

Kilchrenan, Inverinan & Dalavich Coastal Rowing Club

Committee/Open Meeting 29th November 2019

Minutes of 3rd Meeting

Present: Gordon Leveratt (Captain), Chris Cowley (Treasurer and Safety Officer), Edward Docherty (Convener), Froot Atkins, Mick Atkins, Angela Docherty, Pam Cowley, Ralph Anderson.

Apologies: Dinah Bosomworth, Alan Ross and Maggie Leveratt

1. Introduction: Gordon Leveratt

- A review of the years – Achievements.
- Second boat Cruachan.
- Entering the Castle to Crane with 2 boats which both performed admirably. Tremendous effort on the part of the crews.
- Two entrants in the Loch Tummel Sprints, Froot and Dinah. Tremendous achievement on their part.
- Launched 52 times. Tervine 28, Dalavich 23 plus Loch Etive. On average launched every 10 days.
- Since 26th Sept. only achieving enough (max 7) to man one boat.
- The Loch Awe Adventure was a great success and is known across the Coastal Rowing Community, resulting in great interest in 2020's regatta.
- Overall the club has achieved a great deal in a very short time.

2. Actions Arising from Last Meeting: – 6th September

- Gordon took on 2 actions.
- Exploring the possibility of a website with Stuart Turner (Arran CRC).
- Coxswain Course – details sent out to members.
- Require new recruitment due to reduction in number of active rowing members.

3. Financial Report- Treasurer: Chris Cowley

- **Total in Bank to date £198.06**
- **Love Oban Vouchers £90 to be spent by Feb, 2020**
Spending included £120 for 2 marker buoys for sprints. Ralph has offered lead weights for them if he can find them.

4. Club Base/Boat Shed update:

- DIG turned down application for the present moment. Reasons given by Jane Wilding – insufficient space without being intrusive and inadequate access.
- Ed asked if the Forestry could be approached – Gordon is in contact with the Forestry land agent, Lochgilphead but they at present have no monies to move from their workshop at Dalavich which, though declared unfit for purpose, cannot be shared on health and safety grounds. Having no permanent base is a limitation for the club at present but we will have to bide our time. Hopefully the regatta will raise profile again in Dalavich and gain new members from the community.

5. An Suidhe Community Grant- Gordon:

- Put in a submission for a pop-up gazebo; launch trolley and thigh harnesses for life jackets on the 4th October.
- Decision on submission 20th November and we have been granted £2405. (Brilliant).

6. Carraig Gheal (1/11 - 31/1):

- Not putting in a submission. Wait till we have something tangible to apply for.

7. Loch Awe Adventure 24th -26th April 2020:

- Notice to Race etc. has gone out. 10 clubs declared firm interest. 3 new clubs included. Three clubs have already sent registration fees.
- Organising Team required to take on various tasks from early February including setting up site beforehand etc.- volunteers to inform Pam.
- Local support is good again - Kilchrenan we have help from Ivan and Agnes, Mandy and Jonathan Pete and Rhona, Chris and Tina Goldsmith, Gela Rose, Finlay and Lorraine at present. Dalavich- the community are again supporting with meals at the same cost. Jane Wilding is organising Ceilidh and Martin to be approached for Friday evening entertainment.
- Froot will enquire about the usage of the jetties at cabins 3 and 4.
- Angela will ask her brother if he is available to provide a safety boat.
- We will enter one boat for the Sunday race and possible two for the sprints on the Saturday.
- Ask Ardfern if they are interested in providing crew as they have asked for our support in learning to row a skiff.
- Sprints will be friendly, no prizes. Consider asking Ardfern if they are interested in helping to crew our second skiff Sunday 26th for the distance race.
- Income from the event is from registration fee £25 per boat plus raffle (prizes to be things that can be taken away not local event vouchers as many people will not be able to make use of them) and any other fund raising ideas - so far, Pam is baking a cake for guess the weight, tray bake cakes for sale (all members can contribute), hampers to raffle.
- Financial outlay - mooring ropes for the marker buoys, 3 Quaich's engraved £120 (put love Oban Vouchers £90 towards this), engraving of the trophy for the winner, raffle prizes, last April we gave each crew member of the fastest boat rowing north and then south, ie. ten people, an attractive engraved medallion at £10 each from Timpsons. We may need to reconsider this on cost grounds this time .Pam has kindly volunteered to make medallions.

8. RowAround Scotland April to October 2020:

- The event is to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the SCRA and will involve some 70 clubs, each rowing a specified section around the coast, ending up at Loch Tummel during the FW sprints in October. Our section will take place in the first week of May, weather permitting.
- Coastal row join up with the Isle of Seil's boat, Selkie, to row from Balvicar to Oban via the Atlantic Bridge week beginning 4th May when there are spring tides. Specific route yet to be finalised.

- Row a major section of Loch Awe possible routes Tail Race at Kilchrenan to Dalavich and then Dalavich to Torran Bay passing the baton between boats and then pass baton onto Dinah who has kindly volunteered to run or scoot to the coast about 9 miles; final point to pass on baton yet to be decided. Two crews required for Loch Awe only one on the coast unless we can man two boats. Perhaps with crew from Ardfern.

9. Social/local rowing versus away events:

- When social rowing be aware of members abilities particularly new members, row for shorter times etc.
- Have a calendar of events we are aiming for (Ed to draw up). Members should regularly visit the Coastal Rowing Association website to see what is going on.
- Include training in rowing sessions to fit events, plenty of time for preparation.

10. Entering Events:

- Hoping for invite to Arran's regatta 20th/21st June at Lamlash. Will have to commit straight away and book accommodation as the rowing time and ferry times require a couple of nights on Arran.
- C to C is the 19th Sept 2020.

11. Rowing Schedule and convening:

- At present system is a little ad-hock.
- Introduce a specific day and time and we respond positively if attending by email to Ed.
- **For the coming months Sunday at 1.00 p.m. alternating between Dalavich and Tervine. (Weather dependant). This will be kept under review so we have a winter schedule that works for as many rowers as possible.**
- Dalavich this Sunday 1st Dec. (Chris has offered to have Cruachan based at his house to cut down on towing distances -Gordon will look into insurance cover.)

12. Website:

Stuart Turner of Arran has offered to construct a website for us at a very reasonable cost of £300 but it is beyond our reach at present so shall put in abeyance.

13. Christmas Gift:

- As a big thank you to the staff at the Tervine Trout Farm a £25 gift will given - all agree.

14. Boat maintenance over winter:

- Sunday 8th December at 1.00 p.m. at start of the rowing session help put Mingulay in the shed.

15. Fund Raising Initiatives:

- Loch Awe Adventure raffle 1st to 25th April, Loch Awe swim in August September. Insuring the boats is our biggest single outlay (approximately £600) so please think about further initiatives and make them known to Pam.

A.O.B.

- Club name change. Agreed to change to “ Loch Awe CRC.” Chris to contact bank to change name on account.
- Coxswain Course who would like to sign up? Expectation is that **ALL** rowers should aspire to cox at some stage, as, indeed all coxswain’s should row.

Next Meeting Yet to be arranged

