



Holy Loch **Sailing Club**

Sandbank, Dunoon, Firth of Clyde



Annual General Meeting 2014

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Scott Crossley

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Minute of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

held at the Clubhouse, Shore Road Sandbank, Dunoon

The meeting was opened by the Commodore Tommy McGeachie at 19:40 hrs

1. Apologies

Apologies were submitted by:

Bob Donaldson	Ian Sinclair	Tony Ridyard	Andy Love
Rowena Donaldson		Helen Ridyard	Brendon Wallace
Neil J Wilson			

2. Attendance

See attached Attendance list

3. Minutes of the 2013 AGM having been circulated at the start of the meeting were proposed as a correct record by Kenny Love and seconded by Frances Mclean.

4. Commodores Remarks

Tommy thanked everybody who assisted him during his time as Commodore in particular John Orr and Brendon Wallace who are both standing down this year. Tommy expressed his confidence in the new committee to maintain the club and for it to go from strength to strength. On a sad note the club notes the passing of Alistair Collier a longstanding and active member. On behalf of the club committee sent flowers to Isobel who has expressed her appreciation in a thank you letter.

5. Matters Arising

None

6. Treasurers Report

In the absence of the Treasurer John Orr read a statement provided by Brendon see attached.

Brendon sends his apologies for not being able to be present the Accounts have been certified by the auditor Richard Miler of Miller Romi. The key points from Brendon's report were:

- the membership fees show a reduction of £320 on 2012's figure as this is just over 5% at this time this does not give cause for concern;
- the Accounts show a deficit of £2542 this year which is less than in 2012 when the deficit was £4834;.
- the club spent £9793 on repairs and maintenance the majority of this was on painting the club house the new fencing as well as general repairs to the car park and the awning; and
- the revenue from the regatta was up on 2012 by £1306 at the same time the costs were down by £938, this is mainly due to not having to hire the Marquee.



On sponsorship of the Regatta it was reported that despite lengthy negotiations with the sponsor involving several members of the committee the sponsorship payment was not forthcoming. The committee agreed to put it to the meeting that no further action on this matter be taken.

It was proposed by Robert Towart that this matter be now closed and was seconded by Bill Aitchison.

Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Bill Aitchison and was seconded by Mike Condy

7. Membership Fees

The committee recommend that the fees remain the same as in 2013
Acceptance of the Committee's recommendation was proposed by Kenny Love and was seconded by Lewis Crossley.

8. Sailing Secretary

The Secretary's report is attached The key points from Bill's report are:

- there was a good turn out at the Wednesday races which were run;
- the turn out at weekends was still patchy
- the shore based running of the regatta from Lazaretto point was successful and it is intended to run from there again; and
- there is to an extra weekend race on the 21 /09 Bart's Bash The Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation is planning a monster sized attempt to set a new Guinness World Record for 'The Largest Sailing Race' in the World Ever. The club is keen to take part and if there is enough interest will approach the marina to put back the piper/ keel boat lift out to allow them to participate.

9. Election of Office Bearers

Robert Towart took the chair for the election of the Commodore

Position	Commodore	
Nomination	Jim Mclean	There being no other nominations
Proposed	Tommy McGeachie	Jim Mclean was elected
Seconded		

Jim McLean Takes the Chair

Position	Vice Commodore	There being no other nominations
Nomination	Bill Aitchison	Bill Aitchison was elected. Bill will
Proposed		retain his duties as Sailing
Seconded		Secretary along with his role of
		vice Commodore

Position	Honorary Secretary	
Nomination	Scott Crossley	There being no other nominations
Proposed	Jim McLean	Scott Crossley was elected
Seconded	Mike Condy	



Position	Honorary Treasurer	
Nomination	Lorn Campbell	There being no other nominations
Proposed	Jim McLean	Lorn Campbell was elected
Seconded	Chris Wilson	

Position	Committee Member	
Nomination	Brian Tester	There being no other nominations
Proposed	Tommy McGeachie	Brian Tester was elected
Seconded	Kenny Love	

Position	Committee Member	
Nomination	Duncan Chalmers	There being no other nominations
Proposed		Duncan Chalmers was elected
Seconded		

Position	Committee Member	Having previously agreed to stand
Nomination	Iain Sinclair	There being no other nominations
Proposed		Iain Sinclair was elected
Seconded		

Other Committee Members

Ali Marshall	year 2
Tony Riyard	year 2
Neil Towart	year 2

10. Signatories

Following the appointment of Lorn Campbell to the post of Treasurer all previous signatories to be removed and replaced by Lorn Campbell and Bill Aitcheson

11. Appointment of Auditor

Richard Miler has advised that he will not be able continue in his role of auditor. It was remitted to the committee to appoint a suitably qualified person to audit the accounts.

12. Any other competent Business

Slipway:

- an update on the slipway repairs was given at present it is envisaged that only minor repairs at the end of the slip are required; and
- no decision has yet been made on whether to fit a capstan or winch as the rescue boat is now on a mooring this may not even be required.

Marina:

- the committee intend to pursue as far as practically possible the issue of the pontoons and are currently in correspondence with Marine Scotland; and
- the relations with the Marina at this particular time are not as positive as the Club would like to see.

13. Date of next meeting

Friday 20/02/2015 at 7:30PM



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Frances McLean
Patrick Condy
Chris Wilson
Bill Aitchison
Lewis Crossley
Jim Lee
Jim Mclean
Lorn Campbell
Duncan Chalmers
Neil Towart
Tommy McGeachie

Ruth Mulholland
Mike Condy
Alistair Marshall
Derek Pullen
Scott Crossley
Paul Ben
Fergus Campbell
Brian Tester
Kenneth Love
Robert Towart
John Orr



Treasurers Report 2013

I am sorry I could not make the AGM, due to a mix up with dates I am away in Austria. Kindly John has offered to read out the report and try to answer any questions on the accounts that have been passed round.

These accounts have been checked and approved by Richard Miller from Miller Romi international Tax Planners and Certified accountants, who is also a member of the club.

I started as Treasurer back in 2008 when I offered to fill in for a month or two whilst they found a replacement for Les. I have enjoyed the roll over the years with it varied challenges. After five years I felt it was the right moment to stand down from being treasurer and started my pursuit of the next victim, er I mean candidate. Lorn has helped greatly over the past couple of years with his involvement in the regatta's income and expenditure, he has good knowledge of IT and paypal, the system we use for collecting online memberships and regatta entry fees. So there began my challenge.... Convincing Lorn to take up the roll... it will only take 5 minutes a month Lorn, honest. Etc etc... and to my surprise Lorn was very keen. But seriously, I would only pass on this roll to someone whom I felt could handle it in the best interests of the club and I sincerely see Lorn as that person. If Lorn is voted in as treasurer during the AGM then I have agreed to hand over the accounts and systems to Lorn over the next few months. I will go through showing him the methods I used and ensure that any questions he has are answered and worked through.

We recently had a valuation carried out on the club house. Not for any reason but to make sure we had the correct figure for insurance purposes, in the event of some freak tidal surge taking the club house away etc. The valuation is a great deal more than that shown in the fixed assets. The valuation came in at £168'000 for club house rebuild. The accounts show the asset worth £39000. However this doesn't have any affect as no taxes are paid from the sailing club. The only benefit as such to increase this in the accounts are to demonstrate the true value if the club was looking to borrow money from a bank. All the craft, toppers, rescue boats etc have all been written off in value, but again these could be refreshed in the asset register if the need was required.

The 2013 accounts show that we made a loss this year, which is due to the expense of the slip, membership figures being down again slightly to 131 members, we had 141 last year, and we purchased a new engine for the rescue boat.

Apart from the slip way repairs we also had a few items of additional expense which included fence repairs, painting of the club house building, parts for the Neil Wilson designed Awning. New Engine, Woolly Hats, Sign for gate, Vhf batteries, Anchors and Electrical inspection and certificate.

The awning proved a great success at the Clubs regatta which helped by lowering the costs the club has to pay towards the regatta. The marquee costs the club £1400 each year but this expense was not required due to the awning.

Before the last AGM, in 2013 the sponsor for the regatta promised to pay the previously agreed amount of £1000 to the club for sponsorship that was outstanding for the 2012 regatta. The committee discussed this outstanding debt and agreed to reduce it to £500 for the overdue 2012 regatta and charge just £500 for the 2013 regatta as long as it was paid



promptly. This was accepted by the sponsor and we received thanks for the offer and it was agreed to. However, after numerous attempts from many different members of the committee the debt of £1000 has still not been paid. I would like to open this subject up for discussion following this report, as to what the club would like the committee to do with regards to this debt. The regatta without the additional expense of the marquee can stand on its own two feet and does not require sponsorship to make it happen. However any sponsorship we can acquire will benefit the club. It should also be mentioned that the work that the sponsor has put into the regatta over the past couple of years has been key to its success. Never the less an agreement was made and it has not been fulfilled by the sponsor.

With regards to the levy, to date we have spent 13165.92 and have paid off 8906.00 therefore leaving a surplus of 4259.92. With a little more expense due to be spent on the slip this year I would propose that the levy stays in situ for 2014 and 2015. This should mean the levy would end a year earlier than the originally proposed five years due to the additional fund raising that has been arranged by the committee.

The club made a slight loss last year totalling £2600.00, which was mainly due to the purchasing of a new engine and some more expense on the slip. Taking into account an additional saving of around £1000 for not printing or posting the year book then the club should go back into profit for this year.

Taking into account the little expenditure envisaged for next year the committee have decided to keep the memberships fees at the same rate as last year.



Honorary Sailing Secretary Report

We were very fortunate last season in the Wednesday evening series, that there were no cancellations due to adverse weather. The complete programme was sailed, and all races were keenly contested. The weekend racing was again not as well supported, but there was an improvement on last year. Incorporating, what had been originally a Sunday event, into an evening race, had worked out, and this would continue. The piper weekend in May had reduced numbers, but this coming year, the date had been adjusted to avoid a clash of interest. We, as a club, provided the total management for the piper class championships, based at R.G.Y.C. thanks were expressed at the time to all those who helped on the c/v, and those who did the mark laying from the ribs. The event was won by an ex H.L.S.C member, guest helming a boat based at R.N.C.Y.C. we were privileged to be asked to run the Scottish championships of the flying fifteen class in June. The two races on Saturday were successfully completed, albeit out with the loch, but the 35kts of wind prevented any racing on the Sunday. The event was judged a success by the competitors because of the hard work put in by the shore based team, which smoothed the situation. The marine blast regatta departed from previous formats, inasmuch as the start lines were laid at lazaretto point, with the race committee ashore. Wind and weather conditions were ideal for such a set up, and we also had Arnold Clarks "Drum" participating in the handicap class. This contributed to the success of the weekend, in both sailing and social aspects.

An event has been added to the calendar this ensuing season, namely 'barts bash', being held on Sunday 21st September, for which we are registered.

I would like to thank most sincerely Andrew Paterson, my assistant in the race box for his unstinting support, and assuming the race officer mantle as required. Lorn Campbell for his computer skills in the results department. The Ridyards, the Condys, the Murtons, Stan Ireland, Alison Currie, all helped on various occasions, both afloat and ashore, and Brian Tester who was the main driver of the rescue boat. Thanks are due to them all. I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor in the race box, Alasdair Collyer, who passed away in January. Without his ability and knowledge in the running of the racing, this club would be much the poorer today, as he laid the groundwork for our continuing success. He will be sadly missed. Our sympathies are with Isabel and the family.

In closing I would ask for sailing members to continue to support the fixtures, particularly the weekend events.