

General Meeting 02/11/22



Apologies: Richard McKay, Craig Fury, Robert Tunnicliffe, Stephen Kitchen, Alan Marsh, Willy Brown, Donald McLellan

Present: 30 Full plus 2 Associate

Minutes of General Meeting 31/10/22 were read out. Proposed: Mark Borthwick 2nd: Peter McAllister#

Committee Meeting of 19/9/22 were read out. Proposed: Anthony Cameron, 2nd Eric Smith

Committee Meeting of 11/10/22 were read out – Proposed: Anthony Cameron, 2nd Denize Hunter

Committee Meeting of 24/10/22 Were read out – Proposed: Eric Smith, 2nd Tosh McGroarty

Secretary Report.

Membership

- Membership inquiry and Application from an Alan Preston from Alloa, the New Owner of Buckie Lugger. He's come down to the Club and met with a couple of Committee Members to discuss Club Membership and his plans for the Launch of the Buckie Lugger. **Action:** Hall to discuss options for the Buckie Lugger to remain on the island over the winter and vote.

New Members to be invited to Full Membership.

- Based on berth availability and the Associate Members on the Waiting List completing their work parties and engagement in the club, the Committee wish to put the following people to the membership for acceptance as full members:
 - Ian Cameron, brother of Donald Cameron **Hall to approve *Approved***
 - Brian McTrearty **Hall to approve *Approved***

Communications Received

- Late haul out request prior to plant being decommissioned from John McCahill, Committee Approved
- Comms from Renfrewshire Council approving our Rate Rebate of £21,289.80. This reduces the Club's rates bill from £21,414.00 to £124.20
- Comms from Duncan Cairns informing the Club of the sale of the Buckie Lugger to an Alan Preston
- Comms from Member Richard McKay, confirming the removal of his Band Saw from the container and the removal of a cradle recently acquired from a former Club member
- Comms from Former Member Eric Own confirming removal of his cradle from Club grounds and the transfer of ownership of his hut to another Club Member.
- Comms from AJG Insurance informing the Club of our RYA Insurance Policy Renewal (Clubhouse, Plant and Indemnity) £2,125.57. Subsequent Comms to update policy to increase value of hoist to £50,000 and add the Dumper. This will increase the policy by £139.79.
- Comms from Crown Estate Scotland updating on the Mooring Fees review. Annual Mooring fees of £80 (Independent) and £40 (Mooring Group) has been in place since 2010. For 2023-24 there will be no change, however for season 2024-25 this will increase to £110 (Independent) and £55 (Mooring Group).

Communications Sent/ On-going business

- Numerous comms to members notifying them of meetings, work party catch-up activities, club social events, security activities, plant decommissioning and recommissioning, etc.
- Numerous emails to Committee informing them of various aspects of Club business, being reported at this meeting.
- Comms sent to Craig Fury informing him of the Club now willing to support his request to use the Club House for a Carers Christmas Party due to him now completing his work parties or engaging with the club.
- Comms sent to Member Philip Docherty confirming approval of his late haul out request prior to the plant being taken off-line.
- Comms sent to New Member Andrew Begg following up on his recent Full Membership approval
- Comms sent to Members in relation to RYA Day Skipper Theory Course.
If sufficient interest from members, Explore future opportunities with Instructor Sandy Walls, 29th Glasgow Scout Group. Since the ICC support the SeaScouts, they are willing to offer Club Members the Scout Discount for undertaking the course.
- Comms sent to Alan Preston arranging a meeting at the Club with members of the Committee to discuss his planned launching of the Buckie Lugger and Membership of the Club.

Hon Treasurers Report

Current balances advised

Expenditure from last balance has been :-

Denize	50.00	flowers
Paragon Internet	57.46	
Business Stream	115.47	
Zurich Insurance	177.13	
Richard Smith	450.00	safe lift equipment
Renfrew Council	428.00	
Gordon Hill	805.00	tree cutting
Scottish Power	540.00	17/10/22
Business stream	115.47	
Zurich Insurance	177.13	
Total	2623.06	2915.66

Income

Denize	220.00	social surplus
Renfrew council	2446.60	
Cheque Renfrew	375.00	
Total	220.00	3041.60

Membership Fees Received

Total **28767.18**

I attach the notes I made as the payments were made, but still have to check the final payments against v7 of the members list

We have a current balance of £3555.52 with Scottish Power

Electricity contract ends on 30th November, renewal options are:-

The standard variable tariff in the letter is :

	Daily service charge	day units	night units
Now	33.52p	17.26	14.52
Standard variable now	121.74 Op	52.410p	44.710p
standardChange due before 1 st dec	127.700p	92.34	73.75p
Offer 1 year	81.191	76.00	57.23
Offer 2 year	81.19	70.66	57.01
Offer 3 year	81.19	69.26	57.28

The wholesale cost makes 85% of the usage and will be held for the duration of the contract. The remaining 14% can go up or down with the market price. Our contract price will increase or decrease with the market price.

The meter must be read on 30th November and readings passed to Scottish Power.

Allan Marsh 1/11/22

A lively discussion ensued on the cost of Electricity. **Action:** Proposed to do nothing and wait for budget and other issues to resolve. Note that there was a discrepancy between the plans available as described above and the options in the letter from SSE.

Discussion on the switching off of the lights in the yard. **Action:** This was agreed. Timers are on the kitchen heaters and the hall heaters are to be switched off. Consideration of solar power. Also the winch could be considered as a big user of power. To just turn on, the winch is 11kw to run. Also if a non-club member is using the hall, a charge should be raised. Plan is to check the meter readings regularly to monitor what is happening and where the power is going.

Action: Previously purchased CCTV System to be installed and commissioned asap.

Most of the meters in the yard have been checked or changed and we believe there is no leakage happening there.

Plant Report

Minor damage occurred on No 2 winch – lowest cable clamp pushed up, caused by blocks coming together. This has not been recorded in the plant log book. As this is the second : this year that this has happened, the plant convenor suggests it might be worth fitting a safety limit alarm.

There are a number of projects to occur over the winter and Plant Convenor is looking for people to assist. These included winter work on the hoist, moving the winch pump, moving the start/stop controls to reduce the unnecessary and expensive operation of the pump. New directions will be on place for the start of the launch period.

Launch: Nothing further to report. Only two boats left to be hauled out. Convenor thanked operators for helping on all launch and haul-outs.

Works: Camera locations now installed ready for commissioning of the cameras.

Safety & Security: No Safety report

Thanks from Moira Elder to those who had helped and supported Tom and her through the difficult period of Tom's illness and demise.

Website: New format now in place. Anyone to report to Hon Secretary on any pictures on the site they would want removed. A membership area will be added shortly with relevant items all in one location and going to implement a password on that section. HS to send out to membership

Anything anyone wants on the site, please give feedback to Alistair

Buckie Lugger: AM has purchased the BL. AM to make sure the vessel is sea-worthy. Rulebook states only members can have a boat on the island. HS proposed that the new owner be allowed to keep the BL on the island and launch in the April /May period. **Approved by vote.**

Asked for information on the Duffy case. Case currently cisted. Agreed by the floor that we would not be proactive in re-starting the funds. We need to re-build the funds.

Whoever loses the case will have to pay a %age of the lawyer fees. Duffy had proposed there was new evidence and called for a site meeting. Had we reverted to Duffy's solicitor and confirmed what had happened. If we now instruct our solicitor to go back to Duffy's to reject any such new evidence, the case will be uncisted. Affidavits have been provided and these will be the evidence that will be used in court.

JD had a stalling tactic of evidence of an inspection pit present. We had alternative evidence. QC advice was to attend on site and identify the evidence in order to ensure we were not ambushed.

Proposal to hold a special meeting to discuss the matter. Question on the anticipated cost going forward – not known and will be sought although it is anticipated that the answer will be the same as a length of string.

Meeting closed at 09.30