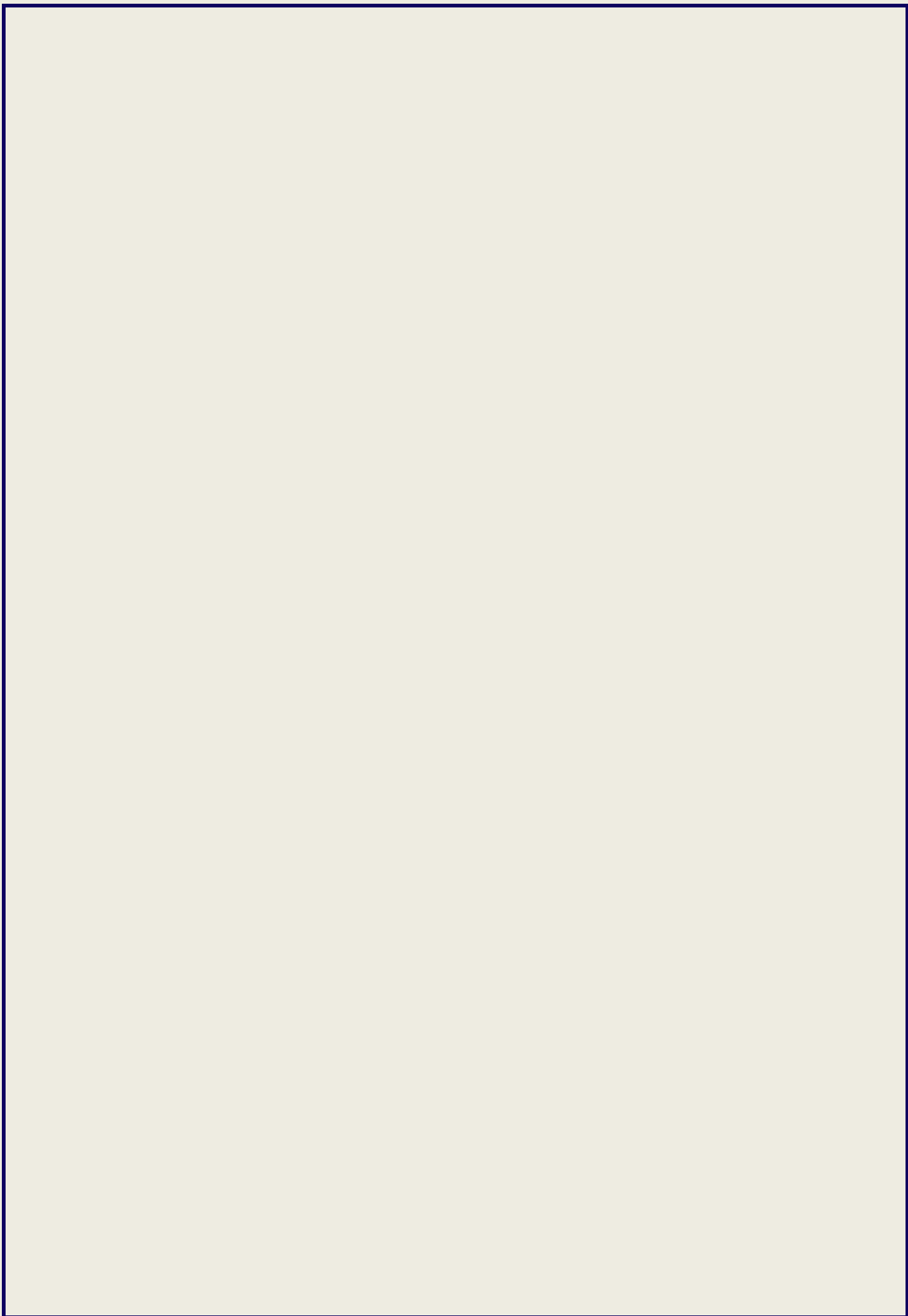




**Annual General Meeting  
7:00PM 10 February 2017  
In the Club House**



The meeting was opened by the Commodore Bill Aitcheson at 19:20.

**1. Attendance**

See attached Attendance list.

**2. Apologies**

See Attached list of Apologies

**3. Commodores Remarks**

I am pleased to report that throughout the year we have seen an active sailing scene with participation being maintained across the board. Our social events continue to be well supported both by the members and their guests. For the last two years of Fairlie Yacht Club, have joined us at the opening Regatta social night and have made a major contribution to its success. I am pleased to announce that they are coming again this year and we look forward to their arrival.

The Clubhouse has continued to be used by members for private functions as well other affiliated yacht clubs. We were please to assist club member Andy Thom of the Majestic by giving them the use of the clubhouse at the naming ceremony of their new vessel Glen Etive.

I would like to thank all the members of our hard working committee for their support during the year. I would like to thank those members who make up the club's volunteer kitchen staff, whose invaluable efforts have ensured that the reputation of HLSC for catering is unsurpassed on the Clyde. I make mention particularly of their efforts at the September Regatta. Also, the awning team, who double the size of our clubhouse with no little effort.

On a slightly negative note, regardless of the sport many clubs are having trouble in both attracting new, and holding onto existing, members. We are no exception to this trend but we are more fortunate than most. As a relatively small club we need to be continually vigilant and I would like to urge you all to make every effort to attract new members thereby ensuring that we can build on our relative success.

Thankyou

**4. Minutes of the 2016 AGM**

These were circulated at the start of the meeting were proposed as a correct record by Jim Mclean and seconded by Caroline Clark.

**5. Matters Arising**

Questions were asked about the continuing relationship with the Marina There has been no further decline and while there have been some developments this is not seen as being a significant improvement in overall relations

**6. Treasurers Report**

The accounts were circulated at the start of the meeting. Overall the Clubs finances are in reasonable state with over £22,000.00 in the bank at the end of the year.

This is down on last year when the account stood at over £29 000.00 for the same period. This was mainly due to a major expense of over £7,000.00 for repairs to the rescue boat

Against this there was an increase in membership fees, from £5,400 to £6,675 this is an increase of 19 % on 2015. Income from both the Regatta and race entry fees was down on 2015 at £2,305 and £1,050 respectively. This was a reduction of 26% in the income from Regatta and 16% in income from race fees

Overall all Outgoings were up by £4,011 on 2015 when the cost of the Rib repair is discounted there was an actual surplus on receipts over payments of £1,010

The Accounts were proposed by Brain Tester and Seconded by Alan Lyall

#### **7. Auditors Report**

The Auditor confirmed that based on the level of investigation the accounts have been properly prepared and give a true and fair view of the state of the Clubs Finances. The Auditor noted that the level of Overall funds had declined again and urged that this be monitored to ensure it does not continue.

Also, it was suggested that:

- if not already in place the Club have in place procedures for appointing higher value contracts; and
- some concern was raised that the officers faced potential legal action because of non-payment of an account and if not already in place procedures should be put in place to prevent this.

#### **8. Membership Fee**

It was proposed to increase the membership fees to the following

Membership Type	Annual Subscription
Sailing	£65
Social	£25
Intermediate	£30
Cadet	£15
Family	£90

#### **9. Sailing Secretary Report**

This year was relatively successful in as much as all the sailing calendar was completed. Pipers and Dinghies maintained their numbers, but the Handicap class and Flying Fifteen class dropped slightly. There is still the vexed question of support for weekend events, apart from our September Regatta. A class of Toppers is now competing regularly on Wednesday evenings, as school commitments allow.

It was the jubilee year of the Piper class, and a weekend event was held at the beginning of June. The event was hosted equally by the Royal Northern Yacht Club

along with Royal Gourock(RGYC) and ourselves, and culminated with a parade of sail in perfect conditions in the Holy Loch on the Sunday afternoon followed by the prizegiving and party in our Club House.

I was informed that RGYC were replacing their launch, "Ailsa" and we received word from their Commodore that they would be happy to donate the vessel to us. As a sign of appreciation, the Club donated to Royal Gourock the monies given to us for the use our starting cannon at a local event.

The September Regatta was sponsored by local marine engineers Swordfish Marine. A big thankyou to them for their generosity.

I would like to thank the team of people, without whom, yacht racing just wouldn't happen. Andrew Paterson, and Tony Ridyard who make up the triumvirate in the race box. Caroline Clark, the assistant sailing secretary, for her willing support, and for her meticulous organisation of the prizegiving. Lorn Campbell, whose i.t. skills ensure a smooth results service, Rob Brown for his willing help with "sabbatical". Mike and Sal Condy for their assistance at Polaris and Kenny Love for the end of series BBQs. which have proved to be extremely popular.

In closing may I wish you all fair winds, sunshine, and blue skies in the forthcoming season.

#### **10. Election of Office Bearers**

Prior to the elections, Bill thanked everybody who had supported him during his first year as

Robert Towart took the chair for the election of the Commodore

Position	Commodore	
Nomination	Bill Aitcheson	There being no other nominations Bill
Proposed	Rowena Donaldson	Aitcheson was elected
Seconded	Bob Donaldson	

Bill Aitcheson Takes the Chair

Position	Vice Commodore	
Nomination	Lorn Campbell	There being no other nominations Lorn
Proposed	Mike Condie	Campbell was elected.
Seconded	Caroline Clark	

Position	Honorary Secretary	
Nomination	Scott Crossley	There being no other nominations Scott
Proposed	Derek Pullen	Crossley was elected.
Seconded	Patrick Condy	

Position	Honorary Treasurer	
Nomination	Lorraine Whitton	There being no other nominations
Proposed	Eric Whitton	Lorraine Whitton was elected.
Seconded	Frances Maclean	

Position	Honorary Sailing Secretary	
Nomination	Bill Aitcheson	

Proposed  
Seconded

Jim Maclean  
Mike Condie

There being no other nominations Bill  
Aitcheson was elected

Because of, a committee member retiring early there are three Committee Posts to be filled this year and nominations were asked from the floor

The following were nominated

Nominee

Proposed

Seconded

Duncan Chalmers

Rowena Donaldson

Caroline Clark

Brian Tester

Alan Lyall

Jim Maclean

For one year only

Ian Sinclair

Jim Maclean

Patrick Condy

Following a request from the Auditor it was agreed to prepare a guidance note on early retirement of committee members.

### **11. Appointment of Auditor**

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

### **12. Any other competent Business**

#### **Constitution**

It was announced that the Club was in the process of revising its Rules (Constitution) to bring them into line with current practice and to deal with a number of anomalies that had arisen. A draft constitution will be made available to the members for comment and feedback prior to it being presented to the members at a special general meeting to be held later on in the year.

#### **By Law**

A revised by-law regarding storing craft and trailers on Club premises was presented and agreed.

#### **Use of Rescue Rib**

There was some debate on the use of the rescue rib to ferry crews out to their boats. Discussion was somewhat intense with strong held views on both sides

### **13. Date of next meeting**

Friday 09/02/2016 at 7:00PM

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



## Attendance At 2017 AGM

Scott Crossley  
David Maclaggan  
Philip Pittman  
Eric Whitton  
Alistair Stevenson  
Louise Perrett  
Neil Towart  
MJP Moore  
Lorn Campbell  
Rowena Donaldson  
Patrick Condy  
Mike Condy  
Frances Mclean  
Bill Aitcheson  
Derek Pullen

Caroline Clark  
Alistair MacVicar  
Lorraine Whitton  
Chloe Whitton  
Andrew Leech  
Johathan Bond  
Robert Towart  
Andrew Paterson  
Bob Donaldson  
Molly McLachan  
Kenny Love  
Tony Ridyard  
Jim Mclean  
Brian Tester  
Alan Lyall

Plus 1 other

Total 31



## Apologies at 2017 AGM

Paul Bew

Cushla Thom

Andy Thom

Iain Sinclair

Fergus Campbell

Jeremy Thomson

Iain McGeoch

Helen Ridyard

Sallie Condy

Alan Slicer

Joan Donaldson

Lewis Crossley