattas. All members interested in attending a regatta should add their name to the relevant regatta slot on FOCCR website.

Understand how committee members can add regattas to FOCCR website – **Iain (14 Feb 23)**

Stranraer regatta clashing with Royal West on 17 June 23.

Proposal that we host a FOCCR members regatta on Saturday 15 April 23. Note to be sent to members advising of event – **Doreen (8 March 23)**

All off water activities associated with 15 April event – **Louise (8 March 23)**

All on water activities associated with 15 April event – **Gary (8 March 23)**

Disappointed that Loch Awe will not take place this year. In its place Gary proposed a Great Cumbrae Hop hosted informally by FOCCR's on Saturday 22 April (alternate dates Sat 29 April/Sat 6 May). Charge £10/club attending. Teams consisting of 6 male/6 female in a relay type race with stops on way around Great Cumbrae. Final arrangements – **Gary (8 March 23)**

Seven other local clubs to be invited to Great Cumbrae Hop (Gourock, Royal West, Troon, Prestwick, Arran, Rhu and Cumbrae) – **Doreen (8 March 23)**

Setting up weekly rowing for Feb will be Louise (taking over from Lucie) and Iain for March.

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

A number of new social events have been added to the FOCCR calendar. Louise has circulated these through the FOCCR whatsapp group. Others are in the pipeline.

2115 - AoB - All

Braked trailer sitting in LSC only used infrequently and exposed to all weathers. Agreed to relocate it to Hunterston (Hugh can get key) along with any footrests not needed from trailer clear out - **Action Iain/Hugh (8 March 23)**

FOCCR calendar with social/regatta/meetings for 2023 now available on FOCCR website with separate tab. Agreed it would be updated after every committee meeting. Notify members of the calendar. Any updates/changes between meetings to be announced on FOCCR website (regattas) or whatsapp/facebook group - **Action Iain (8 March 23)**

Nominate two people to attend SCRA cox training event - **Lucie (8 March)**

Committee would like to thank Louise for hosting the meeting tonight

2130 - Close