



# FIRTH OF CLYDE COASTAL ROWING CLUB

## Minutes of FOCCRC Committee Meeting, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020

10:00 am Hems Kalis Room, Largs Sailing Club

**Present:**

**Committee:** John McFarlane, Eleanor Collier, Louise McCarron, Julia McQuaker, Bill Erskine, Lynda Graham

**Club Members:** Alan Cowan, Kevin McBride, Hugh Maclean, Joan McEachran, Doreen Mathie, Caroline Murphy, Elizabeth Pratt, Robin Scott, Andy Vost, Gary Watkins

**Apologies:** Melanie Grey

Item		Action
1	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>John welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the newly elected FOCCRC Committee.</p>	
2	<p><b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The previous minutes were agreed.</li> <li>▪ Andy confirmed that as the road trailers were not independently braked, they did not need an annual MOT.</li> <li>▪ Further enquiries required to establish the status of the recall on the road trailers due to the number plate bar. Hugh to discuss with Adam and report back to the Committee.</li> <li>▪ LSC taster sessions – John to discuss with LSC</li> </ul>	<p>HMc</p> <p>JMF</p>
3	<p><b>Row Around Scotland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Andy gave an update on the organisation of the Club's section of Row Around Scotland scheduled to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020. The crews have been selected and posted on the club Facebook page although it was acknowledged these may well change before the event.</li> <li>▪ Andy and Hugh also looked at the possibility of a Scalpsie Bay to Lochranza row for the club but due to the open nature of this stretch of water this row would require a safety boat and would only be advisable in summer.</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATE – Since the meeting and due to the escalating Coronavirus Pandemic the SCRA have postponed the Row around Scotland and replaced it with a virtual event on the same dates. Details at <a href="http://www.rowaround.scot">www.rowaround.scot</a>.</b></p>	
4	<p><b>Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bill confirmed that Thistle's overhaul has been completed and returned to the hard standing. Saltire will now be taken to Fairlie Boatyard on 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> March.</li> <li>▪ The members who helped with the maintenance tasks were thanked.</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATE – Since the meeting and due to the escalating Coronavirus Pandemic, all maintenance has been suspended until further notice.</b></p>	

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5	<p><b>Coronavirus</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Government/NHS guidelines and general advice on Coronavirus should be posted on the Facebook page.</p> <p><b>UPDATE – Since the meeting and due to the escalating Coronavirus Pandemic, all rowing has been suspended until further notice.</b></p>	EC
6	<p><b>Social and Fundraising Activities</b></p> <p>Louise provided an overview of events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Social evening on St. Patricks Day (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March) at the Three Reasons in Largs.</li> <li>▪ Coffee mornings – none in March or April this year but one in November. Dates of competitive events to be checked as far as possible.</li> <li>▪ Quiz Nights during the winter</li> <li>▪ Possibility of a fundraising fashion show being explored by Alison Donnachie</li> </ul> <p><b>UPDATE – Since the meeting and due to the escalating Coronavirus Pandemic, all club social and fundraising events have been cancelled or postponed.</b></p>	LMc  LMc  AD
7	<p><b>FOCCR Regatta Planning – programmed for 16<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b></p> <p>The main discussion was whether or not to hold our regatta in May as planned. It was felt that due the developing Coronavirus Pandemic it would be unlikely to go ahead on the original date, however due to the busy regatta calendar, finding an alternative date would not be easy. The 5<sup>th</sup> September was proposed but suitability would need to be checked with Julia at LSC.</p> <p>Current thoughts on the regatta format and organisation are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Course - A triangular course with 2 port buoy turns. This course would allow better viewing for spectators who could stand along the marina wall.</li> <li>▪ Categories - 8 race categories: Youth (Under 20); Novice; Open Woman; Open Men; Mixed Open (Duncan Winning Challenge); 220 Woman; 220 Men &amp; Mixed Decades.</li> <li>▪ Insurance – extent of cover to be clarified.</li> <li>▪ Other agencies - Coastguard, RNLI, Largs Resilience Team</li> </ul> <p>Responsibilities/Sub-Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Equipment &amp; tents – Possible use of existing LSC portacabin at finish line?</li> <li>▪ Catering, generator(s) &amp; water supply – More power required. Julia to compile list of requirements and Louise to investigate possibility of grant funding to allow us to purchase items that we cannot borrow.</li> </ul> <p>The following items were discussed briefly but will be organised nearer the time: Umpire boats from LSC – musty have a qualified safety operator; laying the course; umpiring on the day, coxes briefing, beach master, FOCCR Captain (crews and skiffs), welcome point &amp; car park stewards, club registration, race management and scoring, medals and location of prize giving, fundraising, evening event and non-rowing activities, PA System &amp; music, First Aid, Slip cleaning and waste management/recycling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Regatta planning meeting for whole club - Date TBC</li> <li>▪ Community Engagement – Louise will be promoting the event locally and would like to buy some new club banners and feathers – costs required.</li> <li>▪ Regatta Information Pack – Gary highlighted that having a pack sent out to every participating club helps with the organisation.</li> </ul>	JMF   AV  JMQ/ LMc        LMc

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	<p><b>REGATTA UPDATE</b> – Since the meeting it has been established that 5<sup>th</sup> September was not available but the 11<sup>th</sup> July would be ok with LSC.</p>	
8	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Regatta rowers on booking system – not everyone has selected the regattas they would like to participate in. This is to be clarified with everyone once the FOCCR regatta date has been confirmed.</li> <li>2) Membership Forms and Fees – Eleanor reminded everyone that all membership forms and fees to be submitted or paid by end of March. Eleanor and Julia to liaise and send reminders.</li> <li>3) Louise requested that anyone with unwanted FOCCR kit give it to the club where it will be utilised by club members for as small donation to the club funds.</li> <li>4) New FOCCRC kit orders – Eleanor to talk to David. Louise asked if a sleeveless T-Shirt/vest could be included in the new range.</li> <li>5) Hugh suggested a new maintenance tab be added to the member’s section of our website to allow anyone to record general maintenance comments. Andy to implement.</li> <li>6) Lizzie suggested that we have a more structured approach to checking the road trailers. Proposal is that we ask for volunteers who have experience with trailers or vehicles to check the trailers twice a year.</li> <li>7) Eleanor asked to be added to the website administrators along with Andy and Gary.</li> </ol>	<p>EC</p> <p>EC/JMQ</p> <p>EC/DMC</p> <p>AV</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AV</p>
9	<p><b>Date of next Committee meeting</b></p> <p><b>10am on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020</b></p> <p><b>Update – may be postponed or virtual meeting due to Coronavirus</b></p>	