

Holy Loch Sailing Club

Annual General Meeting 25 February 2022

As a result of the ongoing issues around the Covid 19 Pandemic. This year's 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: 24 members attended which was only 20% of the total **Voting** Membership in 2021 and considerably down on 2020 when 42% of members attended.

2. Apologies

Apologies noted on Apologies Sheet

3. Commodores Remarks

Welcome everyone to this years' AGM, over the last year we have continued to face challenges brought on by the Covid Epidemic and its impact on the Clubs activates my thanks go to all of the Committee and in particular Bill and Neil who have both had to adjust programmes at short notice.

Despite the Clubs best efforts, we faced restrictions on the sailing season again however thanks go to all those who participated in bringing us back to as normal a season as possible Off the water the Club has continued to progress a number of projects not least the upgrading of the Kitchen which we discuss in more detail further on and the long awaited new website which is due to go live for the start of the season Thanks to the Condy' s who led on this supported by our Secretary and Treasurer.

Finally I said it at last years AGM but this year hopefully we can look forward to better sailing in this coming season.

Minutes of 2021 AGM

These were circulated in advance

4. Matters Arising

None

Minutes Proposed Kenny Love by Seconded by Alasdair MacVicar

For	Against	Abstentions	Total	%	Simple Majority Required
24	0	0	24	100.00%	Passed

5. Treasurer's Report

6. Despite the ongoing issues around Pandemic the Club Finances remain in good health and are able to support the proposed improvements planned for 2022 namely the kitchen update and to a lesser extent the new website and mats for the slipway extension. There were no questions, and the Treasures Report was accepted.

For	Against	Total	%	Simple Majority Required
24	0	24	100.00%	Passed

7. 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.

8. Membership Fees

The Committee recommends that membership fees which will go up by £5.00 in each class of membership with the exception Social Membership which will remain at the 2021 level. All other fees will remain at the same as set for 2021. There was some discussion on this particularly around the fees for storing craft in the club carpark It is hoped that with the introduction of the new website any problems will be minimised.

Proposed: Andrew Leech Seconded: Alisdair MacVicar
Votes were recorded as

For	Against	Abstentions	Total Votes	Simple Majority Required
24	0	0	24	Passed

9. Reports

SAILING SECRETARY REPORT 2021

Unfortunately, having had only one event in 2020, the much-anticipated start to the 2021 season had to be delayed until the beginning of June, due to ongoing restrictions. Series One was cancelled, and even the Opening Regatta was postponed for weather related reasons.

However, once the Season was under way, winds and weather were kind, allowing all projected fixtures to be completed. As expected, turnout in each class was not up to pre pandemic levels, but sufficient to make the holding of races worthwhile.

Polaris Regatta had a better support than expected, and considerable thanks are due to Rob and Alan in C/V "Sabbatical", and Alison Currie for race management of the Cadets. The Club Ribs, manned by Lorn, Bernie, Ian, and Tommy gained considerable kudos for the Club by laying marks for "foreign" regattas, and many thanks are due to them.

To conclude the Season, a successful prize giving was held in the 51st State.

Bill Aitchison

Hon Sailing Secretary

CADET REPORT 2021 SEASON

The Cadets had a two week delay to the start of the 2021 season due to the ongoing issues of covid-19. This was quickly followed with a surge of new cadets that filled us up to capacity and created a waiting list for the next season. The club changing rooms where out of action for the season due to covid-19 but this did not effect attendance. All events where excellently attended and children where more than willing to turn up in there sailing kit and go home soaking wet. Some parents/guardians will be hoping for the changing rooms to be open next year but maybe not, as this helped manage to get children home at a sensible time. The season climaxed with Harris Munns winning the cadet races, Findlay Hurrel winning most promising cadet and a great turn out at Polaris.

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, Micheal Dalgaty, Polly Ferrari and David MacGeachie.

I would also like to thank Western Ferries for there continued sponsorship of the Cadets. I am looking forward to the 2022 season and hopefully build on the great work that has been done this season.

Kind Regards

Neil Towart

Cadet Officer

10. Elections

Officers

The following have agreed to stand again.

Position	Nominated	Proposer	Seconder
Commodore	Duncan Chalmers	Scott Crossley	Kenny Love
Vice Commodore	Jim Maclean	David McLagan	Bill Aitcheson

Secretary	Scott Crossley	Duncan Chalmers	Alasdair McVicar
Treasurer	Lorraine Whitton	Duncan Chalmers	Scott Crossley
Sailing Secretary	Bill Aitchison	Scott Crossley	Duncan Chalmers
Cadet Officer	Neil Towart	Scott Crossley	Duncan Chalmers

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

Committee Members

Charmaine Russell and Neil Stewart are due to stand down and both have intermated a desire not to stand. The Committee extends its thanks to both Charmaine and Neil for their involvement.

The following have agreed to stand

Post	Nominated	Proposer	Seconder
Committee Member	Chris Bowen	Duncan Chalmers	Lorraine Whitton
Committee Member	Angus MacDonald	Scott Crossley	Duncan Chalmers

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

Chris and Gus will join Sallie Condy, Andrew Leech, Brian Tester and David McLagan on the 2022 Committee. With Brian and David standing down at the next AGM.

Appointment of Auditor

The Committee recommend that the Auditors be re-appointed.

Proposed Duncan Chalmers Seconded Lorraine Whitton

For	Against	Abstentions	Total	%	Simple Majority Required
24	0	0	24	100	Passed

11. Any Other Business

Kitchen upgrade

Proposed Duncan Chalmers Seconded Scott Crossley

Details had been sent out in advance with a recommendation from the Committee that the Club go ahead with the quote of £6,400.00 plus VAT from Howdens to purchase the new Kitchen units. As a CASC¹ the Club may be able to claim some or all of this back. There was some discussion on this prior to going to a vote.

For	Against	Abstentions	Total	%	Simple Majority Required
23	0	1	24	96	Passed

Changes to Constitution

Proposed: Scott Crossley Seconded: Andrew Leech

The additional wording is in red and requires approval. The exclamation and result of the decision are shown in **Dark Blue** bold text

After some discussion the original wording was revised to

Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year and shall hold office for one year, retiring at the termination of the Annual General Meeting in each year. All Officers of the Club shall be eligible for re-election with the exception of the Commodore who shall not hold office in that capacity for two years **with a review by the Committee at the end of year three to enable them to stand for a third year.**

This gives more time for a Commodore to see projects through Passed by 22 out of 24 members present or 92% so meets the two thirds' criteria to succeed

Budgetary Responsibility

Officers will have the following Budgetary Responsibility

Officer	Maximum Spend on one item without referral to Treasurer*	Maximum Spend with the Treasurer approval but without referral to the Committee
Secretary	£100.00	£200.00

Committees' recommendation to include a spend provision for the Secretary Passed by 21 out of 24 members present or 88% so meets the two thirds' criteria to succeed

¹ **Community Amateur Sports Club** the **CASC** scheme was introduced in April 2002. It has enabled local amateur sports clubs to register with HMRC and benefit from a range of tax reliefs.

SECTION 3 - MEMBERSHIP

- a. **A CORPORATE MEMBER – a business organisation that brings commercial or wider benefit to club members. They shall not have a vote. This is a new category to bring consistency of arrangements around ‘sponsors’: balancing benefits / advantages to members and access to member facilities. These arrangements will be reviewed annually with nominations by the Committee that are ratified at the AGM**

Committees’ recommendation Passed by 21 out of 24 members present or 88% so meets the two thirds’ criteria to succeed.

13 Rights and privileges of Members

New Section

A CORPORATE MEMBER Shall have use of the Club House facilities as agreed by the Committee and membership at the AGM

Committees’ recommendation Passed by 21 out of 24 members present or 88% so meets the two thirds’ criteria to succeed

34 Candidates for election to Committee

Candidates for election to the Committee (not being Officers of the Club) shall be those members eligible for election from Sailing, Intermediate or Family members whose nominations (duly proposed and seconded in writing by Sailing or Family, **Intermediate member**

Committees’ recommendation which now includes intermediate members passed by 21 out of 24 members present or 88% so meets the two thirds’ criteria to succeed

35 Profits from Sale of Excisable Goods **and other Activities**

No person shall take a commission, percentage or other such payment in connection with the purchase of excisable goods or **other activities** for the Club. Any profit deriving from the supply of such goods shall (after deduction of the costs of providing such goods for the benefit of the Club) be applied to the provision of additional amenities or the purchase of property to be held in trust for the benefit of the Club.

Committees’ recommendation which aims to ensure consistency with CASC requirements

Passed by 21 out of 24 members present or 88% so meets the two thirds’ criteria to succeed.

SECTION 6 - MEETINGS OF THE CLUB

New Point
55 Meetings

A virtual meeting for members or committee members will be where arrangements have been made in advance to allow participants to attend the meeting by means of a conference telephone, video link or similar means of electric communication at which all participants can be heard and can hear each other without the need for them to be physically present at the same location. A person participating in a meeting by such means shall be deemed to be attending virtually. **A hybrid meeting** for members or committee members will be where some participants are attending the meeting in person and others are attending virtually. The Committee shall make suitable timely arrangements to enable participation for members and committee members, either in person, virtually or in a hybrid format as appropriate by circumstances.

This allows us to hold virtual meetings should the need arise or if it might be beneficial

Committees' recommendation Passed by 22 out of 24 members present or 92% so meets the two thirds' criteria to succeed

61 Quorum at Meetings

A quorum will be whichever is the greater fifteen members or 15% of the membership entitled to vote and present² shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Club.

This change seeks to increase the minimum level of representation required

Committees' recommendation Passed by 23 out of 24 members present or 96% so meets the two thirds' criteria to succeed

New Point 66

CASC Requirements

The Club will ensure that it meets the requirements to maintain its status as a CASC:

- (a) A minimum of 50% of the membership are actively participating in the sporting activities of the Club.
- (b) Application to the Club shall be open to the whole community;
- (c) Costs associated with membership (membership and racing fees) shall not exceed £520 per member per annum.

The above are legal requirements to maintain the Club's CASC status as defined on HMRC webpages for the following it is noted that there is mention of frequency and criteria for point a, point b is already covered elsewhere and point c highlights the strict criteria which in essence means a CASC must not exclude anyone by reason of finance. Costs can go over this figure but then the Club must have some sort of hardship fund with open application

Committees' recommendation Passed by 22 out of 24 members present or 92% so meets the two thirds' criteria to succeed

Requests

Requests were made to

- 1) include members attending in the minutes and
- 2) to have the AGM minutes issued in draft form.

² For our purposes a member will have been deemed to be present if they attended either in person or through a virtual link

Point 1 was agreed and point 2 to be investigated further meantime the post AGM update would still be sent out.

12. Date of Next Meeting

On 10 February 2023 at 19:30 hours.

Motions from the Committee under Fees and AOCB

Members are asked to support

The Committee recommendation that membership fees increase by a flat rate of £5.00 on the 2021 levels with the exception of social membership which will remain the same. All other fees to remain at 2021 levels. Proposed: Lorraine Whitton Seconded: Scott Crossley

The Committee ask that the of the two prices submitted. The price provided by Howdens be accepted as the plan for upgrading the Kitchen which has been sent out in advance, to the members be approved by them. *Proposed: Duncan Chalmers Seconded: Scott Crossley*

The Committee recommends that members vote to accept the Proposed revisions to the Constitution Proposed: Scott Crossley Seconded: Andrew Leech

Attendance at 2022 AGM

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

In Person

Duncan Chalmers	Scott Crossley
Lorraine Whitton	Alisdair MacVicar
Bill Aitchison	Alison Chalmers
Charmaine Russell	Stephen Ward
Andrew Leech	Neil Towart
Tommy McGeachie	Robert Towart
Bob Donaldson	Rowena Donaldson
Jim Mclean	Chris Wilson
Kenny Love	Chris Bowen
Marion Bowen	

Virtually

Sallie Condy	Alex Bisset
Mike Condy	Lorn Campbell
Evelyn Cardwell	

Total 24 or 20% of the membership entitled to vote in 2021

Apologies 2022 AGM

John Crawford	Frances Maclean	Ian Sinclair
Chole Whitton	Ian Hurrell	Jim Hoey
Brian Tester	Eric Whitton	Jonathan Bond
Neil Stewart	Andy Love	Louise Perrett
Catriona Craig	Ken Grant	John Pearce



Angus MacDonald

Lewis Crossley