



Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club

Committee Meeting

Monday 13 Jan 2020, 7pm Fisherrow Yacht Club

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Georgina Brown, Gaynor Allen (Chair), Pauline Crerar, David Lee, Katie Swann (Minutes).

Apologies for Absence: Sharon McFeely, Stewart Page.

2. Minutes

Minutes approved: David & Seconded: Pauline

3. Action Update

- As there is only one boat in the water at the moment, and days are short, rows are filling up very quickly. Agreed that we'll remind everyone to add themselves as a reserve as illness is unfortunately causing some folk to drop out, and we'd like to request that members just book one row per weekend for now. David to put on TA.
- Agreed that we'll pick up all the electricity costs from Prestongrange
- No response from ELC when chased by Pauline to get an invoice for electricity
- Pauline updated Team App and removed lapsed members
- Pauline and Gaynor didn't have a chance to look at the constitution
- Pauline has drafted a Gift Aid form

ACTION: David to add to Team App about booking rows

ACTION: Pauline and Gaynor to meet to discuss changes to constitution

4. Correspondence

N/A

5. FHSA & FWG

- FHSA will be holding the Harbour Festival on 23 May 2020, Eskmuthe is invited to offer taster sessions. It's the same day as the canal row, but as we're only taking one boat, David volunteered to run a taster session.
- Funding – There is a pot for funding via SNH for the Year of Coasts and Waters called Plunge In.
- Harbour Office – harbour users now have access, although the toilet isn't available yet.
- FWG – Pauline is going to contact Andrew H to plant seeds along seafront.

6. Club Report

Dec 2019-Jan 2020

Eskmuthe managed to pack in plenty of rowing (and social activity) around the Christmas and New Year festivities - with the highlight the excellent trip to Loch Tay on January 3rd.

On a day where the weather changed about every 15 minutes, the rowing was great (and at times very tough) and we also managed some waterfall walking, general pottering about and warming ourselves by the fire at the Kenmore Hotel.

On the home front, we have squeezed out every drop of water and light possible to get Steddie on the water. We have had some glorious rowing, alongside some challenging seas and a few cancellations in really bad weather - not to forget the solstice bonfire!

There is a real demand to row, from members old and new, and it's proving difficult to get in the boat at times with just Steedie available. It's worth thinking about limiting people to one row per weekend, rather than somebody getting two rows while others miss out.

With limited rowing times on the shorter days, we have tried to be flexible with our first "sunrise rows" this coming weekend and short, sharp sessions. These have included more positive "introduction to racing" sessions, which are aimed at creating a group of newer rowers who are well-prepared to take part in regattas for the first time.

We're trying to increase our roster of coxes and Eoin has now been put a few times and is doing well. Jane is also keen to get out more as a cox.

We are still getting a lot of interest in the club. After Elaine Johnston joined, we have four more people waiting for an opportunity to row - which might be delayed a few weeks until we have more sessions available.

7. Treasurer's Report

See the website.

8. Boatshed

Gaynor has spoken to 2 engineers and 2 architects to see if they'd be interested in working with us on the Boatshed – there will need to be a balance between their ideas and cost. Gaynor is pulling together a brief, particularly about sustainable elements.

There may need to be a compromise to speed up the progress versus the level of sustainability. Gaynor has some ideas about how we could do that – more of a mid-way approach. For example Durisoluk blocks (woodcrete) – this would still allow for a self build element. We could still request wood from Scotland.

ACTION: Gaynor to circulate details of Durisolock to committee and speak to Richard as project manager.

9. Boat repairs

The roof leak at Prestongrange has doubled in size. Last year ELC did a basic repair, which held, but the area behind the toilet is now quite bad. Gaynor reported it and we've been asked not to use the lights until a temporary repair has been done.

Massive progress has been made on repairs over the weekend, spacers made, gunnels sanded to wood, and the first coat of diluted varnish has been added to boat and oars.

10. AGM

27 April 2020 – In the bar, Fisherrow Yacht Club. 7pm for 7.30pm.

The committee will need up to 4 new members after the AGM. It was agreed that there may be a number of members who might be interested in the role and committee members will speak to them directly.

ACTION: Committee to speak to members about joining committee

11. Updating ERC vision, values and strategy

Some discussion about how we can continue to develop this in line with interest from all the members.

ACTION: Gaynor to update with all the comments and circulate around members.

12. Email and Team App admin

Pauline has emailed Team App about having two channels for 'Chat' ie two icons, one for community talk and one for rowing. They responded that they're not able to do that. Developers may be able to add something that will give an option to automatically delete or archive.

Katie will continue to tidy up the emails folders, but requested that everyone with access to the email updates (files/deletes) emails that they no longer need as and when they're using it.

ACTION: Everyone with access to the email to help with the tidy up.

13. AOB

- Rowaround 2020 update from George. She went to Dunbar to talk about Rowaround 2020 NB to the border (Paxton). All weather dependant and this will generally happen at weekends in September, and may be done in a different order. George also updated the Committee on the Forth section, which will be as follows: Arstruther to South Queensferry (16 Aug – 21 Aug) then Queensferry to North Berwick, to arrive there the day before their regatta. North Berwick to Tweedmouth, 30 Aug, round Bass Rock to Dunbar. Then Dunbar to Cove, on to St Abbs. Calling in to Coldingham. 13 Sept St Abbs to Tweedmouth, stopping off at Burnmouth. On to Paxton. There's a baton that can be reserved for loch rows so that the journey is registered.
- Canal row w/e of the 23 May – Dunbar are doing Union Canal, Edinburgh to Falkirk Wheel so we could join them. Staying in Falkirk on the Saturday and there'll be an event that night. We may need another paddle!

14. DONM 10 February 2020 7pm