



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club Committee Meeting**  
**Monday 13 May 2019, 7pm**  
**Fisherrow Yacht Club**

**Minutes**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

In attendance: Georgina Brown, Gaynor Allen (Chair), Pauline Crerar, Katie Swann (Minutes), David Lee, Stewart Page, Sharon McFeely

Apologies for Absence: n/a

**2. Selection of Office Bearers**

- Treasurer: Pauline nominated by Gaynor, seconded by George
  - Captain: George nominated by Gaynor, seconded by David
  - Secretary: Katie nominated, seconded by David
  - David nominated as Regatta Captain by George (this new role will absorb Membership Secretary)
  - David nominated Gaynor as Chair, seconded by George
- Graham happy to come to meetings to discuss boat repair issues.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting (AGM)**

Minutes approved: Stuart & Seconded: Gaynor

**4. Matters arising**

- FYC membership – we need five people to be associate members. Stuart, George, Katie, Pauline, Sharon agreed to join.

**ACTION:** Stuart, George, Katie, Pauline, Sharon agreed to be associate members and will fill in membership online.

**5. Correspondence**

- Pauline to look at website costs with Kate. Decided to leave twitter feed on website at cost of £3 a month.
- FYC – last Friday of the month club house can be taken over by an associate club, as a way to increase community involvement. We support the principle but will decide how Eskmuthe would like to get involved later in year.

**ACTION:** Pauline will liaise over two websites and will pay once sorted.

**6. Club Report**

We are in the midst of one of the busiest-ever periods for the club, with a mixture of training, social rowing, regattas and expeditions.

The highlights of the month have to be the epic 15-mile row to Queensferry by both boats and the gold medal for the women's novice team at the Boatie Blest regatta. Congratulations to Jane, Elaine, Aileen and Kari-Ann (and again to Kari-Ann for rowing the boat home with Eoin, Graham, Gaynor and David!)

There were some strong performances from all the teams at Boatie Blest, the first regatta of the season, and we have a busy time coming up, with regattas at Broughty Ferry on Saturday 18th May and Queensferry on 1st June.

We had an unexpected trip to Queensferry on May 12th, when it was decided that the forecast wind speeds might make it difficult to reach North Berwick - so we went the other way. It was a brilliant row and thanks to George for all the organising and the time-consuming double trailer trip back to Fisherrow!

There have also been lots of training sessions, with a real effort to get crews together who are rowing in the forthcoming regattas and/or the worlds. The unpredictable weather has led to several sessions being cancelled, and we also had to cancel the Scouts rowing evening, but hope to be able to do that on May 21st.

Somehow, we have managed to fit in several social sessions and had a lot of new people in the boat, several of whom we expect to join the club. We are running a session specifically for new rowers on the afternoon of Sunday 20th May.

Upcoming regattas in Broughty Ferry and Queensferry.

Social Rows:

- 24 – 26 May Canal Row – Falkirk Wheel on Friday night, up canal on the Saturday/Sunday.
- Craster Viking Raid – same day as North Berwick Regatta
- Possible row with yacht over to Aberdour
- Row to Inchcolm from Kinghorn (weekend before Worlds)

Prestongrange: Everything cleared into the back for an event, but we have access over the summer if we need it. Graham is starting oars this evening. Need to look at stroke footrests, Stuart will have a think about designs. One of the boxes have been stolen, so Gaynor has asked Graham to make another one.

## **7. Membership update**

Settled at 51 members, great to see some folk returning. Possibly still a couple more to come.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

Update on ideas for format from Pauline. She will also compile a list of regular payments. Boatle Drive raised just over £500 which is great.

**ACTION:** Pauline will buy 2 new bags for the boats with logos on @ £31 each.

## **9. 2020 Event Scotland Year of Coastal Waters**

Musselburgh Museum asked if harbour groups would be interested in an event in Fisherrow. We're happy to support it but don't have capacity to organise.

**ACTION:** Gaynor to respond.

## **10. Fees and Payments**

Some clarity needed over various payments:

- a. Agreed that need to change membership form to reflect current situation re Dec
- b. If you have to fill in/stay on so boat goes out there's no cost to you. Confirmed that Coxes should also pay. One payment per day for training rows, but if you sign up for 2 in one day then you have to pay.
- c. We'll circulate details of concession costs to remind everyone. But all costs can be discussed with a committee member.

## **11. Autumn Social**

Norman agreed to play at our Autumn event – it will hopefully be held at the Rugby Club and include an auction. Will put out a save the date

## **12. Skiffie Worlds**

No updates – apart from list of teams coming out soon.

## **13. AOB**

- Boatshed – plans are in with Planning Dept. Latest for an answer is 24 June. Hempcrete may be a possible building material, but some discussion still needs to take place.

**ACTION:** Gaynor: Organise a meeting for the sub-group and committee to decide on building materials.

## **14. DONM**

Mon 3 June 2019 7pm

Tue 18 June 2019 7pm (Boat Shed sub-committee and ERC Committee)

Mon 1 July 2019 7pm