

## **Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club Annual General Meeting**

Wednesday 24 April 2019

Hillhead Sports Club, Hughenden Road, G12 9XP

Present: Bob Beetham, Kate Borland, Floortje Brandsteder, Olive Burnside, Doleen Cunningham, Jim Dick, Liza Downie, David Graham, Irene Graham, Eric Grant, Karena Hansen, Shone Henderson, Anne MacDougall, Fiona MacLeod, Emmi Makiharju, Andrew McConnell, Gordon McCracken, Ross Ritchie, Sheila McCubbin, Liz Mitchell, Ross Paterson, Michael Stratigos, Susie Taylor, Nicola Tennant, Fran Tobin, Conor Walker, Ian Watson, Martyn Webster,

Apologies: David Brown, Bob D'Arcy, Pat Duchart, Richard Edwards, Alistair Trainor

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

FMacL welcomed members and introduced the Committee and asked for approval of the minutes of last year's AGM. They were approved without amendment.

#### **2. Convenor's Report**

FMacL thanked members who have given generously of their time over the past year. 2018 was a very successful year and the club now has 105 members, 58 female and 47 male.

Thanks to the hard work of IW and MS the club has benefited from £500 from the Sports Council for Glasgow for the barge, and £2893 from Glasgow Area Partnerships for a set of oars and a road trailer. Members donated £740 for the barge refurbishment. Thanks to a small surplus the club purchased a wheel lock and trailer insurance.

Our relationship with Clyde Maritime Trust has flourished and they granted use of the barge for a clubhouse. Thanks to GMcC for leading the refurbishment and to Tom Malone for creating oar storage. New windows and electricity were installed.

A small cohort of members worked with CMT to build a new skiff which will be on permanent loan to the club once launched in May.

CMT's accountant kindly agreed to audit our accounts.

VHF training took place in January thanks to Ross Ritchie.

Refurbishment of Lady Danger and Gobhancroft was carried out by club volunteers from May to August in CMT's workshop, with a spend of £1300.

Thanks were expressed to Anne MacDougall for keeping an eye on the skiffs throughout the year.

Emma Brown and Kat Garbutt were thanked for their work towards raising funds by making greeting cards with a unique stencil skiff design with the help of some club volunteers. Cards are on sale to members.

The club has adopted a No Trace policy in order keep the pontoon and its environs litter free.

On Sept 5 MS worked with the Marine Conservation Society to carry out a litter pick on the pontoon and surrounding area and the club received a Green Flag award from SCRA. These litter picks are continuing in conjunction with Keep Scotland Beautiful's Upstream Battle programme. Members were encouraged to assist with this.

The club was involved with the Clydebuilt Festival again this year: we ran a tombola which raised £300, assisted with the Castle to Crane race and ran a scavenger hunt for visiting clubs.

Thanks was given to Shona Henderson and Ewan Strachan for organising the training and coxing of the crews for C2C.

Further to the purchase of our new trailer, members are encouraged to take part in C2C and regattas and attend the training that is organised.

The club also featured in a music video for the Scottish band Niteworks, taken out visitors from Outward Bound and assisted the artist Robert Thomas Mills with his Glasgow International installation as part of the GI Festival.

The club currently has 15 skippers and members were encouraged to sign up to becoming a skipper.

A Development Strategy has been developed and members were encouraged to comment on this and to attend committee meetings.

FMacL stated that she has enjoyed the role of Convenor and was happy to continue and thanked the other office bearers for their support.

### **3. Treasurer's Report and Accounts 2018-19**

The club is projecting an end of year surplus of around £600.

Merchandise sales were disappointing but this is hampered as the club has to take orders and payment, rather than hold stock. Members attending the Skiffie Worlds and regattas were encouraged to purchase club kit.

Less was spent on the barge than budgeted but it was our largest investment, £974 was spent on administration which included £450 on insurance.

### **4. Draft Budget 2019-20 Development Plan**

Projected membership is 70 but this should increase and there has already been £400 contribution to our development fund from members.

The club will purchase 6 life vests for the new skiff.

Future refurbishment of the two existing skiffs will be required.

Straps for the trailer will be purchased.

Oar racks will be built.

Further grants will be applied for so that the club can maintain a surplus.

Insurance has increased due to the additional skiff and new trailer.

A list of priorities will be drawn up with input from members.

### **5. Subscription Rates 2020-21**

It was agreed that the subscription rates would remain the same with request for additional donations for the development fund.

## **6. Constitution Amendments**

Further to the stipulation of some grant applications to state what type of body we are, the club will be referred to as an Unincorporated Association.

The club viability depends on renewal of membership so it was agreed that if membership was not renewed by the end of April then it would be deemed as lapsed and members may only reapply 2 months after that date.

It was agreed that a waiting list for membership could be applied at the discretion of the Committee to ensure that rowing sessions are sustainable.

It was agreed that the wording around the election of office bearers will be streamlined to allow online nominations 5 days prior to AGM, voting by a show of hands at the AGM, self nominations and finally there will be no need to send out a list of nominations 7 days prior to the AGM.

## **7. Development Strategy**

This has evolved due to the successful grant applications.

Equipment acquisition and priorities will be proposed by members as the club develops and the committee will try to access funding.

## **8. Committee: Election of Office Bearers – Convenor, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Members**

Michael Stratigos nominated Fiona MacLeod to continue her role as Convenor, which was seconded by Doleen Cunningham.

Michael Stratigos nominated Ian Watson to continue his role as Treasurer, which was seconded by Anne MacDougall.

Michael Stratigos nominated Kate Borland to continue her role as Secretary, which was seconded by Ross Ritchie.

Michael Stratigos nominated Gordon McCracken to remain a member of the Committee, which was seconded by Ross Paterson.

Fiona MacLeod nominated Michael Stratigos to remain a member of the Committee, which was seconded by Eric Grant.

Fiona MacLeod nominated Floortje Brandsteder to be a member of the Committee, which was seconded by Susie Taylor.

Ian Watson nominated Susie Taylor to be a member of the Committee, which was seconded by Fiona MacLeod.

Ian Watson nominated Liza Downie to be a member of the Committee, which was seconded by Gordon McCracken.

Martyn Webster was nominated by Fiona MacLeod to be a member of the Committee and seconded by Ian Watson.

## **9. Rowing Sessions**

To encourage more attendance and enable more rowing, it was agreed that Wednesday evening club sessions would be reinstated during the summer and Saturday morning club sessions during the winter. It was suggested that a doodle poll be used to get availability for a rota for skippers for these sessions.

There are currently 4 members waiting to be signed off as skippers and it was noted that skippers have to be keen to run rowing sessions for the club to flourish.

## **10. Fundraising**

It has been a very successful year for fund raising and looking to the future we will need a roadmap as to what we chose to fund and the club will apply to the Sports Council for Glasgow and other bodies for grants based on this.

Suggestions for a set of oars for regattas, boat covers, seat cushions and mesh bags for belongings on board were made.

## **11. Calendar 2019**

On 4<sup>th</sup> May the club is participating in a “have-a-go” day in Inverary where member Martyn Webster is trying to raise local interest in skiff building.

There has been interest from members for the Skiffie Worlds on 7-12 July and FB is organising arrangements.

The club will enter teams for Castle to Crane on Saturday 21 September and training has already started. Members are encouraged to take a skiff and trailer to events or attend individually.

## **12. AOB**

Irene Graham acknowledged the skippers efforts to carry out rowing sessions for the club.

Susie Taylor thanked the Committee for their work.

Liz Mitchell thanked the small cohort of members who refurbished the existing skiffs and built the new one.