



**Minutes of
Committee
Monday,**

**Eskmuthe
Meeting on
February 2,**

2015, at 7.30pm at Fisherrow Yacht Club

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Norman, Paul, Stewart, Georgina, Sandra, Gaynor
Apologies: Brian, Charly

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Not available

3. Matters Arising

Anchor – The anchor bought by Stuart needs a suitable chain and rope.

Action: Stuart to ask **David Wilkie** to look into this.

Trailer -Sandra visited the Oban Trailer company and told the committee about the trailers she saw. Everyone agreed to go with this firm. Stuart Mack said the only thing we needed to make sure of is that the weight should go on the keel and not the planks and Stewart Page will look at it and we will go with his decision. We will ask for a Spare wheel.

Action – Stewart to look at the best place for the wheels and email everyone.

Sandra to order a trailer from Oban.

Email

We have two emails on the go at the moment Eskmuthe@gmail.com and eskmutherc@gmail.com

Action: Norman will merge emails and people will use Eskmuthe@gmail.com from now on.

Contacts

It was agreed to change our contact addresses with all clubs. Gaynor has done this for the SCRA website but has no contact details for local clubs from the previous committee. George and Norman have info from Shaun.

Action – George and Norman will look at the info from Shaun. No discussion as to who will take this on and contact clubs once Norman and George went through their information.

Action: It was agreed to put the Eskmuthe@gmail.com email on the Facebook page. **Paul, George and Stewart** all agreed to do this.

Affiliated membership of FYC

Gaynor contacted FYC and was told that we needed to get three named people to fill in forms at a cost of £35. The forms were filled in by George, Paul and Stewart on the basis that they were at the meeting and could get it done quickly.

Action: These were left for Carol and **George** will arrange payment.

4. Correspondence

We were emailed by Robbie Wightman, from the SCRA asking him if he could use our blog for new clubs. Scarabost Rowing Club subsequently contacted us and Gaynor is passing on information about our experience of boat building.

New member query. Gaynor is dealing with this..

Minutes from AGM.

Freya passed the minutes from the AGM to Gaynor and Norman. Gaynor looked and replied to Freya about the matter of placing a time limit on promoted posts on the committee.

Shaun had written to Norman just before the AGM to ask for a time limit of one year for all promoted posts. Freya had written in the minutes that this had been passed, but Gaynor believed it had agreed to leave this to another meeting, as there had not been enough time to put this on an AGM agenda.

The committee agreed with Gaynor's recollection of events and decided not to limit the time on promoted posts as this could hamper the smooth running of the club. All members resign and have to be re-elected every year, so this is a good opportunity to change both promoted posts and members if necessary.

This was agreed unanimously.

Action: Norman to contact Freya to inform her of the decision.

5, Treasurer's report

George informed us that we have spent £3,179.13 on the boat so far.

We agreed that the affiliated membership for FYC should come out of the lottery as Gaynor has put costs of up to £500 for use of FYC and safety boat in the lottery application.

Bank changes – this is still on going.

Action: George needs to get Jenny to sign the new form and then **Norman** needs to take it to a bank with his details.

Action: George will look at getting a debit card attached to the account and use this for PayPal.

6. Membership Secretary's report and increasing membership

Stewart received very few responses to his email asking former members if they want to remain in the club. Only Pauline replied. We now have about 20 paid members.

Action: Stewart has given people until the end of February to pay for their membership and anyone who hasn't paid will be taken from BT. He will send out reminders.

Gaynor suggested the club look to moving the AGM to March, as people would be more likely to rejoin at the start of a season than the end. There was general agreement to this.

Action: No action taken.

It was agreed to set up a sub committee to look into increasing membership at the January meeting.

Action: Stewart will put this on Big Tent after the boat build has finished.

Flag sails to advertise the club – Shaun was keen to do a design for the flags.

Action: Norman to contact Shaun to ask if he still wants to design. If not, we will put the club logo on. **Norman** to look into this?

Posters - Action: Norman will put new photos on posters and change the email. These will then be redistributed. It was not agreed who would do this or who would print the posters.

Website – we agreed to wait until the Spring to redesign the website and go for a push on membership. It was agreed we need to concentrate on the build for the next month.

7. Boat shed

Veronica contacted ELC to ask about the situation with the land for the shed to go on. She has heard nothing yet.

Action: Veronica and Gaynor are to meet with Stuart Pryde for FWG and will speak to him. Veronica will keep going with the council.

8. SCIO application

Sandra spoke about becoming a SCIO and recommended that the club goes down this route for several reasons including a greater protection for members and committee members, more access to funding etc. The committee agreed unanimously to back this proposal.

Action: Sandra will make the case on Big Tent and gather feedback. We will arrange an EGM to get further approval from the club.

9. Training/Health and Safety

First Aid Training – Gaynor contacted Ian from Dalkeith who has good availability. FYC keen to take spare places. It was agreed to do a weekend slot in March/April. **Action: Gaynor** will contact Ian and get later dates and put this on BT.

Essential Navigation

Gaynor contacted Leith Nautical College who did a course for Granton Rowing Club, designed more for rowing and less for boats. Rosie from the Leith will send details. **Action: Gaynor** will get the info and pass to members.

Training sessions

This has been talked about for a while. George is too busy at the moment to organise and it was agreed to wait until after the build. Stuart Mack from Boatie has offered help if needed.

10. New Build

Norman said we have spent more than 750 on boat building by now. And 25 people have been involved. We have 5 weeks to go until we need to leave Prestongrange. We discussed the possibility of an extension, but decided to see how we get on over the next couple of weeks.

Need to borrow more of Stuart's tools to finish the seats, Gunwales, oars. Stuart has offered us the use of his shed to make the oars if we run out of time.

We need to look at putting a tow point on the front of the boat to winch it onto the new trailer. A strip for the keel needs to be ordered and we need to get a boat cover. Stuart suggested going to the guy at Inveresk Industrial Estate for this.

It was decided that the boat would stay on Gaynor and David's drive until the launch date.

Action: Everyone crack on. **Gaynor** to write to Katherine to ask if she wants anything doing before we leave – painting, the cupboard etc. **Gaynor and Stuart** to investigate the boat cover.

11. Name for the new boat/signwrter/

Suggested names so far:

Earl of Mar

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Silver Arrow

Lunaria (honesty plant)

Steedie Falconer (last fishwife)

Unity

Voting – It was decided the name will be decided on a vote by doodle. Only paid-up members will get to vote so this will be done on March 1 to give everyone a chance to rejoin the club.

Action: Norman will put something on BT asking for more suggestions and then organise a doodle poll to decide.

Signwriting

We will employ the same person from Prestonpans who painted Honesty and have the same colours, font etc. We will also keep the silver arrow and Fisherrow.

Action: Gaynor will trace the signwriter and try and get him to come the first week in March.

12. Maintenance of Honesty

Stuart suggested working on Honesty in the summer at the harbour. Maybe turning the boat upside down and doing any repairs.

13. Planning our Regatta

We will set up a sub committee, but again not until the new boat is finished. Date of the raft race and honest lad and lass ceremony is 26th July. And high tide is 10.30am.

Some people felt the tide was too early on this date, and we discussed holding it on the Saturday so we could have a social night at the end. Nothing was decided.

Action: Stewart to post on BT following the boat build.

14. AOB

Survey Monkey – only 9 responses.

Action: Sandra has compiled something and will email it out to committee members, plus put it on BT to try and get more responses. This will go on the next agenda.

Launch of the new boat.

A discussion took place about organising a launch event with STV and pipe band etc. We are probably looking at Sunday 19th of April when high tide is at 15.45pm.

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Posting rowing sessions

Action: George will show Gaynor, Sandra and Stewart how to post sessions to take the pressure away from her having to do it all of the time.

Lagoons

Stewart suggested more rows at the lagoons when the weather is bad.

11. Dates of the next meetings

Not discussed