



Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club

Committee Meeting

Monday 11 Nov 2019, 6.30pm Fisherrow Yacht Club

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Georgina Brown, Gaynor Allen (Chair), Pauline Crerar, David Lee, Stewart Page, Richard, Wendy Barber.

Apologies for Absence: Sharon McFeely.

2. Minutes

Minutes approved: David & Seconded: George

3. Matters arising

OSCR – Pauline to keep an eye on this.

4. Correspondence

- Pauline and Gaynor have been offered the opportunity to attend a Funding Day from Spotted and will be going along.
- Kari-Ann asked if we would take a group out from Champs, which will wait until lighter nights, also Spark of Genius have requested a session as well. Gaynor to meet them.
- We've had notice of row around Scotland – clubs have been asked to take a photo of the boat in situ with members around. Stuart to arrange.
- Email from Bathing Water status group – delayed putting out classification as we could lose status this year.

ACTION: Stuart to arrange photo

ACTION: Gaynor to meet with Spark of Genius

5. Club Report

It's been a short month in more ways than one - with the last meeting pushed back, there are only 3 weeks to report on, but there has still been lots going on, despite the darker days.

A posse of 9 Eskmuthers (and Steedie) took part in the Freshwater Sprints at Loch Tummel on behalf of the South-East region. Many congratulations to Andy for winning a gold medal, with George as cox getting gold too. David was annoyed that Andy won: "That's another bloody novice down," was his publishable reaction.

The weather was rough the day after the Sprints, but we had a good session in the harbour with some newer rowers, who were shown how to row hard and lean back by old hands Fox and Veronica.

Although the following weekend was a no-row zone due to the times of the tides, we got out eight times on November 9/10th, with three brilliant training sessions including a return to the pre-worlds 1.6km course. This is just the start....

There were also lots of new rowers out across 4 social sessions in 5 boats. They are improving all the time, including our newest member, Diane - and Michelle, who hopefully will join soon. David recruited a new rower on the beach while walking the dogs and he is coming out with us next weekend.

The highlight of the last few weeks was the social night, with an amazing £1800 made after costs. Thanks so much to The Normans for the music, Sharon and John for the food, Fox for the raffle, David for the auction and Pauline for the programme - and to everybody for coming along and making it a fun

night. Congrats too to Kate Allan, who was given a special award for all the great and often unsung things she does for the club - including the wonderful website. See you on the water!

6. Membership Report N/A

7. Treasurer's Report Attached

8. Boatshed

- Welcomed Wendy as club legal advisor for Boatshed.
- David and Gaynor went to see Blueprint Architects to see if they have any thoughts for a sustainable build, but they didn't have many ideas and said they could put Hempcrete in parts of the building. They also went to see a natural architect (Native Architects) who deals with natural buildings who recommended a Hempcrete building. He recommended changing the roof to a perfect pitch (as opposed to the existing plan of part pitch and part flat roof). This would give us more storage, look better and probably last longer, plus more storage. However, it would mean we have to go through planning again and have to pay additional planning fees. It would not take as long for a decision to be made and this could be done at the same time as the building warrant goes in.

The committee had three options to decide on:

1. We can go with the Blueprint design and just have a limited element of sustainability
 2. We can stay with the BP design, but use Native and sustainable building materials for the next stage
 3. We can go with Native and change the roof as well as building materials
- Committee voted not to go back to planning to change shape of the roof.
 - Estates Team at ELC have agreed all T&Cs
 - Gaynor submitted an application to the Common Good Fund – feedback from them is that they need more detail for quotes but good news is other than that we meet the criteria. We can submit to the next meeting which is January if we are ready in time.
 - We need accurate figures before we can have a final budget.
 - Agreed that once we can better articulate out sustainability requirements – Gaynor to go back to Native for quote to go to building warrants.

ACTION: Wendy to write to 3 legal firms and get quotes for taking work forward.

ACTION: Pauline to check how much we currently have set aside for boatshed funding and discuss with Gaynor and George.

9. Prestongrange - Everything going well. From a safety perspective we need to make sure that no-one is there on their own, so important that if folk sign up on TA they come along. Stuart to source copper sleeve.

ACTION: Katie to remind everyone about keeping TA updated

ACTION: Gaynor to follow up on electricity costs

10. Social – Keen to have another Boatle Drive and quiz at Rugby club – David starting to think about when that could be.

ACTION: David to update committee once he has some ideas about next socials.

11. Bank Account:

All agreed that we could get a better deal than we have. Santander looks like best deal, so Pauline to go ahead and change.

12. AOB

- Think about regatta calendar for next year as we need to keep an eye on all the events, especially if we want to have our own regatta.

ACTION: David, Gaynor and George to propose date at next meeting.

- Pauline mentioned a Festival when we can land on Fidra connected to RLS and RSPB.
- We need to remind members to keep using Easy Fundraising for Christmas shopping!

ACTION: Katie to post on TA about Easy Fundraising

- VAT recognition for Boatshed and registering for Gift Aid

ACTION: George, Gaynor and Pauline to meet and discuss

- Boat covers – Honesty needs the cover fixed, we'd like a different approach with buckles instead. Go to Longniddry instead of Dunfermline. Ask them what they have that might be better.
- George updated on SCRA AGM at the Sprints. International Association to be set up, SCRA to become a SCIO, £5,000 to the film, gave out awards, green and blue flags.
- Official thank you sent to Norman and John for food and music

13. DONM 9 December 2019 7pm