

Troon Coastal Rowing Club
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 15th November 2016
Anchorage Hotel, Troon

MINUTE OF MEETING

Sederunt (26)

Harry Risk (Chair), Jim Palmer (Treasurer), James Corbett (Secretary), Kirsty Letton, Ray Dodd, Ronnie Anderson, David Sutherland, Alan Farrell, Jim Donaldson, Kirsty Woolley, Jimmy Letton, Morag Kemp, John Kemp, Arthur Arnott, Chris Johnston, Joyce Chessum, Bill Davies, Kate Purcell, Kenneth Yates, David Michelson, Paul Charlwood, Lesley Hannah, Moira Welsh, Anne Morledge, Vincent McWhirter, Mike Downey.

1. Chair's Welcome

The Chair welcomed those present to the Club's fourth AGM and summarised the planned agenda for the evening.

2. Apologies for absence

Jean Storer, Alan Gillespie, Jamie Mason, Kathleen Bargh, Allan Benwood, Jan Tucker, Daisy Michelson, Jules Mathieson, Fiona Welsh.

3. To Approve the Minute of 2015 AGM (circulated in advance)

- APPROVED

4. Chair's Report (circulated in advance)

The Chair briefly drew members attention to some of the key points in his report. He thanked Jim Palmer for his continued work managing the Club's accounts and asked those present to show their appreciation to Morag Kemp, who is standing down from the Committee.

Special thanks were also given to Morag Kemp and Jan Tucker for organising the fashion show at M&Co which raised £411 for the Club after expenses.

The Chair also mentioned some of the regattas the Club had attended, particularly Annan where there was an incident when the boat capsized. He also highlighted the success of Troon's own regatta.

5. Treasurer's review of Club Accounts.

The Treasurer summarised the accounts for the Members. In particular he noted that £953 in the Club's account is a ring fenced grant for use in the Water Sports Centre project. Various expenses have been incurred since the accounts were completed including a payment of £564 towards insurance and £300 to the Scottish Maritime Museum at Irvine for the use of their shed for maintenance.

In response to questions from the floor, he clarified that the reference to "Social" in the accounts included a spend of £400 to pay a deposit to Scotts for the Christmas meal which appears as a loss but will be recovered from Members through their fees to attend the meal.

The discrepancy in the asset values given to Marr Voyager and Ailsa Lass is down to the differing initial costs of the boat kits and the higher cost of the timber used in Marr Voyager.

- a. To Approve the Annual Accounts for the year end September 2016 (circulated in advance)
 - APPROVED
- b. To Approve Club Membership Fees for the period 2016/17:
 - i. Ordinary Member £36
 - ii. Junior Member £18
 - APPROVED

6. Consideration of Motions.

No motions were submitted for consideration.

7. Elections to Committee - Four vacancies.

Three nominations for Committee posts were received. The Members present agreed all three should be elected. The possibility of filling the fourth vacancy was raised from the floor. Following a request for anyone interested to make themselves known Lesley Hannah offered to stand.

Consequently the following persons are duly elected to serve on the TCRC Committee until the 2018 AGM.

- *Kirsty Woolley,*
- *Ruth Haining,*
- *Kate Purcell*
- *Lesley Hannah*

8. Any Other Competent Business/ Topics for Discussion

- Troon Water Sports Centre (WSC) Project

Vincent McWhirter gave a presentation to the Members about the progress of the Troon Water Sports Centre project. A set of plans and various photographs of the site were on display at the meeting.

The WSC group now has a completed feasibility study and estimate the cost of the full development in its current form could be around £2m. The group will be presenting the project to Troon Community Council in early December and are planning a community engagement event for January. The next major objectives for the group are to bring more people and organisations into the project, forming a SCIO or other legal entity to become the driving force behind the project and agree a heads of terms for a lease with South Ayrshire Council who have indicated they would look favourably on such a lease.

Following this, a full planning application would be submitted with the cost (approx £1600) being met predominantly from existing funds allocated to the project, held in an Armour Construction Consultants client account. Once a provisional lease agreement and planning permission are in place, the group would aim to secure funding. A number of sources have been identified including the Big Lottery Fund and potentially the Ayrshire Growth Deal scheme, currently being developed.

There was a vote of thanks to the WSC group for their continued efforts.

Harry Risk led a discussion around safety and the use of lifejackets following the capsizing incident at Annan earlier this year. He highlighted the importance of ensuring straps are fitted securely and reminded members that lifejackets include a tube which allows the user to manually inflate or deflate the jacket once it has been deployed. The discussion also highlighted the importance of crews trying to keep together in the water in the event of a capsizing.

The importance of lifejacket maintenance was emphasised. Members are responsible for the maintenance of their own lifejackets although the Club will endeavour to remind them to conduct checks regularly.

The question of what is the most effective / safest type of lifejacket to use was raised.

There was general agreement that the manual inflation, waistcoat style jackets used by the Club are the best type and are what the Club would advise Members to buy. Some of those present raised concerns surrounding the waist-belt style lifejackets used by a few Members; questioning their ease of use in an emergency and pointing out that if the wearer was unconscious, it would be difficult for someone else in the water to deploy the jacket for them.

The meeting didn't consider it necessary to restrict the use of waist-belt style lifejackets but agreed the Club would keep the issue under consideration.

Various upcoming events were mentioned:

- Troon Wintertainment Parade (20th November)
- TCRC Christmas Meal (2nd December)
- Irvine Illuminations Festival (3rd December)
- Bag packing at Morrisons (19th December)
- Festive row at Prestwick (27th December)

The meeting also briefly touched on regattas for next year. Troon's regatta will hopefully take place on the 10th of June 2017 which has the best tide. Jim Palmer also mentioned the Ullapool Regatta on the 8th & 9th of July and suggested the Club might want to consider attending the regatta of Woudrichem Rowing Club in Holland on the 28th & 29th of May.

Tracey Fulton has agreed to take over the management of the Club's website.

At the SCRA AGM, a group was formed to consider standardising the design of oars and rowlocks for all St Ayles Skiffs. There was a feeling at the AGM that finding a single design which was compatible with all the possible types of launch (beach, slipway, pontoon) which different clubs have might prove difficult. The Club will monitor the progress of this SCRA group, which is to report at the 2017 SCRA AGM.

The AGM closed at 8.10pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.