

## Holy Loch Sailing Club

### Annual General Meeting 10 February 2023

In Line with guidance and our constitution the AGM was a combination of a face-to-face meeting and on line video conference. All attendees were able to participate.

#### 1. Attendance

See attendance sheet: 34 members attended which is 23% of the current total **Voting** Membership in 2022 this is upon last year's turnout of 20% and is in line with the pre covid average of 23% and is back to pre Covid levels

#### 2. Apologies

Apologies noted on Apologies Sheet

#### 3. Commodores Remarks

Welcome everyone to this years' AGM attending in person or by Zoom  
This is my final AGM as Commodore and if for nothing else I will go down in Clubs history as the Commodore who served for three years and not completed one full programme of events.

Last year was another unfortunate uncomplicated season, having got through Covid and almost an entire season we then lose Polaris.

We did manage to hold the Scottish Championship for Flying Fifteens with some financial assistance from Dunoon Presents, we created a first with a Piper on the foredeck of the Committee boat ahead of the first start.

Another first was the arrival of the RC35 class and despite what was the wettest weekend known to man they had some tremendous racing both in the Firth and Holy Loch

Both sets of class captains were impressed with the race management and Club facilities which hopefully bodes well for them returning in the future.

On a more solemn note we note the passing of three long term members, David Wilson, Les Morrison and Molly Mclaughlin all of whom gave many years' service to the Club.

#### 4. Minutes of 2022 AGM

These were circulated in advance.

#### 5. Matters Arising

Derek Parlane an Honorary member has been omitted from the Membership list.

**6. Minutes Proposed Rowena Donaldson by Seconded by Chris Wilson**

For	Against	Abstentions	Total	%	Simple Majority Required
34	0	0	34	100.00%	Passed

**Treasurer's Report**

7. The Treasurers Report had been circulated in advance along with the balance sheet there were several questions from the floor re the Prize giving income, the only income was for the meals because of a number of cancellations the Club was left with a positive balance. Also, the Boat parking was down due to the impact of the policy to increase charges for craft left unlaunched.

**8. Proposed Mike Condy Seconded Jim Hoey**

For	Against	Abstentions	Total Votes	Simple Majority Required
34	0	0	34	Passed

**9. Auditors Report**

The Auditors have 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

**10. Proposed Scott Crossley Seconded Andrew Leech**

For	Against	Abstentions	Total Votes	Simple Majority Required
34	0	0	34	Passed

**11. Membership Fees**

The Committee recommends that membership fees and subscriptions go up by of 10% rounded up giving a percentage increase between 10% and 14% There was some discussion, and a revised proposal was accepted it was also decided that in future tenders will be charged a summer and if left in the compound out of season a winter rate the new levels of fees is attached

Proposed: Neil Towart Seconded: Bob Donaldson  
Votes were recorded as

For	Against	Abstentions	Total Votes	Simple Majority Required
34	0	0	34	Passed

**12. Reports**

**Sailing Secretary**

Moderate winds graced the 2022 Season. Only two races were cancelled due to lack of wind. In the Wednesday night series, most races completed two or three rounds. The average turnout was three Flying Fifteens participating, five Piper One Designs Two, White Sail and two Dinghies.

We hosted the Flying Fifteen Scottish Championship in May, postponed from 2020. Eleven boats participated, the racing was enjoyed by all, and our refurbished facilities contributed to the success. The RC35 Yachts used our facilities and organisation to hold a race weekend as part of their Travellers Series. The eight Yachts that raced were fulsome in their praise of our organisation and facilities. Unfortunately, due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, we decided as a mark of respect to cancel the Polaris Regatta. Special thanks are due to the guys who drove the Ribs, both on patrol, and mark laying duties, during the season in 2023, our Opening Regatta on May 6th coincides with the Coronation of King Charles. It is my intention, following the tradition established in 1937 and 1953 by Clyde Yacht and Sailing Clubs, that special Prizes to mark the occasion be awarded, to be retained by the winners.

Bill Aitchison

### **Cadet Officer**

The Cadets started back at the end of April for the new season. We managed to get everyone in that was on the waiting list for 2022. The waiting list is currently at eleven for the 2023 season. We reinstated the use of the club facilities this season after the Covid years. All evenings were excellently attended, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The new Laser Bahia was a great addition to our fleet. We will be continuing to look at replacing a boat a season from the sailing club fleet.

I would like to take the time to thank all the volunteers that make this happen. Chris Wilson, Leonora Towart, Claire Sharpe, John Pearce, Maureen Stewart, Ross Noble, Chloe Whitton, Tormod Doherty, Niamh Doherty, Alistair Gibson, Michael Dalgety.

I am currently looking for more volunteers, especially to help staff a 2<sup>nd</sup> safety boat on a Wednesday night to help introduce the cadets to racing.

I would also like to thank Western Ferries for their continued sponsorship of the Cadets.

I am looking forward to the 2023 season and hopefully build on the great work that has been done this season.

Neil Towart

## **13. Elections**

### **Officers**

The following have agreed to stand again.

Position	Nominated	Proposer	Secunder
Commodore	Jim Maclean	Duncan Chalmers	Chris Wilson
Vice Commodore	No Nominations therefore Remitted back to the Committee		

Secretary	Scott Crossley	Jim Maclean	Bob Donaldson
Treasurer	Andrew Leech	Lorraine Whitton	Kenny Love
Sailing Secretary	Bill Aitchison	Bob Donaldson	Duncan Chalmers
Cadet Officer	Neil Towart	Scott Crossley	Duncan Chalmers

As there were no further nominations by the closing date of written submissions on 17<sup>th</sup> of February or nominations on the night. The above nominees were appointed.

### Committee Members

David Mc Laggan and Brian Tester are due to stand down and cannot stand again for a year. The Committee extends its thanks to both Brian and David for their involvement.

The following have agreed to stand.

Post	Nominated	Proposer	Seconder
Committee Member	Kirsty Brown	Duncan Chalmers	Frances MacLean
Committee Member	Jim Campbell	Duncan Chalmers	Scott Crossley

Replacement for Andrew Leech and as such will only be in post for one year.

Committee Member	Lorn Campbell	Jim Maclean	Kenny Love
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As there were no further nominations by the closing date for written submissions on 8<sup>th</sup> of February or nominations on the night. The above nominees were appointed.

Kirsty and Jim and Lorn will join Gus MacDonald, Chris Bowen and Sallie Condy, on the 2023 Committee. With Sallie and Lorn standing down at the next AGM.

## Corporate Members

Corporate Members need to be to reappointed on an annual basis the meeting passed the Committee recommendation that Neil Cunningham of Cunningham Moorings and Fabrication Ltd be reappointed.

For	Against	Abstentions	Total Votes	Simple Majority Required
34	0	0	34	Passed

### 14. Appointment of Auditor

It was agreed that the Committee be instructed to appoint a suitable person or organisation to act as the Clubs Auditors

### 15. Any Other Business

#### a Appointment of Honorary Members

The meeting accepted the Committee's Recommendation that in recognition of his service to the Club Kenny Love be granted honorary membership.

There was a further recommendation from the Floor that Bill Aitchison be granted honorary membership as well.

Both nominations were passed with the following in each case

For	Against	Abstentions	Total Votes	Simple Majority Required
34	0	0	34	Passed

#### b Change of Governance Model

Papers outlining the reasons for change and the work so far had been sent out in advance members were now asked to approve the committee's actions to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation<sup>1</sup> as this is a constitutional matter a two thirds majority is required.

For	Against	Abstentions	Total Votes	Two thirds Majority Required
34	0	0	34	Passed

Members were advised that following the completion of the development work there will be a further meeting to agree the revised constitution after which an application for a SCIO will be made with a view to becoming a SCIO by December 2023.

### 16. Date of Next Meeting

9th February 2024 at 19:30 hrs

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<sup>1</sup> The SCIO is a corporate body which is a legal entity having, on the whole, the same status as a natural person. This means it has many of the same rights, protections, privileges, responsibilities and liabilities that an individual would have under the law

***Proposed***

*Alisdair MacVicar*

*Date 9-02-2024*

***Seconded***

*Frances Maclean*

*Date 9-02-2024*

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*Commodore*

*Jim Maclean*

*Date 9-02-2024*

The HLSC Club Minutes of Meetings are not subject to the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995, so this Minute can be 'signed' by the Members and Commodore typing their names into the electronic document

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## **Attendance at 2023 AGM**

Attendance was defined as anyone who attended in person or virtually through video conferencing.

### **In Person**

Scott Crossley  
Sallie Condy  
Mike Condy  
Chris Wilson  
Frances McLean  
Jim McLean  
John Jamerson  
Jim Hoey  
Tommy McGeachie  
Jean Campbell  
Jim Campbell  
Jim Campsy  
Neil Towart  
Robert Towart  
Kenny Love  
Angus Macdonald  
Andrew Leech

Duncan Chalmers  
Alison Chalmers  
Bob Donaldson  
Rowena Donaldson  
Kirsty Manuel  
Charmaine Russell  
Jim Lee  
Ruth Lee  
Caroline Clark  
Les Cox  
Louise Perritt  
Johnathan Bond  
Lorraine Whitton  
One other  
**Virtual**  
Neil Mclean  
Lorn Campbell  
Jamie Rodgers

**Total 34 or 23% of 2022 Membership**

## **Apologies 2023 AGM**

Lewis Crossley  
Ralph Houston  
David McLagan  
Alex Bisset  
John Johnstone

Iain Sinclair  
Bill Aitchison  
Marion Bowen  
Chris Bowen

## Treasurers Report for 2022 Accounts

The club's finances are down by £7700, leaving us with £21,500 in the accounts. This is mainly due to the new kitchen which was installed in 2022. We purchased a Sum up card reader to enable us to take card payments and this seems to have been very successful, especially in the bar. The reader cost £94.80 and there is a small charge for each transaction, which can be seen in the expenditure column of the accounts.

Membership fees were up by £500. Race fees were up by £300. Polaris Regatta again made a deficit of £70 on paper, however there is bar stock left which covers this. The Flying 15 and RC35 events increased our income by £1600.17 & £416.87, respectively. Moorings were £300 down on last year. Boat parking was down £950 from last year. Donations were up considerably due to £900 from CCC for use of our ribs at Scottish Series in 2021. Kitchen & bar income were both up on the last few years, due to opening up after COVID19. It is difficult to evaluate a surplus or deficit on individual events, due to bar stock levels, so kitchen & bar income & expenditure have not been allocated to events.

Moorings expenditure is the sum paid to The Crown Estate and is down, in line with the income. The 3 club moorings were serviced by a Corporate Member at no cost to the club. Licences & Insurance were down slightly from last year. Cleaning & Maintenance was much the same. Kitchen & bar purchases increased in line with income. Prizegiving costs dropped after a reorganisation of prizes. Energy costs have risen due to more usage of facilities and increased tariffs. Repairs & Renewals are down on last year, with the largest expense being £336 for repairs to the cannons. Website costs increased and we now have a new, much improved website. Patrol Boat Expenses include £2997 deposit for RIB retubing. Training has been nil for the last few years due to COVID19. Capital Expenditure of £8721.83 was for the kitchen refurbishment. The rear wall required repair work, as did the plumbing, and this came to £772.99. We required a new fridge & microwave at a cost of £388.98. The floor covering and fitting was £454.12. Mats have been purchased to extend the slipway and they cost £1516.80. The cadets have purchased a 2011 Laser Bahia for £3000.00. The last capital item was metalwork for the new awning which cost £685.68.

The accounts were audited again this year by Bernie McIlvogue & Iain Guthrie, to whom I am very grateful.

**Lorraine Whitton Treasurer**



## Membership Subscriptions and Fees

Subscription	Current Rate	Revised Rate
Sailing Member	£80.00	£90.00
Family Member	£105.00	£125.00
Junior Member	£30.00	£30.00
Intermediate Member	£35.00	£40.00
Paddling Member	£80.00	£90.00
Social Member	£30.00	£30.00

### Boat Storage

Fee	Current Rate	Revised Rate
Trailer only Summer	£20.00	£25.00
Kayak	£30.00	£35.00
Dinghy	£30.00	£35.00
Multi Hull	£75.00	£85.00
FF15 Boats and boats up to 6m Winter Parking	£45.00	£50.00
Piper boat up to 8M - winter Parking	£75.00	£85.00
Boat greater than 8M & max 8.5M winter parking	£130.00	£145.00

### Other

Fee	Current Rate	Revised Rate
Tender Summer	£30.00	£35.00
Tender Winter		£35.00
Mooring	£45.00	£45.00
Racing	£65.00	£75.00
Cadet nights	£35.00	£40.00

Please note The Fee for the Mooring Licence is due to increase in 2024