



FIRTH OF CLYDE COASTAL ROWING CLUB

FOCCR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Saturday August 17th 2019

PRESENT: Melanie Grey, Gary Watkins, Carron McKee, John McFarlane, David MacLean

Previous Minutes	To be carried forward to next meeting New rowing members. Any interested rowers will be offered a come and try slot on a Saturday rather than Tuesday or Thursday to reduce administration and to ensure that there is someone beforehand to give a safety brief and lifejacket brief. All new rowers to be issued with a pre-rower form. Founding members - update	Melanie
VHF training	Committee made decision to refund £15.00 each to Doreen Mathie, Eleanore Collier and Elizabeth Pratt for their attendance at VHF training in Troon. Melanie to notify the rowers and Gary to issue cheques.	Melanie and Gary
Row booking system	The new bookings system is up and running and members should acquaint themselves with the system before the system goes live. Melanie, Gary and Andy are Admin with Gary and Andy to be responsible for row bookings and response to emails. Youth row bookings is to continue on FaceBook	Gary, Andy
In house Cox's course	Suggested that an inhouse cox's course be developed. This will be an introductory course aimed at people who have never coxed or who wish to gain more experience under guidance. This will cover basic coxing skills such as communication, safety with class room PPT and on water training. It is envisaged that new cox's will keep their own log of coxed	Gary, John

	<p>sessions taking account of varying weather, tide and other aspects of boat handling and crew safety and instruction. PPT to be sourced from Arran Coastal Rowing and members to be encouraged to take charge of own learning. E.g. RYA Basic seamanship and navigation.</p>	
<p>Viking festival 31st August - 8th September 2019 Taster sessions</p>	<p>Decided on participation in the Largs Viking festival parade on 31st August and skiff rows from pontoon on 7/8 Sept. Derek Brown's pontoon to be used.</p> <p>Decided that rather than have ad hoc taster sessions during the week that new rowers are to be invited on a Saturday. New rowers to be invited to a come and try session on sat 7th and Sun 8th September between 12 - 4 pm from Derek Brown's pontoon where a gazebo will be erected across from the Viking Village. Thistle will be used for both days. Melanie has mailed 5 rowers who showed interest at an evening at the library.</p>	<p>All club members</p>
<p>Christmas party 2019</p>	<p>The Hawkshill Bowling Club has been booked for Saturday 7th December with £10.00 entry per member to include food and one drink. A Santa Dip to be arranged as last year.</p>	<p>John</p>
<p>Youth co-ordinator</p>	<p>The committee welcomed Lynda Graham to the committee where she will contribute items related to youth rowing which she has pursued with great success over the past year. Well done Lynda</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Men's and Women's Musto BRI Inshore jacket</p>	<p>Committee discussed the feasibility of offering members the opportunity to purchase a Musto BRI inshore jacket with a £50.00 subsidy per jacket from club funds as it was deemed that the club had sufficient funds and that the subsidy was to benefit club members. It was decided to put a Yes/No vote on Facebook as the funds required from club account would be</p>	<p>Melanie</p>

	over £1000. The vote would be to gauge whether members would support such a subsidy. A majority vote to dictate. The jacket could be purchased at £70.00 with club embellishments and which includes a £50.00 club subsidy. Without subsidy the jacket without embellishments would be £105.00 and with embellishments £120.00. The club members to decide via a voting system.	
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Sizing evening	David has secured different sized sample jackets for members to try on at a sizing evening and the date to be announced.	David
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Fitness classes	Member interest in fitness classes to be posted up at the start of October 2019.	David
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Finance	Gary has decided that the most convenient option for banking is to remain with the Clydesdale Bank in Largs for the moment. Although no Largs branch, banking can be completed at the Post Office.	Gary
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Social Rowing	Agreed that social rowing sessions are fixed and need to be reiterated to club members so own skiff bookings do not clash. Fixed row sessions to be allocated on the new booking system. Tues and Thurs 6:30 - 8:30 pm both nights.	All
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Coffee morning	Coffee morning booked at the Clark Memorial Hall, Bath Street, Largs Saturday 2 nd November 2019	Carron
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Next committee meeting	Saturday 5 th October 2019, Willowbank Hotel 10:30 am	All
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