

**Troon Coastal Rowing Club Annual General Meeting**  
**7.30pm 6th November 2018**  
**South Beach Hotel, Troon**

**MINUTE OF MEETING**

**Sederunt (38)**

Bill Davies, Adrian McCreadie, Christine Rielly, Kevin McQueen, Mike Krus, Christine Tierney, Paul Charlwood, Morag Kemp, Jim Donaldson, Isobel McKerrigan, Allan Benwood, Ron Anderson, Ray Dodd, Kenny Yates, Ronnie Tierney, Tom Andrew, Vincent McWhirter, Lesley Hannah, Ruth Haining, Elizabeth Watt, Anne Morledge, Jan Tucker, Joyce Chessum, Brian Dalziel, Alan Farrell, Forbes Irvine, Alan Gillespie, Chris Johnston, Moira Welsh, David Sutherland, Jean Storer, Kirsty Woolley, Richard Anderson, James Corbett, Harry Risk, Jim Palmer, David Michelson

**Apologies (12)**

Mike Downey, Kathleen Bargh, Kirsty Letton, Jimmy Letton, Mick Boden, Anna MacVicar, Claire Williamson, Lynda Hamilton, Tracey Fulton, Alex Kennedy, Jamie Mason, Fiona Welsh.

**1. Chair's Welcome**

The Chair welcomed members to the Club's 6th Annual General Meeting.

**2. To Approve the Minute of the 2017 AGM**

- APPROVED

**3. Chair's Report**

The Chair summarised the contents of his annual report which was circulated to Members in advance of the meeting.

**4. Treasurer's Review of Club Accounts**

The Treasurer noted that the Club's expenditure once again exceeded its income for the year. This was attributed to a number of non-recurring costs including the fit out of the Club's new container, the purchase of materials related to the Wemyss Skiff, replacement lifejackets and radio, and an inflatable dinghy and outboard. In addition the costs of boat maintenance for the year were high, due to a payment to the Maritime Museum for use of their workshop.

There was some discussion regarding the possible investment of Club's funds for a long term return. However, it was felt that funds were best left available in the Club account should it be faced with an unexpected expense. It was also suggested that the Club may wish to purchase a safety boat at some point.

There was a proposal from the floor to introduce a separate membership fee for unemployed people, at a rate equivalent to the existing junior rate. There was some discussion of scrapping the honesty box and increasing Club fees, but it was felt that the honesty box was a better system.

The Chair expressed his thanks on behalf of the Club to Chris Johnstone for once again auditing the Club's accounts.

- a) Vote - Approve the Annual Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2018  
- APPROVED
- b) Vote - Approve continuing fees at their current level for the year 2018/19  
- APPROVED
- c) Vote - Approve the introduction of a fee for unemployed people at a rate mirroring the current Junior fee.  
- APPROVED

## **5. To Approve or Reject proposed amendments to the Constitution**

- a) To create the position of Honorary President  
- APPROVED
- b) To specify some additional individual roles for Committee Members  
- APPROVED

## **6. Elections to the Committee**

The following appointments were made to the Committee

**Chair** - Harry Risk

**Secretary** - James Corbett

**Treasurer** - Jim Palmer

### **Ordinary Members:**

- Kevin McQueen
- Mike Krus
- Ruth Haining
- Adrian McCreadie
- Christine Tierney
- Kathleen Bargh

## **7. Any Other Competent Business**

The balance between social rowing and training / competitive rowing was discussed at length. As the Club has grown, it has brought in a wider range of skills and abilities. At the same time, the SCRA has grown and regattas have become more competitive.

In order to cater for all abilities, and ensure that all Members have the opportunity to make the most of their membership, it was agreed that the new Committee should consider options to address these challenges.

The importance of members communicating with one another about what kind of rowing they wished to do, rather than making assumptions. It was also felt that training must include more than just rowing technique, but also coxing, radio use and understanding weather and sea conditions.

It was suggested that the Club try and hold more discussion forums throughout the year to give Members a chance to feedback to the Committee. The new Committee will also consider undertaking a new Member's Survey in the coming year.

Members were reminded to maintain their lifejackets properly throughout the year.

### SCRA AGM

The Treasurer briefly summarised the outcome of the recent SCRA AGM

Clubs who breached build rules at the Castle to Crane race will be contacted formally

Work is ongoing to find a source of cheaper insurance for SCRA clubs.

Race rules are expected to be enforced more closely in future

Any rower wearing a waist lifejacket must wear it at the front during racing. Any Club with a Member found to be in violation of these rules will be disqualified from that race.

## **8. Close**

The AGM closed at 8.25pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.