



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club  
Committee Meeting  
Mon 11 May 2020, 8pm Zoom  
Minutes**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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

Apologies for Absence: Sharon McFeely

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

Approved: David Seconded: Gaynor

**3. Action Update**

N/A

**4. COVID-19 response and planning**

The SCRA recently sent an update which didn't have much new info, but it's clear that more will come out later. Unfortunately, it's also clear that it's likely that rowing will be off for a while. The RNLI & Coastguard have asked people not to go out on the water. We will wait for clear guidance before making any decisions about starting rowing up again.

Gaynor had a positive response from Resilient Musselburgh about a suggestion that we donate to them. Members happy to donate a 'row' for £3 and pass that on to RM.

Revisited discussion about when we should take membership as insurance and parking fees are due (around £800). Some members have indicated that they would be happy to pay now.

**AGREED:** We'll keep fees level at this moment. Ask for membership to cover our immediate expenses in full now or if not affordable for members then we'll give the option to pay for 6 months in October.

Social ideas? Boatie Blest have offered to host something for us, which includes a quiz and some dancing! All agreed to carry on with our quiz night. George came up with an idea about having virtual rows and people signing up, Plus a Pecha Kucha style event. Stewart will run a fitness class.

**ACTION:** David to do a newsletter with some club member updates, will add link to SCRA.

**5. Correspondence**

Virtual Row Around – we're still to hear from Queensferry with more info about writing our bit from Fisherrow to Port Seton. Gaynor is going to write something about our relationship with Dunbar and the events that we've been to there.

**6. Boatshed**

Chris is the new architect and Gaynor has spoken to him a couple of times. He's sent a sheet that we need to fill in with some practical details. Gaynor will send it to Stewart who will start to complete it then send it back to Gaynor to circulate. Catharine is potentially the project manager. She had a lot of questions about whether we want to do the self-build bit, including regarding insurance. Gaynor spoke to Gordon Eadie (Structural Engineer) but he's comfortable with self-build element, even though it's likely to be a bit more complicated, and potentially has a contact who could complete all the other elements

**ACTION:** Gaynor and Pauline to speak about insurance for the build.

**7. Club Report (David)**

David to do a newsletter with some club member updates, will add link to SCRA.

**8. Treasurer's Report**

OSCR pages are completed. Last years didn't have a restricted column for the boatshed so that's been added for this year.

### **9. FHSA/FWG Update**

Water quality – applied for Bathing Water status 2013, first in Scotland to fail it, for various reasons. SEPA thought we might make it through this year. The main problem is still Brunstane Burn and historic flows from business and houses into that. There will be notices going up at some point saying that bathing water is poor – but we can direct people to electronic signage. SEPA can't do testing at the moment but they will still put it up on board. Season starts middle of May. We don't need to react to this right now, wait for further details.

### **10. Boat repairs (Gaynor)**

Graham is still allowed to go to Prestongrange if he has his ELC badge and check building as there is some strange behaviour there at the moment, plus we now know that Graham's sharpening stone had been stolen. Gaynor contacted ELC due to this and people on roof one evening.

**ACTION:** David and Gaynor to take up the wheel lock for trailer so that insurance is valid.

### **11. Constitution/AGM**

Gift Aid will be on new membership form. Pauline to complete and pass to David, then he can circulate to members.

**ACTION:** Pauline and Gaynor to discuss constitution.

### **12. AOB**

**13. DONM 8 June 8pm Zoom**