

Troon Coastal Rowing Club
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 22nd November 2017
Anchorage Hotel, Troon

MINUTE OF MEETING

Sederunt (28)

Harry Risk (Chair), Jim Palmer (Treasurer), James Corbett (Secretary), Kirsty Letton, Jan Tucker, Jim Donaldson, Jimmy Letton, Anne Moreledge, Morag Kemp, Kirsty Woolley, Kenny Yates, Tom Andrew, Joyce Chessum, Jamie Mason, Lesley Hannah, Donald McIntyre, Ray Dodd, Thordur Jensson, Vincent McWhirter, Kate Purcell, Christine Collins, Adrian McCreadie, Kevin McQueen, Alan Farrell, David Michelson, Arthur Arnott, Brian Dalziel, Tracey Fulton, Ruby Adam, Moira Welsh.

1. Chair's Welcome

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

2. Apologies for absence

Jacque Wright, Bill Davies, Mick Boden, Jean Storer, Kathleen Bargh, Claire Williamson, Mike Downey, David Sutherland, Allan Benwood, Alan Gillespie, Isobel McKerrigan, Christine Bolster, Christine Tierney, Chris Johnston

3. To Approve the Minute of 2016 AGM

- APPROVED

4. Chair's Report

The Chair drew Member's attention to the copy of his report included with the AGM papers. The Chair felt the Club had another successful year, despite poor weather impacting on rowing sessions and the Club's regatta. Congratulations were given to those who took part in this year's Arran regatta at which the Club was the overall winner. The Chair encouraged Members to take part in regattas and expressed his thanks to the Committee.

5. Treasurer's review of Club Accounts

The Treasurer summarised the accounts for the Members. He noted that our expenditure for the year exceeded income by £279, in part due to the purchase of a new road trailer at a cost of £1485. The Club has now leased a new container from Troon Yacht Haven at a cost of £1089 p.a. The Treasurer also highlighted other recent expenses including £500 for insurance and approximately £600 towards boat maintenance including materials and a donation to the Scottish Maritime Museum.

Chris Johnston was thanked for auditing the Club accounts for another year.

6. Vote on Motions:

a. To Approve or Reject the Annual Accounts for the year end September 2017

- APPROVED

b. To Approve or Reject proposed amendments to Club Membership fees & fee structure for the period 2017/18:

I) Proposal to increase Ordinary Member fees and freeze Junior fees.

Some members present felt the proposed increase was not necessary at this time, particularly if we could secure a regular bag packing session at Morrisons however after some discussion, and a recognition that the decision could be revisited in a year, the majority of those present agreed to approve the proposal.

- APPROVED

II) Proposal to introduce a sliding fee structure

- APPROVED

III) Proposal to grant the Committee discretionary power to create an additional category of Membership.

- APPROVED

7. Elections to Committee

Five names were put forward to join the Committee for five vacancies.

The following Members were elected to join the Committee for a period of two years

- *David Michelson*
- *Jan Tucker*
- *Vincent McWhirter*
- *Jamie Mason*

8. Any Other Competent Business

- NONE

9. Close

The formal AGM closed at 7.30pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair. Members then took part in a discussion forum about various matters.

Summary of Discussion Forum

Troon Water Sports Centre

The WSC project continues to gather momentum with an enlarged group following the public display of the plans earlier this year. The project has secured £1000 through a participatory budgeting event to fund various "Try Water Sports" in the coming year following the success of a trial event this year which attracted around 100 people. The project group is beginning to develop a business plan in more detail in advance of funding applications and is currently seeking funding towards a borehole survey of the proposed site.

Relaunching the Club Training Programme

The Committee have suggested that the Club training programme, created in the early days of the Club, be relaunched. The programme is assessed by Club Coach Alan Farrell, with the support of a number of "assistant coaches" designated by the Committee. It was agreed that the Committee would explore the possibility of running an official VHF training course and host a coxes course with other local clubs.

Construction of another skiff.

The Club has asked the Committee to explore the possibility of constructing another skiff. Rather than the St Ayles Skiff, there was a suggestion that the Club build a smaller Wemyss Skiff, which would allow the Club greater flexibility about the numbers required to launch and row.

Christmas Row

The Club are to contact local clubs who take part in the annual Christmas row and see if they would be interested in attending an event in Troon this year between Christmas and New Year as the planned row at Carrick isn't taking place until 3rd January.

Visit to Arran

The Committee have been asked to consider arranging a day trip to Arran to row with Arran Coastal Rowing Club using their boats.

SCRA Events Calendar

There was a brief discussion of already announced regattas in the coming year. The Committee will consider which events to sign up to at their next meeting and will explore some options for taking part in more long distance rowing events in addition to conventional regattas.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm