



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club
Committee Meeting
Monday, February 15, 2021, 8pm on Zoom**

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Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Gaynor Allen (Chair), David Lee, Pauline Crerar, Georgina Brown, Kari-Ann Johnston, Felicity Cameron, Jude Durnan (Minutes)

Apologies for Absence : Stewart Page

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved: Felicity Seconded: David

3. Actions Update

All actions are covered in the minutes.

4. Correspondence

All correspondence is included in the agenda.

5. Club Report

We've had another month of no rowing - but there has still been plenty going on, and the chance to look forward to Skiffieworlds 2022.

More details have been released about the event (27 June-2 July 2022) in Kortgene in the south-west Netherlands. We were the third team to register and we already have 20 rowers expressing an interest in taking part! The website is excellent and is worth a look, particularly the "race" and "hospitality" sections: skiffieworlds2022.com

We've also offered a wide range of 'lockdown lifelines' activities to members. This has included a series of sessions on felting and paper mosaic-ing by Krafty Kate, Kari-Ann's homemade special effects workshop and a brilliant talk by Rachel about Scotland's Waters. Charles, Fox's partner who works for National Museums of Scotland, is offering a 'Night At The Museum' talk in March and Gaynor is planning to show the Fishwives of Fisherrow film which has a lot of very interesting local history and shots of the harbour.

RowFit has continued twice a week too - and we are offering yoga every other Wednesday at the moment to mix things up a bit.

Last, but certainly not least, a sea shanty group, inspired by Wellerman, is well on the way to recording Eskmuthe's first sea shanty, with special local lyrics.

If anyone has any ideas for talks/activities/new groups, please shout up as the more events, the merrier!

6. Treasurer's Report

Pauline has been looking at how to report on the Give As You Earn scheme to keep track of the donations – slides in Treasurer's Report.

The biggest earner this month again was Rowfit.

The only expense this month was the cost to purchase an annual Zoom subscription so we can have zoom meetings for longer than the 40min free ones.

Bank account - when we get the boat shed funding we will go over the Bank of Scotland account limit for a **treasurers account**. Pauline has contacted the Bank of Scotland to ask what fees will be charged if we go over their limit. The account will be converted to a proper business account which will mean a £7 per month fee for 1 year.

After that if we have dropped below £50k they should pick that up and stop charging us. If that doesn't happen Pauline will call back and they will convert it back to a free treasurer's

account. While it's a business account we will get charged for cheques and cash but if we do everything electronically there will be no additional charges.

7. Boatshed

The £95,000 application to East Lothian Council has been approved, but the funding won't be released until the full funding is secured. A quantity Surveyor is required to give the final estimate, so we know exactly how much funding is required. Quotes range from £135,000 - £210,000.

The club has already paid out approximately £10,000 in costs for architect's fees.

All Rowfit profits go to the Boatshed – approximately £1000. This money could also possibly pay for a rowing machine which will go in the Boatshed.

We are waiting to hear about the application from Sports Scotland – should be in the next few weeks. If this is secured, we should have enough for the Boatshed.

Diarmid has 4 quotes from builders and is making a spread sheet of the quotes – club will select two and speak to them to try to get the best quote. This will be brought to the club members and committee. When building starts club members could help to build the wall.

Possibility of George doing a talk on the Boatshed including some video footage.

The Lease – Wendy has been working on this. We need a plan that shows our site in relation to the Ordinance Survey Map. Cost for this addition will be £300 + VAT for legal fees. Committee can look at the plan when it comes back.

8. Boat Repairs

ERC has now left the premises at Prestongrange. Graham is working on things at home, though there is not much to report as boats are off the water. Club members removed the ice and snow from the boat covers during the cold weather spell.

9. AOB

George has sent club life jackets to get serviced and they should be ready by the time we are back on the water.

Pauline has ordered more of the seat covers **that are made by DSC in Longniddry. So once we get back on the water we will have a full 2 sets of seat pads with clips..**

10. DONM

Wednesday 17th March 8pm Zoom (after Rowfit!)