

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday 7th July 2025

1. Welcome, Apologies and Board Interests

The Commodore welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked members to notify of any conflicts of interest that may arise during the meeting.

Apologies were received from Neil Towart, Sallie Condry, Andrew Leech and Alistair McLean.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The previous minutes were proposed as correct and accurate by SB and seconded by MB

3. Matters Arising

- WiFi - not discussed as AL not present
- Cleaning- 2 quotes have been obtained and decision taken to go with the cheapest of the 2 quotes as detailed in social co-ordinators report.
- Club laptop has now been purchased
- Bar locks and measures - all now fitted with padlocks
- ABC Play Park Lease - CC has been in touch with the solicitor re this but to date has heard nothing back
- Outstanding Invoices - CC has been in touch with Gibson's and AL has now received the invoice, Lockdoc sent in his invoice the night of the last meeting it has been passed to AL for payment. Bidwells has stated that they are not in the position at present to raise an invoice due to the new SCIO status
- Handbook - The handbook is now at the printers and we should have it printed within the next 10 days. There was a general discussion, due to being so late in the season, if it should go ahead or not. However, it was felt that if we get it within the next 10 days then it should go ahead. All agreed that going forward we should have the handbook ready to go to the printers in March prior to the start of the season

4. Commodore Report

Kirsty reported that she had attended a webinar re Sailing Club Funding though it had mainly been about lender funding. She will send a link to the board members for the next webinar

5. Treasurer Report

The Board asked the secretary to email the treasurer for an update on the progress of the SCIO reports which was not included in the Treasures report. At the June Board meeting it was minuted that AL expected to have an update within a week from Hendersons & Co Accountants. The main concern was around the figures not yet agreed in the financial section re Club and land/assets valuation and the positioning of the McLachlan fund.

Action AL to ensure Hendersons engaged for advice re above and thereafter engaged to examine and sign off on the final draft prior to submission requirements of OSCR due September.

6. Secretary's Report

Clubhouse Licenses - Licence for Polaris applied for.

Clubhouse Bookings

- [REDACTED] booked the club house for his retiral do.
- Next booking is Saturday August 2nd – Inchinnan Boat Club. No Licence required.

Clubhouse

AMcL has now changed the codes for the key safes. All current members have been emailed with the new code.

ABC Play Park Lease

Euan Bathgate has been contacted. Waiting for an update.

Thank You Letters

Email sent to Campbell's Decorators (Lorn and Fergus) thanking them for all their work on the exterior of the clubhouse.

Training Courses

Paul Bew has come back with the following:

"Do you think there would be a club demand to run a Powerboat Level 2 at the Club on the October Half Term, which for us is the 25th Oct to the 2nd Nov.

I could also offer First Aid over this period as well in the evenings.

I am up around the 14th July for 2 weeks so we could have. chat about opportunities”.

Calum McLauchlan Fund

I am waiting on a response from Sally McCarthy.

Mooring Fees Invoice – Bidwells

I have contacted Eilidh Moyes at Bidwells again and received this response. “I’m afraid we can’t yet issue the invoices as the new agreement is not in place. I have followed this up with Crown Estate Scotland’s legal agents, Anderson Strathern, as we’re waiting for them to sign off on the format of the SCIO agreement.

I can only apologise for the delay and will follow this up with Anderson Strathern again this week. I appreciate how frustrating this is and thank you for your patience.”

I will keep you posted in due course.

Membership

- [REDACTED] has rejoined the club, payment received.
- Application to join from [REDACTED], email sent to Board members.

Following communication from Paul Bew regarding both First Aid and Power Boat Level 2 training CC has now to find out the cost of both these courses.

7. Sailing Secretary’s Report

We are now in the latter half of Series 2 and are fortunate in having all races as scheduled. The Primary Points in the Dinghy Tuesdays has been completed, and we are now into the Holiday Points. Again, all races have been run as scheduled. The Dinghy participants are still only numbering 3 – 4, whilst the turnout in the Wednesday Series is averaging 12.

Unfortunately, the decision made by the Board at the meeting on 7th April re the awarding of average points, wasn’t implemented in the Sailing Instructions, and caused slight controversy with the Series 1 dinghy results. This was resolved, and the Sailing Instructions have been altered accordingly.

A proposal, aired at the last Board meeting, to alter the order of the Class starts, is being adopted. Parties with an interest have been consulted, and accordingly in Series 3, which commences on 23rd July, the Handicap White Sail will start first at 1910, the FF and Dinghies at 1915, and the Pipers at 1920. Continuation of this next season will rely on the feedback.

In the Cadets, a sufficient number are now considered competent enough to be introduced to racing. Commencing Tuesday 12th August, there will be a Topper Class starting after the Dinghies. HM, who was instrumental in putting this idea forward, will be providing Safety Boat cover.

Two Pipers attended the Ashton and Cove Regattas and also the Titan Spirits OD Regatta at RGYC. This latter was also attended by four Flying Fifteens. Neil Wilson in his Contender sailed in the Toward Regatta. The Piper Anniversary Regatta held here was a great success, with boats from RGYC journeying over to compete. Iain Hurrell was successful at all events closely followed by Stuart Brown, and in the FF Chris Bowen and Ally Marshall were up there.

Bill Aitchison

Sailing Secretary

Bill will be available at the club on Tues 5th August to instruct any cadets on the light change sequence.

It was stated by Kirsty that all rescue boat drivers and helpers involved on a Tuesday should be PVG checked as dealing with under 16's. This matter has to be addressed imminently.

8. Cadet Officer

No Report

9. Maintenance Co-ordinator

Firstly SB wanted to express his thanks to both Bob Donaldson and Jim Hoy for all their hard work and dedication to the club.

- The fuel bunker now has a new padlock and is able to house 4 X 5 litre drums. There are currently 4 drums in the bunker and 2 in the garage. SB pointed out that we should be doing fuel rotation
- The dinghy park has been sorted and tidied out
- A lot of weeding has taken place
- There is a bike in the dinghy store belonging to a member. The member in question has asked if he could store his bike there in the short term. It has now been there for over a month.
- Garage has been tidied out and the 2 rescue boat trailers have been relocated to the carpark. There was some discussion regarding the safety of these trailers in the carpark and whether they should be clamped or locked. No decision was made.
- SB has noticed that the coping stones in front of the garden fence are loose and will need attention soon.
- There are no further Thursday Clubs currently planned but any members who wish to do any work around the club such as weeding should feel free to do so. CC to action informing members.

There is a bike currently in the dinghy store – CC was asked to email the member responsible and ask them to remove it. The dinghy store is for the paid storage of dinghies and kayaks only.

10. Social Co-Ordinator Report

Prize Giving - Provisionally booked for Saturday 15 November at the Argyll Hotel, with a choice of 2 (£19.95) or 3 (£25.95) course meal. Function room hire £100.00, awaiting confirmation (manager on holiday).

Galley – all going well.

Cleaner – 2 quotes – for cleaning the clubhouse every 2 weeks on a Friday or early on a Saturday morning -Glens - £20.00 per cleaner per hrs plus VAT, quoted cleaning will take between 1.5 to 2 hours.

Out of your Hands - Thank you for giving us this opportunity. We are pleased to quote as follows: Professional cleaning of the above property, per clean VAT will be added at the normal rate of 20% TOTAL £50.00 £10.00 £60.00

Weekly paper reports - so far, we have had our weekly reports added and photos. Still need action photos for each week. The paper have said we can add video (I Hurrel's idea) with a QR code.

Skiff-

Fundraising

- Applied to the Co-Op Communities Fund.
- Looking into Rowing Foundation Grant –
- Our equipment grants are awarded as a 50% match to the monies spent by the club on the equipment purchased (up to a maximum of £4,000 including VAT).
- Club member donations/ request going up on website, FB, etc.

Going forward – immediate funds needed to begin building a skiff

- Plank and frame kit £1891.00 (approx. 3 weeks from order to delivery)
- Delivery cost £185.00
- Wood £ 845.00
- Glue etc £ 500.00 Total - £3,421.00

Board happy for Prize Giving to be held in the Argyll Hotel and for it to be advertised as a 3-course meal at £35 per head. MB will confirm the booking with the hotel.

As previously stated, going to go with the cheaper of the 2 cleaning quotes - Glens.

Board has agreed for the club to fund the initial outlay for the Skiff.

11. Health and Safety Report

No accidents to report

12. Safety Boat

The Prop on No 1 needs replacing, AMcL had requested a photo of the number on the prop and he will arrange a replacement and fix it on his return.

Safety boat cover - [REDACTED] has been asked cover Saturday 20th July,

Pullcord on the dinghy is currently broken - Alistair McLean has been notified of this

13. SCIO

Nothing to report

14. Club Membership and Growth

Nil to report

15. Communications and Promotion

Nil to report

16. Club House

Changing rooms

AC has drawn up initial plans for both male and female changing rooms to include 2 shower cubicles in each. Using a cubicle system would be the easiest and cheapest solution.

The main outcome of these alterations is to provide an inclusive toilet and to give young people a safe and private space for changing and showering.

The decision is to do the minimum required to meet with regulations for the time being. Thinking ahead re an eventual new clubhouse. AC will have a conversation with NT then tweak the drawings prior to circulating the plans.

It was agreed that it would be good to have a proposal to present to members at the AGM in November.

Proposed work to be carried out over winter in time for the start of the new season.

Club House and Slipway

17. Membership

██████ has re-joined the club.

██████████████ has applied to join - Proposed by SB, seconded by KB

18. Slipway

Iain McNee has inspected the slip, and he will submit his professional opinion on what work he thinks will be required to make the slip structurally safe and fit

for purpose. He has still to be asked if he will be willing to quote for this work. SB will ask him this question.

IH has spoken to a welder re a possible flat bar to hold it all together.

The general opinion of the board is to carry out a good repair job that will hopefully last for a couple of years but make ongoing plans for the future.

It is hoped that there will be some plans in place ready to take to the next AGM.

IH wondered if this type of work would come with any guarantees. There was some discussion around this.

19. Disclosure PVG

20. Vision Plan - update

As previously minuted.

21. Polaris Regatta

Date: - **12th - 14th September**

Bill has notice of race ready

CC will send race notice round local clubs

Save the date to be put out on social media

MB will do a poster which will include a QR code

Bill will speak to Alison Currie re cadets

CC will speak to SC re webcollect

CC will also consult with Lorn re HALS race results

KB will ask [REDACTED] to organise the bar

CC will send out an email asking for non-sailing volunteers to help with kitchen, bar, canopy etc.

22. AOCB

- There was some discussion around purchasing a further club laptop for the treasurer. This was felt to be a good idea.
- Need more people trained up in the use of HAL - KB will speak to Lorne re this.
- Bill would also like to train someone else up as race officer. CC to send an email out asking for anyone interested in this role.
- Bill will formulate a crib sheet for race box info

23. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11th August at 7pm in the clubhouse

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	Present	On-line	Apologies		Present	On-line	Apologies
Kirsty Brown	6	1	0	Bill Aitchieson	6		1
Alistair McLean	6		1	Harris Munns	5		2
Andrew Leech	6		1	Marion Bowen	5		2
Sallie Condie	5		2	Stuart Brown	6		1
Catriona Craig	7		0	Alasdair Clements	4	2	1
Neil Towart	4		3	Iain Hurrel	5		2