



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club Committee Meeting
Monday 13 November 2017, 7pm
Fisherrow Yacht Club**

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Pauline, David, Gaynor (Chair), Helen, Katie (Minutes), Sandra
Apologies: Kate, George

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes approved: Gaynor Seconded: George (by email)

3. Correspondence

No correspondence to note.

4. Report: Boat repairs and maintenance

Everything is going well; the boat has been turned and is being sanded and painted. Will definitely need a new set of oars – to be discussed at a later date. Reminder that sessions at Prestongrange are on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday and are listed on Big Tent.

5. Report: Membership Secretary & Club Captain

MS: David reported that new members are continuing to join, there's still lots of interest, and he is working with Pauline on big plans for next year.

CC: This month has seen us mainly on home water with rowing sessions in Honesty while Steedie is being given her winter overhaul. We've had the usual array of autumn rowing conditions ranging from lovely calm days to large waves in the harbour.

The row around the Bass Rock was cancelled due to the weather but the Freshwater Sprints went ahead at Loch Tummel on a dry but very windy day. Five of us went up and rowed as part of the SE Area team that won the trophy back from NE this year. It's always a good sociable day, recommended to anyone for next year.

Gaynor and I had attended an Umpires course on the Friday night going over the rules of racing and how to umpire all the different types of races setting us up for next year's regatta.

Following the races we had a very useful talk about towing and trailers followed by an update from the Rowing the Waves project who are doing an academic study on all things coastal rowing.

Topics covered in the SCRA convenors report for the AGM were

1. There is to be no standard oar design but all the knowledge that has been gathered over the past year has been written up and published on the SCRA website.
2. Three locations have applied to host the 2019 Skiffieworlds. The final location will be announced in December.
3. An update on Safety. All reports are published on the SCRA website.
4. There are now 160 skiffs registered.

We now have to start planning for next year. We are booked in for Queensferry's regatta on May 26th and Porty's on June 23rd. We'll have a meeting in the next month to plan our regatta and work out which events we would like to go to in 2018. Put in your requests now!

ACTION: George will organise a small group to meet to discuss regattas and events for 2018.

6. Reports: Treasurer

Report from Helen. No significant spend & some money still left for repairs. Income starting to flow in from ticket sales for Christmas Social. Oars to be costed and business case made, this can be left until the January meeting.

Helen has designed a new expenses form, which uses drop down boxes. This can be used for claims for purchases, travel etc. and will be good for our audit trail. If a member does not wish to claim, on -going costs can be noted as donation to club.

The Draft budget for 1 April 2018 to 30 March, to 2019 will be discussed and agreed at January meeting.

7. Sub Committee: Boat shed update

Community engagement meeting with Cllrs, FYC, Community Councils etc was very positive. The general feedback was that it would be good for growth of Fisherrow.

8. Sported update

The 6 months mentoring with Scottish Futures Trust is now complete. As they mainly supported work on developing a strategy document, Gaynor now has to complete a form to show progress with that. We're signed off from direct help but can still get support if needed.

9. Harbour/Waterfront Steering Group

Helen provided an update on progress. The aim is to have everything up and running by 1 April 2018. A Management Agreement is needed. Helen writing SCIO, and will need legal advice. A Masterplan for the area is being done by Matthew (architect for boathouse). Still waiting for further details from Council re exact area. Meets first Monday of month 7pm.

10. SCIO

We will change year end to 31 March, the AGM date is still tbc once the date is changed with OSCR (potentially in April).

11. Membership, event & regatta charges

Gaynor presented suggestions regarding fees/charges for regattas and excursions. Agreed we need to keep fees affordable but also have to cover costs for petrol, and loss of usual rowing income if boats were still available to use in Fisherrow. Costed for local regattas (Dunbar etc) and also for excursions which will be costed on a case by case basis and advertised on Big Tent. Agreed. (See attachment)

12. Young people and the club

How do we get YP involved? There are a few hurdles to overcome – the Council has rules which affect DoE award for example but East Lothian Outdoor Learning team is keen to look at coastal rowing, and this is being progressed. CPP on next agenda.

13. Website – continue over to next meeting.

14. Action Plan – continue over to next meeting

15. AOB

Fundraising for Christmas Social – looking at about 100 adult, 10 child tickets. Sub group meeting soon. More info on Big Tent about what help is still needed.

Thanks to Kate for investigating Easy Fundraising. Agreed that this would be a good thing to do, but that we wouldn't register for gift aid at the moment. Gaynor to get in touch about social media.

16. DONM

Mon 11 Dec FYC 7pm (Wine and mince pies)

Mon 15 Jan FYC 7pm

Fees for local regattas		Rate/mile	Total	Income if 10 people attend each one paying £5	
Dunbar	51.4 miles return	£ 0.45	£ 23.13	£	50.00
North Berwick	41 miles return	£ 0.45	£ 18.45	£	50.00
Port Seton	17 miles return	£ 0.45	£ 7.65	£	50.00
Portobello	3 miles return	£ 0.45	£ 1.35	£	50.00
Newhaven	15 miles return	£ 0.45	£ 6.75	£	50.00
South Queensferry	44 miles return	£ 0.45	£ 19.80	£	50.00
			£ 77.13	£	300.00
			Petrol money	-£	77.13
Profit for club from the 6 local regattas				£	222.87

For one off events/excursions	
People should pay £5 to the club as a sort of "Excursion rowing fee" plus a share of the petrol for the boat/ boats which ensures that the petrol money is covered.	
eg Excursion round Bass Rock from North Berwick on 22nd Oct	
10 people = £5 to club x 10 = £50	
Petrol for two boats being towed to North Berwick is £36.90 = £3.69 per person	
Fee plus petrol money could be rounded up to £10	
Club gets £63.10 for the day	