



Inchinnan Cruising Club 92nd Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Location: ICC Clubhouse, Bridge Isle.

Date: 21st February 2024 **Time:** 07.30p.m.

Attendees: 27 Full Members + 9 Associate Members

Apologies: Richard Smith, Kenny Rennie, Cameron Johnstone, Andy Boal, David McAuley, Brian Kerr, Philip Doherty, Blair Ross, Craig Rodgers, Alan Edmonds, Gus Dunlop, Craig Fury, Michael McGuire, John McMillan, Drew McMillan, Robbie McDonald, Mark Borthwick

Minutes: Caroline Devlin

I. Commodore Welcome & Call to order of AGM

The Commodore welcomed everyone to this year's AGM.

The Commodore is happy to be able to present the 'Coronation Cup' this evening, this was presented to ICC in 1953 by the Royal Scottish Motor Yacht Club to commemorate the Queen's Coronation. Traditionally the Cup was presented to the club member who had logged the most nautical miles in a season. It has not been presented since the 1980's and was recently refurbished and handed back to the club. Presentation was made by the Commodore to Peter McAllister who travelled 1600 nautical miles on his Fastnet 34 Soel Na Mara.

Minute's Silence for Members who have passed away over the last year

Commodore's Overview of the Year

The Commodore felt that the nominations meeting was difficult, so much so that he did consider his position on the committee and whether to continue. He reminded everyone that the committee are volunteers and sometimes need to make difficult decisions. Issuing fines is not about the money, it is about having the ability to compel members to stick to rules. Disrespect of rules must have sanctions. Input from members is welcome, but they need to respect the committee. Everyone makes mistakes which we need to learn from, but it is important that we keep the right tone. Points that were raised at the meeting were valid but the committee had to take action, and are overall happy with approach that has been taken. Some actions and challenges were inherited by the current committee and there are still challenges with members who do not engage.

There have been positives in the last year:

- Good attendance at working parties leading to improved equipment/tools and better club premises
- Club Cruises were a big success this year with a great turnout at Holy Loch and Rothesay.
- Temporary membership was introduced which allows a good consistent approach

when members sell their boat

- 6 boats left the club this year, some for the last time – thanks for support in achieving this
- Plant now in good condition due to work carried out and there is an increased number of hoist drivers
- Now have GDPR in place and this is being managed better
- Newsletter produced for Winter 23, but need input from members to continue with this for Spring 24
- Waiting list is healthy with potential new members getting in contact with the club

Thanks to retiring members of committee, Peter McAllister (Vice Commodore) and Andy Boal (launch convener). Hopefully have support of the membership for 2024.

II. Reading and Approval of minutes from last meeting

All minutes available on club noticeboard and via members area of website
ES read minutes of the following meetings

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the 20/11/23

Summary: Details of expenditure and income provided. Andy Boal stepped down as launch convener, thanks for his time on the Committee. Highlighted that it was a busy year for the committee with a lot of good work done and projects completed.

Work was done on improving the hoist. Awaiting prices for repairs to rails/slipway.

Minutes of the Nominations Meeting of 24/01/24

Summary: Details of income and expenditure provided. GC thanked members for help with plant. For slipway project/rail replacement need to consider whether to use contractor or if members can take on the project, requires further discussion. Approved with change suggested by IH re comment about environmental assessment, this will be updated in the minutes

Minutes of the General Committee Meeting of 19/02/24

Summary: Sought legal advice re Invader, as the owner cannot be contacted a notice has been put on the boat and can move to disposal from 24/06/24. Site investigation required for slipway project. All plant passed inspection and awaiting certificates.

There are currently 73 full members, 69 associates, 14 junior

Meeting minutes approved

	Proposed	Seconded
20/11/23	Eric Smith	Willie Brown
24/01/24	Ian Hossack	Peter McAllister
19/02/24	Eric Smith	Willie Brown

III. Reports

a) Hon Secretaries Report

As per 19/02/24 provided by E Smith. No comments

b) Hon Treasurer's Report

As per 19/02/24 provided by W. Brown. Copy of income & expenditure balance sheet (year to 31st December 23) provided for all attendees. One addition to expenditure, £155 for hoses, to income to 3,534.59 – refund to be paid to member but awaiting reply with bank details to process this.

Summary provided: Funds at start of year = £ 72,531, income was £51, 802 with expenditure of £36,989. These amounts were in line with previous year. Noted that the insurance costs for 2023 were > £6,000 but £2,668 for 2022. ES looked into this and got a breakdown from insurance broker. Payments for 22,23,& 24 so all included in same year.

Membership fees £29,925 with £7,375 from 4 year rule (additional fee of £225)

Surplus 14,926 increase from 2022.

– Accounts Proposed by Denise Hunter, Seconded by Eric Smith

Question R. Gordon - ? Number of boats covered by 4 year rule, as income not divisible to a round number (based on £225 payment), full payment was not made by one member which is the reason for this discrepancy. 33 boats covered by this rule. Suggestion that a list put on noticeboard with boats covered by this but felt that re GDPR and naming/shaming this would not be appropriate.

Correction to this point after the meeting; Treasurer clarified only 17 boats covered by 4 year rule. The remainder of the balance on the accounts includes joining fees and temporary membership.

Point raised J. McCahill – 33 boats subject to the 4 year rule, nearly 50% of full membership. This is concerning as only around 30 launched which isn't showing engagement from membership, also only around 30 full members attending tonight. [see comment above]

Question S. Egan - re bank interest and opportunity to earn more. Interest is improving now so moved money from no1 to no2 so getting slightly better rate in this account (1.3%). Discussed with the bank but as we are a club it is difficult to get any better rate.

Email WB if any members have any questions re accounts.

c) Plant Convenor's Report

As per 19/02/24 provided by G Cameron. Awaited cable is now on it's way.

d) Master of Work's Report

As per 19/02/24 provided by G Hill. Asked that members clear their berths and tidy general area (members should remove any rubbish gathered), Plans for this year's work parties are being compiled and include level patio area/slabs, finish BBQ area, improve security at bridge. Let GH know of any suggestions to be added to tasks.

Contact GH re availability so that plans can be made.

Safety and security: Trespassing has been identified and some huts have recently been broken into, members were asked to let secretary know of any items missing but nothing identified so far. Cameras will hopefully help security.

Reminder to all that all ladders need to be secured so that they can't be used to access boats.

IV. Voting on Nominations

a) **Confirm Fees for all grades of Members and Joining Fee**

Agreed membership fees for 2024

- £450 full members
- £350 retired
- £25 associate
- £2 junior
- £500 Joining fee

3 membership applications have been made, no objections were raised.

Alex Meikle – Associate Membership

Lucinda Rankin – Associate Membership

Amy Colm - Associate Membership on waiting list

b) **Confirm Renfrew Sea Scouts Honorarium**

confirmed

c) **Confirm RNLI Donation**

Confirmed £150

d) **Proposal of Vice Commodore**

There was no nomination for Vice Commodore at the nominations meeting so it is proposed that Kenny Rennie is voted as Vice Commodore Proposed by: Anthony Cameron and seconded by: Eric Smith.

Kenny therefore stood down as Minute secretary. Proposed that this is taken up by Caroline Devlin (Associate) Proposed by: Alistair Devlin and seconded by Anthony Cameron.

e) **Voting / Confirmation of General Committee**

Nominations made at Nominations meeting on 24/01/24 except * agreed at this meeting

	Nominations	Proposed	Seconded	Vote
Commodore	Anthony Cameron	Eric Smith	Denize Hunter	
Vice Commodore*	Kenny Rennie	Anthony Cameron	Eric Smith	
Hon Secretary	Eric Smith	Denize Hunter	Anthony Cameron	
Hon Treasurer	William Brown	W Robertson	Ian Hossack	
Minute Secretary*	Caroline Devlin	Alistair Devlin	Anthony Cameron	
General Committee				
8 nominations	Gordon Cameron	Eric Smith	Anthony Cameron	n
vote required	Gordon Hill	Denize Hunter	Angela Rankin	y
	Richard Smith	Alistair Devlin	Ross Gordon	y
	Alistair Devlin	Denize Hunter	Kenny Rennie	y
	Raymond Rutherford	Gordon Cameron	John McKim	y
	Angela Rankin	Denize Hunter	Ian Hossack	y
	John McCahill	T McKinlay	Eric Smith	y
	John McKim	?	?	n
Associate Member	Caroline Devlin	Ross Gordon	Robert Tunnicliffe	

Office Bearers, General Committee and Associate Member agreed as above

V. Rule Updates

Full details of all suggested changes/new additions were sent to the membership in advance of the meeting

To be carried had to be voted to change by 2/3 of full members attending

Rule Amendment		Proposed	Seconded	Vote

1. Remove the requirement to leave other sailing clubs (Const. F)	Remove rule completely	Eric Smith	Anthony Cameron	Carried
2. Club accounts will be reviewed by a competent person or qualified Accountant (Const. L)	Was; will be audited by a qualified accountant	Eric Smith	Anthony Cameron	Carried
3. Include 'Temporary Members', appointed by the Committee within Members section (Section A, Item 1)	Include temporary members in list of membership types	Eric Smith	Anthony Cameron	Carried
4. Change the Temporary Membership Byelaw into a Rule (NEW RULE)	Agreed on 1/11/23 as a Bye-law. Include in Section A as a separate rule	Ross Gordon	Mark Borthwick	Carried
5. Restrict temporary Members to having to launch before they can join the Club.	Cannot transfer to full member until boat has been launched.	Ross Gordon	Mark Borthwick	Wider discussion around this rule change. Not carried as it is worded.
6. Change payments to the Club other than subscriptions to 30th November rather than 31st December. (section B item 6)	Allow more time for treasurer to complete accounts	Anthony Cameron	Eric Smith	Carried
7. Move Committee Meetings to two days prior to General Meetings. (section C item 6)		Eric Smith	Anthony Cameron	Carried
8. Minor clarification on "senior" membership fees. (Section B item 3)	Change from age 65 to in 'receipt of state pension'	Eric Smith Ross Gordon	Anthony Cameron Gus Dunlop	Carried
9. The Committee to have the authority to raise fines on Members in breach of Club Rules. (NEW RULE)	Fine limited to £100	John McCahill	Eric Smith	Not carried
10. A fee structure for Members breaching Club Rules.	Proposed structure starting at £1/ day			Removed as not discussed at nominations meeting or seconded
11. Members over the age of 80 with disabilities be exempt from work parties.		Ally Taylor	Eric Smith	Noted that this new rule was not seconded at the nominations meeting so cannot be carried
12. Club to abide by the General Data protection Regulations (GDPR)	Add to constitution	Anthony Cameron	Eric Smith	Carried
13. Delete the bar as a location for payment of		Anthony Cameron	Eric Smith	Carried

fees/subscriptions etc. (section B item 7)				
14. Payments from Club funds to have two signatures. (section B item 8)	Remove reference to 'Cheque' as no longer used	Anthony Cameron	Eric Smith	Carried

VI. Changeover of Committee

New members of the committee welcomed and thanks to those who served last year.

VII. AOCB:

Comment from M Fox – as there is a delay in getting minutes out in advance they often need to be read out at meeting which takes up a lot of time. Suggestion to improve this so that meeting minutes can be out in advance and allow members time to read. **ACTION: new committee will review how minutes are distributed**

Meeting Closed at 9.34 pm

REPORTS

Secretary report

Invader: Police Scotland advised of the situation wrt Invader. They indicated that our correct route was to approach Renfrew Council Environmental Health regarding this item. Sent email to Michael Maguire prior to contacting RCC for his opinion on this. Considers this to be a sidestep and that the council unlikely to uplift either. Signs attached to Invader. Should be able to dispose of with effect from June 24.

At the General meeting – 24th January, a discussion ensued regarding a Member who had “dumped” a trailer and rib in his berth despite multiple contacts and promises had failed to remove it. Committee advised to write to him advising that his Membership was restricted and that the club could move to fining or expulsion if he did not obey the rules. Written to – no response. Hoist Training advised to all hoist and winch operators as well as trainees for the 9th March. Trailer Sailer owner advised that this is the first of the four years towards their four year rule. 4 Year Rule members to be advised of status for this year as soon as a list is compiled and provided.

On Thursday 1st February a number of huts were observed as having been broken into. Secretary offered to combine lost items in a list but nothing sent to him – No further action.

Slip Repair: Met with Ian Mooney and Donal Maclellan to discuss the slip repairs. Concluded that, as no one understand the existing make-up under the area where the rails have failed, a site investigation is the most appropriate solution. A work party will be put together to cut a trench out of the concrete and to identify what has failed and what the existing construction is. At least two provisional solutions have been proposed and we can attempt either or both on a section of the rail. Ultimately, this will simply be a patch but will better inform the final solution.

The subject of a potential dock solution was briefly discussed. Ian and Donald are both content to attend a committee meeting to discuss.

Member who had "taken" retirement reduction on fees to be advised that he will be allowed one year but must pay the other. He must also write to the Committee requesting the discount. Mail sent to advise. No comment received. Rule change to be voted upon at the AGM.

Preparation for Voting for Committee: Angela, Raymond, Gordon, Alistair, Richard, John, John, Gordon.

Rule changes written, collated and to be sent out with agenda for the AGM.

Associate members approved at Nominations meeting advised of the situation and asked to pay £25 Subscription.

Evidence of fishermen back in the compound. Police to be advised for Intelligence purposes. Note Compounds excluded from "Right to Roam". **Ongoing.**

Renfrewshire County Council contacted regarding access to compound through small arch since work on cycle path. Response that this is private property and not their concern. Recommend work party to block.4

Concrete boat assessment – Secretary to advise owner that we consider no asbestos fibres present. What action does he wish to take? **Ongoing.**

Legal Questions – to be discussed with Lawyers and revert to Committee. N Sent – no response yet. Obtain updates from Temporary Members on whether they will be ready to launch. (One has responded that they want to launch as early as possible. One looking for a project to potentially fulfil work parties and one wants to sell his new boat.)

Club Dropbox to be regularised for new committee. **Ongoing.**

Titan not to be renewed as paid for – free version only.

Access for scaffolding to erect CCTV on lamppost cleared by member.

Bogie – budget replacement cost for bogie plus 20% width to be obtained. **Ongoing**

Associate membership request from D Wright. Enquiries received from Bud Stalker, Douglas McFall, Douglas Wright (on behalf of his wife)

Mail from Jimmy Lees regarding a Member – no answer on intentions with boat.

Message to the Membership regarding Vice Commodore is a required position. One offer to stand in the absence of any other person received.

Request from RCC to access to quote for repairs to the bridge due to car accident. Secretary contacted and will revert with contact.

Hot Water in the Clubhouse – proposal received for timer on existing water system. Reverted with request for cost of instant water. No response to date. Plumber fixed water leak in Compound.

Numerous mails exchanged on proposed Rule changes – sent out with Agenda for AGM.