

Holy Loch Sailing Club

Annual General Meeting 12 February 2021

As a result of the Covid 19 Pandemic the Club has not been able to hold the traditional Annual General Meeting in the Clubhouse. This year's AGM was a virtual one based on guidance from the Government the RYA with contributions from the RYA's Scotland Legal Team.

1. Attendance

See attendance sheet: 50 members attended which was 42% of the total Membership in 2020.

2. Apologies

Apologies noted on Apologies Sheet

3. Commodores Remarks

Welcome everyone to this years' AGM, certainly not our normal format but one we will have to work with for now.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you our members who have continued to support the club, by paying Memberships, moorings and storage fees, some even paying their race fees! It really has made all the difference for the Committee to keep moving things forward and carrying out the works we all agreed last year.

My thanks also to the Committee members who have worked away in the background keeping our Club ticking over and advising on our situation as the Covid threat progressed throughout the year. A special thanks in particular to Scott Crossley who has really been at the forefront of all the Communications with RYA, Insurers, Membership and Committee, my thanks also to Alex Bissett for his perseverance with the various Electricity suppliers to get us to where we are now, a vastly improved power supply at a much keener rate.

I wish that I could now be mentioning the great sailing, racing and regattas that we had held however it was not meant to be, the support we have had for our shoreside "Musters" was great and it was a point to "catch up" on what has been happening outside our own little "bubbles".

Hopefully we can look forward to some sailing in this coming season and I know already that some members are putting their boats afloat regardless.

4. Minutes of 2020 AGM

Circulated in Advance

5. Matters Arising

None

Minutes Proposed Lorraine Whitton by Seconded By Andrew Leech

For	Against	Abstentions	Total	%	Simple Majority Required
50	0	0	50	100.00%	Passed

6. Treasurer's Report

Despite the Pandemic the Club made a surplus this year which was down to our costs being much lower and that over 75% of the members renewed their subscriptions. found them to be There were no questions, and the Treasures Report was accepted.

For	Against	Total	%	Simple Majority Required
49	0	49	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 with the exception of those fees for storing Craft in the Carpark the fees should remain at the same level as set for 2020.

Proposed: Lorraine Whitton Seconded: Neil Towart
Votes were recorded as

For	Against	Abstentions	Total Votes	Simple Majority Required
48	0	2	48	Passed

Members are asked to approve the new Regulation for the use of the Carpark to store Boats Trailers.

This will introduce the new two level of charges from the start of the 2021 season the costs would be broken down as.

. Craft*	Winter		Summer
	Boat & Trailer	Trailer Only	Boat & Trailer
Dinghy/ Craft less than 6M	£30.00	£20.00	£30.00
F15 & Small Keel Boats less than 6.1M	£45.00	£20.00	£45.00
Piper & Boats up to 8M	£75.00	£20.00	£75.00
Boats greater than 8.1M less than 8.5 M	£130.00	£20.00	£130.00
Multihulls	£75.00	NA	£75.00
Tender parking	NA	NA	£30.00

Proposed Scott Crossley Seconded Alex Bisset

Votes were recorded as

For	Against	Abstentions	Total Votes	%	Simple Majority Required
47	0	3	47	100.00%	Passed

9. Reports

Sailing Report

With the easing of restrictions, and adhering to RYA guidelines, on the Saturday of our projected Polaris Regatta, we were able to hold a restricted event. Two back-to-back races were run, with five starters, followed by a BBQ. Sonata "Minx", sailed by the Gray brothers, triumphed, and all agreed the temporary escape from the situation very welcome.

Last year's aborted Sailing Calendar contained some changes, and the Sailing Sub Committee has agreed to leave these for 2021. Apart from a couple of dates, confirmation awaited, the Calendar is ready, and will be made available shortly.

This year's Craning-in is scheduled for Saturday 24th April, with the first race on Wednesday 28th. However, this is all dependant to adherence to the guidelines which may disrupt our intentions. The Clyde Cruising Club, who organise the Scottish Series at the end of May, have already drastically altered the event by relocating from Tarbert to the Upper Clyde, to be held at various venues, and with no after sailing social scene. The main Committee agreed to the Sailing Sub Committees recommendation that any Race Entry fees paid for 2020 are carried forward as long as there was nothing else outstanding. While we hope for thing to run smoothly, we will notify members of any disruption to our schedule will be as soon as we can.

Optimism and Pessimism must be overridden by Realism in these straitened times, with the safety and wellbeing of all members paramount, but hope springs eternal for fair winds.

Bill Aitchison
Hon Sailing Secretary

Cadet Report

After discussion we made the decision in early April to postpone cadets temporarily. Circumstances were such that the Club then followed in July with the decision to cancel the cadets for the year.

However, we have continued working in the background to try and secure some extra funding for the cadets, to help with the replacement of boats. Unfortunately, some of these funding streams have dried up in the current climate. Hopefully, we will have more news on this next year.

We have gone ahead with the purchase of two Iso's dinghies for the club. We got spare masts, spars, foils and sails with the boats. We got these at the amazing price of £1500 for everything on the condition that the boats are used for young people to improve their sailing from the Iso class association. The value of the boats and equipment is over £4000.

I am optimistic that cadets will restart in April with the latest Covid regulations. I would also like to suggest that people that have missed a year of cadets can stay on for an extra year; till they are 17. The purchase of the new boats will help with an increase in numbers if this becomes the case.

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	Neil Stewart
Vice Commodore	Alasdair McVicar	David McLagan	Bill Aitcheson
Secretary	Scott Crossley	Neil Stewart	Lorraine Whitton
Treasurer	Lorraine Whitton	Brian Tester	Scott Crossley
Sailing Secretary	Bill Aitcheson	Brian Tester	Neil Towart
Cadet Officer	Neil Towart	Alasdair McVicar	Lorraine Whitton

As there were no further nominations by the closing date of 1st of February. The above nominees were appointed.

Committee Members

Andrew Leech has agreed to stand again Proposed by Scott Crossley
Seconded by Brain Tester

Alex Bisset has decided to stand down The Committee extends its thanks to Alex for all the work he has done. Sallie Condy has been nominated to stand Proposed by Scott Crossley Seconded Lorraine Whiton. There being no other nominations by the closing date Sallie was duly elected.

11. Appointment of Auditor

The Committee recommend that the Auditors be re-appointed. The members accepted the Committee's recommendation.

Appointment of Auditor					Simple Majority
For	Against	Abstentions	Total	%	Required
48	0	2	48	100.00%	Passed

12. Any Other Business

There was only one item of Business. See Below the motion from the Committee re suspending part of Clause five of the Constitution to As it is considered that Duncan was unable to fore fill all his duties as Commodore as result of the Pandemic the following motion is being put forward to allow Duncan to stand for a third term.

. Members are asked to vote on this as it is an amendment to the Constitution it requires a **Two Thirds Majority** to pass.

Suspension of part of the Constitution (Clause 5)					TWO THIRDS Majority Required
For	Against	Abstentions	Total	%	
49	0	1	49	100.00%	Passed

13. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee recommend the 2nd Friday 11 February 2022 at 19:30 hours.

Motion from the Committee under AOCB

Members are asked that. As a result of the Pandemic that it is agreed to suspend that part of Clause five of the Constitution which restricts the time for the Commodore to be in Post to two years currently this states “with the exception of the Commodore who shall not hold office in that capacity for more than two years “ and replace it with “Due to the Covid Pandemic the Commodore’s period in office is extended to three years and will end at the AGM in 2023, after which the period in office will return to two years.

By passing this motion members also delegate authority to the Committee to amend the Constitution for the 2023 AGM to the original wording.

Proposed Scott Crossley Seconded Brian Tester

Virtual Attendance at 2021 AGM

Attendance was defined as anyone who raised a query/question submitted a motion, nominated an individual and or voted on any one of the key points.

Duncan Chalmers	Scott Crossley
Lorraine Whitton	Alisdair MacVicar
Bill Aitchison	Brian Tester
Charmaine Boyd	Neil Towart
Andrew Leech	Alex Bisset
David McLagan	Neil Stewart
Dennis Hiller	Maureen Stewart
John Pearce	Ken Grant
Isobel Collier	Chole Whitton
Jonathan Bond	Eric Whitton
Tommy McGeachie	Lewis Crossley
Richard Murton	John Harrison
Jim Hoey	Louise Perrit
Brian Gray	Paul Bew
Bernie McIlvogue	Sallie Condy
Maureen Stewart	Lorn Campbell
Bob Donaldson	Rowena Donaldson
Jim Connor	David Peacock
Tony Ridyard	John Crawford
Ian Hurrel	Leonora Towart
Robert Towart	Ruth Lee
Kenny Love	Chris Wilson
Andy Love	James Lee
Catriona Craig	Fergus Campbell
Molly McLaughlin	1Other

Total 50 or 42% of the 2020 Membership (120)

Virtual Apologies 2021 AGM

John Crawford

Ian Sinclair