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**Annual General Meeting
7:00PM 12 February 2016
In the Club House**

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The meeting was opened by the Commodore Jim Mclean at 19:20.

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted by:

Patrick Condy	Sal Condy	Joan Donaldson	Helen Rldyard
Nigel Milne	Vickie Milne	Kevin Taylor	Ian Sinclair
Ali Marshall	Andrew Manwell	Molly McLachlan	Fergus Campbell
Yvonne Murton			

2. Attendance

See attached Attendance list.

3. Minutes of the 2015 AGM

These were circulated at the start of the meeting were proposed as a correct record with the following amendments by Brian Tester and seconded by Richard Murton.

- The Sederunt should be 2015 not 2014 and the double input removed.

4. Commodores Remarks

Jim thanked everybody who assisted him during his period as Commodore. While the Club had not been successful in its dealings with the Marina. There were a number of notable successes the last year namely in getting the number of non-paid mooring licences down and an increase in membership amongst those who race on a Wednesday night. Thanks were expressed for Lorn Campbell and Ali Marshall's efforts to resolve these issues.

5. Matters Arising

Questions were asked about the relationship with the Marina and was there anything that the Club could do to improve relations. Currently it is the opinion of the Committee that every avenue has been explored to no avail. It is also of the opinion that what is being requested from the Marina goes beyond what is acceptable to the Club and would in fact put it at risk. It was suggested that the Club contact Sandbank Community Council about the Marina however, it was also suggested that we do not wish to seek confrontation with our neighbour.

6. Treasurers Report

The accounts were circulated at the start of the meeting. Overall the Clubs finances are in reasonable state with over £29,000.00 in the bank at the end of the year.

This is down on last year when the account stood at £32,000.00 for the same period and went from a surplus of £2,629.00 in 2014 to a deficit of £2,647.00 in 2015. Overall income received was up by 1.3% on the year 2014, at £20,1814.00.

Against a background of an overall increase in membership, with 10 new members taking the overall total membership to 129. There was a drop of 13.6% in value of membership fees from 2014 to £5,400.00 in 2015. This has come about as a higher

than normal proportion of existing members re-joined as Social Members rather than full Sailing Members.

Outgoings were up by 23% on 2014 at £23,461.10 this is mainly due to a number of key one off expenditures:

- £1412.00 for a new trailer;
- £1376.00 to redecorate the Clubhouse;
- £804.00 for works around the Slipway; and
- £703.00 for the Cabinet to store starting guns.

Other areas where there were cost increases included:

- the Club made a donation of £500 from the Calum McLachlan Fund;
- Rescue Boat repairs of £299; and
- postage up by £435 following the re-introduction of the year book.

The increased spend on the above accounts for all of the overall increase in spend.

The only other area of significant increase in spend was against Kitchen/ Bar Purchases, due as a result of the use of more of the occasional licences. This was offset by takings of £1855.00 an increase of 176% on 2014's income.

Regatta

The number of participants was down slightly with 44 boats taking place 2 less than in 2014. Again the Regatta provided a surplus over expenditure and in 2015 this was £746.00 before the sponsors contribution of £500.00 was included. Paul Bew of City Sailing has expressed a wish to not take up the option to sponsor the Regatta for another year but is happy to make a donation in the region of £300.00 towards funding it.

It should be noted that in 2014 the costs incurred for Moorings and Berthings were coded under Licences and Insurance rather than the specific Moorings and Berthings cost heading this has been rectified for 2015. For comparison purposes the combined spend of these two cost centres in 2014 was £6069.00 and £5648.00 in 2015 a difference of £421.00.

A query was raised about increase in spending on the prize giving up to £2,577.00 an increase of £1425.00 The result of this is that it would appear that the Prize giving made a substantial loss over other years. This was not the case and will be investigated and reported back to Committee.

The Accounts were proposed by Kenny Love and Seconded by Neil Towart

7. Membership Fee

The Committee recommendation was based on the fact that as fees had been increased for the season 2015. While the Club had a small deficit in 2015 there was no need to increase the fees in 2016. The recommendation not to revise the level of the fees was accepted by general consensus.

8. Sailing Secretary Report

Looking back 2015, was a successful season in as much no races were cancelled, and we had reasonable weather conditions.

With regard to the numbers participating although the numbers in the Dinghy, Piper and the Handicap Class "A" Classes all held steady. In the Flying Fifteen Class, the numbers were down to point where there were just enough to qualify for a separate start. While in the Handicap Class "B" the number of participants was almost non-existent.

The 2015 opening regatta had a rather unique social aspect to it in that Fairlie Yacht Club had a muster to the Marina that same day, and a most successful get together of the two clubs, took place in the evening. It is proposed to repeat this again in 2016 with hopefully a better evening weather wise, allowing us to put out the awning.

The turnout for Sunday racing is still low and leaves much room for improvement in the numbers participating. The exception to this was the pursuit race to Cove when 10 boats of all classes took part, and was a great success, again it is proposed to be repeated this in 2016.

The Clubs annual weekend Regatta, sponsored by Paul Bew of City Sailing, proved a success both afloat and ashore. Both wind and weather were kind.

Considerable thanks are due to several individuals, without whom, success would be impossible. Andrew Paterson and Tony Ridyard in the race box, Brian Tester and Iain McCuaig in the rescue rib, Kenny love for his culinary skills on the BBQs at the end of each series and Chris Wilson and her numerous assistants for the post sailing refreshments.

9. Election of Office Bearers

Prior to the elections in his last official duty Jim thanked everybody who had supported him during his tenure as Commodore not least his long suffering wife Frances. Jim reflected on when he first joined the Club in the days when Ian Mitchell was Commodore at that time he never thought that one day he would be Commodore

Robert Towart took the chair for the election of the Commodore

Position	Commodore	There being no other nominations Bill Aitcheson was elected
Nomination	Bill Aitcheson	
Proposed	Jim Mclean	
Seconded	Richard Murton	

Bill Aitcheson Takes the Chair

Position	Vice Commodore	There being no other nominations Lorn Campbell was elected.
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Proposed	Bill Aitcheson	
Seconded	Frances Mclean	

Position Honorary Secretary There being no other nominations Scott
 Nomination Scott Crossley Crossley was elected.
 Proposed Bill Aitchison
 Seconded Mike Condy

Position Honorary Treasurer
 Nomination Lorraine Witton There being no other nominations
 Proposed Jim McLean Lorraine Witton was elected.
 Seconded Scott Crossley

It was proposed that Bill Aitcheson continue on with his duties as Sailing Secretary as no replacement could be found. Concern was expressed that two important posts were lodged with one individual. In reply it was stated that while a replacement had been sought nobody had come forward. It was suggested from the floor and agreed that the Committee would investigate the possibility of appointing an Assistant Race Officer who would take on the Race Officer duties in the long term.

There are three Committee Posts to be filled this year and nominations were asked from the floor

The following were nominated

Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Caroline Clark	Bill Aitcheson	Scott Crossley
Tony Ridyard	Scott Crossley	Jim Mclean
Rowena Donaldson	Bob Donaldson	Lorn Campbell
Iain McCuaig	Brain Tester	Derek Pullen

Standing orders were suspended while two tellers (Mike Condy and Robert Towart) were appointed and a ballot took place. Ballot slips were handed out and the votes were counted as result the following were elected Caroline Clark, Tony Ridyard and Rowena Donaldson. Commiserations were given to Iain along with recognition of the sterling work he does on the Rescue Rib. It was hoped that this would not prevent him from coming forward in future.

10. Appointment of Auditor

It was Proposed that Phil Pitman be asked to continue to audit the accounts.

11. Any other competent Business

- **End of Series Barbeques**

The Committee proposes that in future all racing sailors will be asked to pay £3.00 at the end of series one Barbeque to cover the costs of providing the food at each of the end of series Barbeques. - This was accepted by consensus

- **Piper Jubilee Regatta**

Duncan Chalmers explained that as 2016 is the Jubilee Year for the Piper Class a number of events have been planned. The May Piper Weekend at HLSC has been rearranged as an across the Clyde event at the Beginning of June. It is proposed to have a mid-Clyde start on Friday evening with a race to Royal Northern at Helensburgh. On Saturday the Race would be down from Royal Northern to Royal Gourock and on Sunday across to the Holy Loch for the celebrations and prize giving. It is hoped that there will be a large turnout of boats from all over the Clyde with crews coming from further afield.

On the social side after the racing it is planned to organise events at each port of call

It was suggested that as Boat no 50 belongs to a Club Member that a picture of it feature on the cover of the 2016 Hand book. This was agreed subject to suitable photographs being available.

- **Boats in the Yard**

Concern was raised that there a number of boats stored in the yard with their masts still up. This can create problems in high winds with boats being blown over. It was reported that recently that a number of insurance companies had set a time limit after a boat has been brought ashore for its mast to be taken down. Outside of this or during periods of named storms for boats with masts still stepped insurance cover could be reduced or rescinded altogether.

It was agreed to look at the rules for using the Car Park to ensure this is covered.

- **Commodore Board**

A request was made to have the Commodore Board updated. This is already in hand

12. Date of next meeting

Friday 10/02/2016 at 7:00PM

There being no further Business the meeting closed at 8:45 PM

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Frances McLean
David Maclagan
Tony Ridyard
Andrew MacVicar
Richard Murton
Caroline Clark
Andrew Paterson
Bill Aitchison
Allan Lyall
Iain McCuaig
Bob Donaldson
Rowena Donaldson
Lewis Crossley
Johnathan Bond
Louise Perrett
Duncan Chalmers
Jim Mclean
Lorn Campbell

Duncan Chalmers
Neil Towart
Rob Brown
Patrick Gibb
Michael Moore
Alex Bisset
Andrew Leech
Mike Condy
Derek Pullen
Lorraine Witton
Chloe Witton
Brian Tester
Kenneth Love
Robert Towart
Eric Witton
Philip Pittman
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