

**Minutes FOCCR Committee 8 March 2023 at LSC at 1900**

Attendees: Lucie, Louise, Gary, Arthur, Lynda, Ross, Don, Jane, Doreen and  
Iain

**1900 - Introduction - Lucie**

**1905 - Approval last minutes/outstanding actions (under main headings) - Iain**

Minutes of 9 Feb 23 approved by Ross, seconded by Gary

**1910 - Finance - Jane**

Finances in healthy state. Magnox grant of £2k received. Expecting Saltire refurb to cost around £2k. On track to cover all costs in 22/23 season.

**1920 - Membership - Iain**

87 members with 6 in various stages of membership, per-membership and tasters

**1925 - Maintenance - Donald**

2 different rear tail brake light/indicator attachments for skiffs. Arrange towers (Iain, Caroline, Ross) plus Don (John in NZ) to meet to review and understand how to manage. - **Iain (12 April)**

Safety Committee reps (Gary, Arthur, Iain B and Lynda) with Hugh to take Thistle out and agree offset settings, straps, oars and any other adjustments required - **Gary (31 March)**

Request Saltire have blue non-slip paint covered area widened on skiff floor - **Don (15 March)**

Agreed if Martin in Irvine unable to offer "mates rates" on skiff refurb going forward we should look to find alternative commercial arrangement for each skiff to be fully refurbished every 2<sup>nd</sup> year (spreads costs). All agreed we need to continue to attempt to find suitable facilities to enable minor maintenance requirements to be carried out on skiffs between major refurbs. Don has kindly offered his garage as an alternative location until we are able to find suitable facilities.

Possibility of PEEL Port at Hunterston developing storage facilities that could do for minor maintenance. Contact to be made with lead person Lewis MacIntyre - **Lucie (12 April)**

**1955 - Youth - Lynda**

Regular sessions on Saturday/Sunday as crew availability and weather allows. Have 8 youth rowers out regularly with 2 new rowers on the list. U26 age group and all the youth rowers are keen to compete and would like to go to Strangford. Ross, Maedoc & Skye are off to Netherlands this month to participate in a long row charity event with the Dutch clubs. Four youths have also started cox training.

Proposal that we establish an “under 40’s” group for rowing. Group felt Kerry Ann would be a good ambassador to start this group. Contact Kerryann and see if she is interested in setting this up and then let them self manage themselves - **Lynda (12 April)**

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### **2015 - Training & Safety - Gary**

Proposal that once we have both skiffs and light nights (end March) we have training/racing nights on Mon/Wed and Saturday morning to be managed by safety & training team. Social rows as today on Tues/Thur and Saturday/Sunday morning to be managed through the booking system as today. Approach supported by committee.

Informal Soup & Safety session on Saturday 25 March 23 in HK Room at LSC at 1300 - 1500. Run by Gary/Arthur/Dougie/Iain B and cover a number of topics including safety, use of VHF, weather and fitness. Soup & Sandwich provided by club. Note to be issued to membership about event - **Lucie (9 March)**

Contact Kerryann to see if she could support above with a lifejacket session - **Lucie (12 March)**

### **2035 - Regatta - Doreen**

**FOCCR members regatta fun day (Saturday 15 April)** - Plan is to run event from Fairlie Beach starting at 1000. Idea being to encourage those members who have not rowed in a regatta environment to get a sense of it, have some fun and kick start the better weather season! Soup and sandwiches will be available from Village Inn, Fairlie. Note issued to ask for those interested to register on regatta tab on website by Friday 7 April - **Closed**

**Great Cumbrae Hop (Saturday 22 April)** - hosted informally by FOCCR's on Saturday 22 April (alternate dates Sat 29 April/Sat 6 May). Charge £10/club attending. Teams of 6 male/6 female in relay type race with stops on way around Great Cumbrae. Maps/walks/logistics/plan for the day to be agreed and teams advised - **Gary (31 March)**

Clubs invited to Great Cumbrae Hop (Gourock, Royal West, Troon, Prestwick, Arran, Rhu and Cumbrae to add Renegade) - **Doreen (15 March 23)**

**Ocean to City, Eire (Thursday 1 June to Monday 5 June)** - All admin and bookings progressing with Louise taking the lead, approx. 14 club members going (10 racing). Teams picked and arranged for them to sort their own training in preparation for race. Agreed to give donation of £100 to Renegade, Ayr for loan of double trailer to take skiffs to Cork.

**Skiffy Festival, NI (Friday 4 August - Sunday 6 August)** - We plan to register for all races. Lot of interest from youth section. Ex world championship site so expected to be busy. Need to sort accommodation and teams ASAP. Looking for someone to take the lead in being focal point to organise - **All (12 April)**

**FOCCR Regatta (Saturday 19 August/Sunday 20 August)** - Eight teams plus FOCCR to be invite only. Need to register date on SCRA website with invitation only - **Doreen (15 March)**

**Expedition Row around Arran/Bute (TBD)** - Idea has been muted to have an expedition row (overnight/2 days) around either Arran or Bute. Majority felt Bute would be a better option for a variety of reasons. To be discussed at next committee meeting - **(12 April)**

**Invite from Renegade to row Loch Ness (Friday 5 May to Monday 8 May)** - Invite for individuals not skiff teams. 15 miles/day length of Loch Ness. Advise members of this opportunity and they can arrange own support of event if interested - **Louise (15 March)**

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All dates for FOCCR possible attendance at regattas are available of FOCCR calendar of website. If interested put name down on regatta tab on website.

Weekly row for March and first 2 weeks April Iain, then rest of April Lucie.

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

- 12<sup>th</sup> March - Ireland v Scotland Rugby, 2.30pm, *Drouthy Neebors*
- 15<sup>th</sup> March - Quiz, Alison S
- 17<sup>th</sup> March - St Patrick's Party, LSC - *Silent Auction has been separated from this event hoping to reach 60 in total & make a profit of £100*
- 20<sup>th</sup> April - Bingo Night, Masonic Hall, Largs
- 19<sup>th</sup> August - Regatta Party, Masonic Hall, Largs
- 18<sup>th</sup> October - Quiz, John
- 27<sup>th</sup> October - Halloween Party, LSC to get back to me
- 15<sup>th</sup> November - Quiz, John
- 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party, The Skanks, venue confirmed, band tbc

To be added: AGM, Club Championships evening, Great Cumbrae Hop, Youth Regatta, event, Golfing, Bowling, Putting

#### **2110 - AoB - All**

AGM Saturday October 7 Oct ahead of annual membership start date of 1 Nov - **Iain (12 April)**

Braked trailer at LSC used infrequently/exposed to all weathers. Relocate to Hunterston along with any footrests not needed from trailer clear out - **TBD**

Nominate two people to attend SCRA cox training event - **Lucie (12 April)**

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. Proposed wording below circulated to committee before meeting: "Any piece of equipment owned by FOCCR's with an estimated value of over £1000 the committee is required to approach the membership via media links for agreement to the proposed sale price of the said item. The committee will need a minimum 20 members to agree to the proposed sale value. If the estimated value of the item is under £1000 the members agree to leave the decision on sale price to the committee". Agreed, need to add to constitution - **Iain (12 April)**

Saltire cushions torn, go back to supplier to see what can be done to fix. Fixed FOC - **Closed**

Review alternative insurance policy and oars included - **Iain (12 April)**

**2130 - Close**