



Minutes of FOCCRC Virtual Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 3rd March 2021 (Zoom)

Members in Attendance (34)

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| Alan Cowan | Gary Watson | Karen Kerr |
| Alison Donnachie | Heather Kerr | Karin Finegan |
| Andy Vost | Hugh McLean | Kevin McBride |
| Arthur Graham | Iain McGachie | Linda Graham |
| Calum Archibald | Ian Ward | Louise Collins |
| Caroline Murphy | Jane Grant | Louise McCarron |
| David McLean | Jane Stronach | Lucie Aitkenhead |
| David McLean | Jill MacDougall | Mary Graham |
| David Mellor | Joan McEachran | Melanie Grey |
| Doreen Mathie | John McFarlane | Nick Hobson |
| Eleanor Collier | Julia McQuaker | Sandy Mills |
| Elizabeth Pratt | | |

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| 1 | <p>Welcome John welcomed everyone to our first virtual Zoom Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from: Fiona Church, Helga Chapman, Pat Nicol, Alex McFee</p> |
| 2 | <p>Endorsement of previous AGM minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The previous minutes were agreed. |
| 3 | <p>Chairman's Report (John McFarlane)</p> <p>John gave his report on what has been a strange year. He spoke of the main events of the last 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The complete overhaul of Thistle. ▪ The Regatta and Passage planning training courses attended by John, Louise and Eleanor. ▪ The one and only face to face Committee meeting in March. ▪ The cancellation of regattas and planned events such as Row Around Scotland. John thanked Andy Vost for all his hard work in the initial organisation of the Row Around and his subsequent production of a great FOCCR report for the virtual event. ▪ Thanked Lizzie for taking over the merchandise roll from David McLean. ▪ The amazing wooden trophy Davey made for our 2021 regatta (now being changed to 2022). |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hugh McLean and Bill Erskine being made lifetime honorary members in recognition of their hard work. ▪ The incredibly sad passing of Bill Erskine and the new 'Bill Erskine Trophy' in his memory. ▪ The amazing Zoom quizzes. ▪ The extensive preparations for our brief return to rowing. ▪ The new welcome booklet (Louise, Lynda, Robbie, Arthur, Julia & Eleanor). ▪ The launch of the FOCCR Newsletter by Editor in Chief Louise. ▪ The attendance at Largs Sailing Club Executive meetings by John and Hugh. ▪ The adoption of a flowerbed by the club in Douglas Park. ▪ The sad passing of John Mathie, Doreen's husband and a great supporter of the club. <p>The club is now looking forward to our Regatta weekend on 31st July and 1st August and SkiffieWorlds in Holland in July 2022. John thanked Hugh for his tireless efforts in maintaining the skiffs and extended a special vote of thank to Melanie Grey who has stepped down as Regatta Secretary after 4 years of hard work on the Committee - and lastly, he thanked all the members for their continued support.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Treasurer's Report (Julia McQuaker)</p> <p>Julia ran through the income and expenditure for the last 12 months as presented the Financial report. The full report can be found in the Accounts Section in the Members area of the Website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ian Ward was thanked for checking the annual financial statement. |
| 5.1 | <p>Secretary's Report (Eleanor Collier)</p> <p>Eleanor reported that over the last 12 months, although there had been hardly any rowing, apart from the AGM, the Committee had 14 Meetings and attended the SCRA AGM. All the minutes from these meetings can be found on the members area of the FOCCR website. She also reminded everyone that the membership fees will be due in April and to expect an email asking for payment and for the new 2021 Membership form to be completed. She thanked all the members for their continued support.</p> |
| 5.2 | <p>Social, Training and Fundraising Report (Louise McCarron)</p> <p>Louise indicated that although there had been no fundraising this year, it was an important activity for the club and would resume when restrictions were lifted with any suggestions or new ideas welcome. The only social event planned is the Regatta party in the Yacht Club but there would hopefully be a return the quizzes in the Green Shutters. Once rowing is underway the intention is to hold another Cox Training course for anyone who is interested.</p> <p>Louise then held the draw, and the bottles of wine were won by Louise Collins and Sandy Mills.</p> <p>Louise thanked everyone for their support and looked forward to seeing everyone soon.</p> |
| 6.1 | <p>Proposed changes to the Club Year End Dates:</p> <p>6.1.1 – Change of membership year to November to October.</p> <p>The 2021 Membership year will only be 7 months long and the membership fee will be reduced to £15 for adults/£5 for youths. The next full 12-month membership fee will be due in October 2021.</p> <p>6.1.1 – Unanimously agreed.</p> |

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| | <p>6.1.2 The AGM will be moved to November. 6.1.2 - Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>6.1.3 The financial year will change to November to October. 6.1.3 - Unanimously agreed</p> |
| 6.2 | <p>Proposed Changes to the Constitution:</p> <p>6.2 The wording of the Constitution to be changed to the sections highlighted in red. 6.2 – Agreed by majority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alan Cowan suggested that we consider changing ‘Chair’ to ‘Convenor’ to align with the SCRA and this was noted by the Chair. ▪ The amended and updated Constitution can be found on the FOCCR Website. |
| 7 | <p>Election of Committee Members:</p> <p>7.1 Re-election of Committee Members</p> <p>7.1 Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>7.2 Formal Election of Hugh McLean as Maintenance Co-ordinator (Previously a co-optee) <i>Proposed by Eleanor Collier and Seconded by Julia McQuaker</i></p> <p>7.2 Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>7.2 Election of Jane Grant as Regatta Secretary <i>Proposed by Lynda Graham and Seconded by Andy Vost</i></p> <p>7.3 Unanimously agreed.</p> |
| 8 | <p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ian Ward asked if we had a list of the club assets. ▪ Eleanor confirmed that there is a list of the main assets (2x skiff, 2 x launch trolleys, 2 x road trailers and the box trailer) with valuations in the insurance documents and that these had been reviewed last year. |
| 9 | <p>Bill Erskine Cup for Contribution to the Club</p> <p>John McFarlane presented the cup to Eleanor Collier for her input and work over the last twelve months, particularly for her work on the Coronavirus Guidance and return to rowing documentation.</p> |
| 10 | <p>John thanked everyone for attending the AGM and was looking forward to the end of lockdown and getting back on the water and the meeting ended at 8:15pm</p> |
| | <p>Date of next AGM: <u>November 2021</u></p> |