



FIRTH OF CLYDE COASTAL ROWING CLUB

Minutes of FOCCRC Committee Meeting, Wednesday 25th November 2020 (8:15pm on Zoom)

On-Line:

Committee: John McFarlane, Eleanor Collier, Louise McCarron, Lynda Graham, Hugh Maclean

Apologies: Julia McQuaker

Sabbatical: Melanie Grey

Item		Action
1	<p>Welcome John welcomed everyone to the virtual Committee meeting.</p>	
2	<p>Matters arising from previous minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The previous minutes were agreed. <p><u>Outstanding Actions:</u></p> <p>JMcF – Excellent Zoom Quiz on 12th November.</p> <p>JMcF & HMc – Skiffs were secured against the weather.</p> <p>LMcC – Louise was thanked for producing an exciting and informative newsletter for the club which looked great and was very well received.</p>	
3	<p>Return to Rowing & Covid Update All rowing still suspended until further notice. The situation will be closely monitored, and the membership advised when the position changes.</p>	
4	<p>Largs Sailing Club Meeting Report John and Hugh attended a meeting at the sailing club. LSC would like to increase their income and are carrying out a review of membership fee levels which may impact on the annual FOCCR payment. Various options for their proposed new sailing shed were also discussed.</p>	
5	<p>SCRA AGM (On Zoom on Sunday 1st November 2020) Eleanor attended the AGM on Zoom behalf of the club. 46 clubs were represented, and the main items covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Robbie Whiteman has stepped down and Stuart Mack (Boatie Blest) is the new Convenor. ▪ A new international association (SASI - St. Ayles Skiff International) has been formed. ▪ 2021 Regattas – it was recommended that regattas should be planned with a Plan B which should include events which can ahead in the event of Covid restrictions. ▪ Row Round Scotland 2021 – the postponed Row Round Event will take place next year. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next Skiffie Worlds - SASI are looking at possible venues for the next worlds planned for 2022 in Holland. Locations being considered are IJsselmeer and Zeeland. ▪ New Charitable Status - The SCRA is now an SCIO with a new constitution. ▪ A Green Flag for good environmental practice was awarded to St. Andrews. ▪ A Blue Flag recognising benefits for the wider community was awarded to Troon. <p>It was proposed that Arthur Graham takes over from Andy Vost as co-ordinator of the 2021 Row Around event for the FOCCRs.</p> <p>When the date for the FOCCR 2021 regatta has been confirmed Eleanor will let the SCRA know so it can be added to their on-line calendar on the website.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EC</p>
6	<p>Training Update</p> <p>Training Records - Louise has received information on training courses from three more club members to add to the matrix.</p>	
7	<p>Social and Fundraising Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FOCCR Winter Quizzes – It was agreed that there should be a FOCCR Zoom Christmas Quiz at 7:30pm on Thursday 10th December with a prize for the best Festive hat or outfit. Louise to post and let members know and Eleanor will send out the Zoom invitations nearer the time. ▪ Newsletter – As the first newsletter was such a success, Louise proposed a December Newsletter. ▪ Fundraising – club fundraising is not possible at the present time due to Covid but the possibility of applying for grant funding from various funding bodies was discussed. 	<p style="text-align: center;">JMcF LMcC EC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LMcC</p>
8	<p>Finance Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The main club insurance has been renewed at a cost of £383.49. ▪ Change of bank account signatory forms still to be completed. 	<p style="text-align: center;">JMcF EC JMcQ</p>
9	<p>Skiff Checks and Maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At the request of LYH the skiffs and trailers are back in their original position to make space for hull boat storage. The box trailer was moved by marina staff and the marina management are to be asked if they can possibly let us know before moving FOCCR property in the future ▪ Committee members are checking skiffs on a regular basis. ▪ Saltire maintenance is delayed to next year due to Covid restrictions and a large boat now located right in front of the access doors in the boat shed at Fairlie Boat Builders. Hugh is keeping in touch with Ian and Simon. 	<p style="text-align: center;">JMcF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HMc</p>
10	<p>FOCCR 2021 Regatta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The regatta is booked for 15th May 2021. Louise suggested it might be better to hold it later in the year due to the possible impact on the event if Coronavirus restrictions are still in place. ▪ It was agreed that Louise should organise a party with DJ FOCCR in the Yacht Club immediately after the regatta. ▪ It was also proposed that the regatta event itself is extended to include externally funded family friendly activities and attractions which would create community awareness and attract new members. This option to be considered by the committee and revisited at the next meeting. 	

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11	<p>Website Update</p> <p>The AGM Minutes and revised Constitution have been added, the 'Get in Touch' email contacts changed to John, Louise and Eleanor, Kate Fishwick's name has been included in the U19 Skiffie World crew list and the committee titles and photographs have been updated.</p>	
12	<p>New merchandise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lizzy has done a great job with the new range of FOCCR kit and as soon as we sort out a minor design issue, we will issue details to members. ▪ The possibility of face masks as suggested by Heather Kerr was discussed but it was decided that as we will hopefully not need to wear face masks for too much longer that we would not source FOCCR masks at this time. 	<p>EP EC</p>
13	<p>Douglas Park Flower Bed – The club have officially adopted a flower bed in Douglas Park and John has presented a cheque for £30 from the FOCCRs to Caroline Le Good Morgan. Eleanor to set up the new WhatsApp group where John will ask for ideas for the bed for spring.</p>	<p>EC JMCF</p>
14	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enterprising FOCCRs - Louise proposed she ask if anyone would like to promote their crafts and other products to club members and include these in the next FOCCR newsletter. ▪ Single Seat Craft - The possibility of purchasing a single seat rowing boat or kayak as suggested by David Mellor was discussed but it was decided that due to Health and Safety Issues and potential difficulties with who has use of the craft the club would not pursue this idea. Hugh did suggest that Dave may enjoy participating in Arran's planned row around Arran project in their new smaller Whitehall skiff. ▪ Committee Structure – Eleanor suggested that the posts and responsibilities of the FOCCR committee could be reviewed with the possibility of a larger more representative committee to be considered. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting. 	<p>LMcC</p>
15	<p>Date of next Committee meeting:</p> <p><u>7:30pm on Monday 14th December 2020</u></p>	