



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 17th , 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

Dunbar – East Lothian voices wanted to know about where we get our seat covers as they were quoted £200 for a set.

Row Party are to come to our regatta.

All other correspondence is included in the agenda.

5. Club Report

It looks like Saturday 17th May is the date we will be able to row again. The Scottish Government roadmap says that “Adult outdoor contact sports and indoor group exercises can resume” from that date - and as we know, we are classed as a contact sport for the purpose of the Covid-19 regulations.

There is no guidance as yet from the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association about what precautions, if any, will need to be taken - masks, hand sanitising, social distancing outside the ‘field of play’, etc. It is also unclear whether there will be advice to avoid ‘hard rowing’ for a while and whether large gatherings for regattas will be permitted/advised this summer. We’ll keep in touch with what is said in the coming weeks.

We are already able to hold rowfit sessions outside again and have already done this twice. The likelihood is we will continue to run sessions ourselves, even when rowing starts up again.

We have a lot of people interested in joining and should start thinking about how we manage this when allowed to row again. Again, this will depend a lot on what precautions we are advised to take on our return to the water.

We have had some excellent Zoom nights - with Charles’s Night At The Museum and a brilliant insight into brewing and beer tasting with Craig. We had well over 20 people for each event, including some who have not previously taken part in online events. We have taken about an evening called ‘The Story of Eskmuthe’ where we can share lots of lovely pictures and maybe engage some of those interested in joining to help them get a flavour of the club before they join. There is also a possibility of a boatshed update evening. It would certainly be good to keep people connected in the two months before we are able to row again.

The dates when the age-specific categories for Skiffieworlds 2021 have already been published, so this will make it much easier for us to plan - as we have much more notice than we did in 2019.

6. Regatta news

Porty have registered for the regatta at end of June, which is not going to go ahead. Queensferry Regatta will be in August.

North Berwick regatta – also August.

Since we can't have regattas clubs are going to row for 5 miles in home waters and record their time. We could choose to go in for this, but at the moment we don't know if we will be able to this if the advice is that we can't train or race once back on the water. But we can take names for those who would be interested.

The ERC regatta was due to be held on Saturday 24th July.

7. Treasurer's Report

Money in the account at the end of the month = £10,755

The biggest earner again this month was Row Fit = £123

Deposited the money from the Rowing Tin and the Felting.

There were no debits this month.

8. Boatshed

The £67k funding award from Sport Scotland that Felicity, Gaynor and Pauline have been working on is about to be confirmed.

This mean the Club will have £175 needed to build the Boatshed.

Diarmid has 4 quotes for the work and made a spreadsheet for each quote which range from £135k - £210k. Two of these quotes are feasible for the club and we now need to get more information about these two.

Wendy has written to our solicitor to ask about the lease and we are waiting for a reply.

We are no further forward with a building warrant, but we should have everything we need for this by the end of the month.

It may be that some club members would like to take part in brick laying for the new boatshed – Gaynor and Pauline attended a training day to be shown how to do this. We will need to be covered by insurance for this and should be able to go into the builder's insurance.

Gaynor to get names of club members who would like to take part in this process. It could be done over two weekends and it is likely that people will be able to stay to do it for different lengths of time.

The Committee needs to talk about the building process in more detail.

It is a council requirement that the ground we are building the boatshed on is tested – we can do this after we have got the lease. A digger may be required to find out about the foundations as it is on a car park. There is an electric cable that runs underneath the plot – builders need to be aware of this when looking at the foundations.

9. Boat Repairs

As the boats are not in use there is not much to report. Graeme is making a rudder at home.

We may need more foot rests. We are getting 2 new cox seats. We have a new set of 4 seats with clips ready to use and another 4 are being made which should last longer because they don't have the bungees pulling on them.

10. AOB

Pauline has been investigating the East Lothian Lottery. A company called Gatherwell gets charities involved in this and we would buy tickets for the club. This is still getting set up and tickets are not available to buy until the end of the month. The Charity gets 50p per £1, 10p goes to the central fund, 20p goes towards prizes and Gatherwell gets 20p.

Another option for fundraising might be the 100 Club, where people put in £1 per month and each month everyone gets a number and there is a monthly draw with first, second and third prizes, plus £50 of this goes to the club each month.

Sue Fenton is asking for photos for the rogues gallery for the Rowaround – David will send some photos on.

11. DONM

Monday 12th April 8pm Zoom.