

Meeting Date; 24/10/22



Meeting Commenced – 07.00(GL)

Apologies: Graham Langmuir (GL), Allan Marsh (HT), Kerry Hill (MS).

Present: Gordon Cameron (PC), Cameron Johnstone (HS), Gordon Hill (GH), Tosh McGroarty (LC), Anthony Cameron (AC), Denize Hunter (C), Richard Smith (RS), Eric Smith (EWS), Alistair Devlin (AD).

Minutes: Eric W Smith

Hon Secretary Report:

Membership

- Application for Associate Membership from Doreen Currie-Sheridan (paid 10 year advanced membership in 2012 but hasn't received membership payment request since this elapsed)
Action: as this is not a new membership, but effectively a renewal, it should be approved. (HS & HT)
- Inquiry for Membership (AM on Waiting List) received from a Graeme Barrie, contact of John McKim, with a Nicholson 38. A standard response has been sent.
- Inquiry for Membership (AM on Waiting List) received from an Alec Glendinning subject to his purchase of the Buckie Lugger. A standard response has been sent. No longer interested as he is not buying the boat. No further Action.
- Inquiry for Membership (AM on Waiting List) received from an Alan Preston from Alloa, subject to his purchase of the Buckie Lugger. A standard response has been sent. See AOB Below

Communications Received

- Comms from new member Andrew Begg regarding his membership fees. No further communications received to date on this.
Action: Hon Secretary to contact Andrew on this matter (HS)
- Application for retired membership reduced annual fees from Donald Maclelland (67 in Feb 23) and John McGurk. In the context of the latter, we have requested conformation that the sole income will be pension based. (HS)
- Various comms from Club Members confirming payment of fees and proof of boat insurance.
- Email from Member I Hossack, requesting haul out slides are loaded onto the club website for general access; this is communicated to members via email and poster in the club house; and requesting training on Club Plant
Action: Slides to be uploaded to website – (AD)
- Notification from Iain Moodie requesting to drop to Associate Membership
- Request from member Iain Steven to erect a small hut behind his boat.
- Notification received from AMonWL Mark Anderson, deferring his potential full membership to 2023, following communications of potential nomination to Full Member pending completion of outstanding WP's by the Nov General Meeting.
- Comms from member Steven Kitchen, Graham Roy, and Norrie Harper confirming they hadn't received their respective fees invoice. This was forwarded to the Hon Treasurer

and Steven Kitchen's email addresses have been updated on the Hon Sec mailing list.

Action: HT to re-issue invoices (HT)

- Comms from Sean Thomson stating he is happy in his existing berth
- Comms from Peter McAllister stating he would like to accept the clubs offer of a change in berth.
- Email from Jim McArtney stating he can't complete work parties for medical reasons.
- Response from Michael Maguire saying he completed 2 WP's personally and his dad completed his other 3.

Action: Hon Secretary to write to him to advise he will have to carry out his own work parties. (HS)

- Comms from Eric Owen stating he is giving up his membership of the Club with immediate effect. Eric has requested access to the club to remove his cradle.

Action: Hon Secretary to write and request removal of cradle and hut. (HS)

- Comms from Ellen Flannigan, Daughter-in-law of James Donnelly, informing the club that She and James Donnelly jnr will be the contacts, doing work parties and engaging with the Club on behalf of James Donnelly Snr who is too old/ ill and now lives north of Inverness.

Action: Hon Secretary to telephone to confirm status of the vessel and encourage at least one to join as a full member and take at least part ownership of the boat, in order to legitimise their involvement and access to the club. (HS)

- Comms from Moira Elder confirming she will not be renewing her AM of the club.

Action: Club to void any outstanding electricity bill. (HT)

- Comms from Sandy Walls, Glasgow Scout Group, offering RYA Day Skipper Course he organizes at the Scout Halls in the South of Glasgow (£195). Can organize similar for the Club if sufficient interest.

Action: Hon Secretary to write to the membership to advise and check interest.

- Email from Jim Arthur inquiring on why the 4 year rule penalty has been applied to his day sailor, despite him using the boat. This was discussed at the last meeting.
- Comms from Alan Preston requesting if he purchased the Buckie Lugger and became an Associate Member on the waiting List, could there be special dispensation for the Buckie Lugger to be kept on the island for repair to be seaworthy. (See below)
- Revised quote from Robertson Acom for re-instating the electronic car gate with new control system which doesn't need the tarmac dug up. £949.20 + VAT.

Action: Further Info has been requested on activities and costs. PC has approached current membership to advise what could be done and for how much. (PC)

- Comms from AJG Insurance notifying us of club insurance renewal due on 1/1/23. We need to review and conform the sums insured for the plant. Discussion ensued regarding the insurance requirements. Agreed to not increase any of the plant sums insured.
- Email from Kerry Hill resigning from the position of Minute Secretary with immediate effect. E Smith agreed to take minutes.
- Late haul out request from Philip Doherty for 6th November.

Action: Committee agreed this was acceptable. DH to email confirmation.

Communications Sent/ On-going business

- Notification to members informing them of plant going off-line at end of season haul out
- Notification to plant operators informing them of operational practices to be followed in relation to the hoist and crane respectively. (see below)
- Communications to Members who have not completed work parties to contact MOW to arrange completion or become liable for a potential fine of £90/ incomplete WP
- Letter detailing the above sent to John Cairns.
- Comms sent to Jim Arthur informing of a deferment of the additional 4-year penalty pending a review of the rules with respect to day-sailor vessels at the forthcoming AGM.
- Comms sent to Peter McAlister, Mark Thomson, Sean Thomson, Ian McLean regarding the opportunity to change berth. To date, only Peter McAlister has requested a berth change.
- Comms sent to Duncan Cairns requesting he removes his boat, Buckie Lugger, from the island by the end of October. Discussion ensued regarding options if this did not happen.

A number of members are due to be proposed to the floor at the November General Meeting. These include:

Ian Cameron, Brian Triarty and Ramsey Lochrie. All have completed their outstanding works parties and are to be submitted to the floor for approval. HS is to speak to RL to identify if he is content to continue to clean the Clubhouse going forward.

Recommendation from the person who inspected the alarm and the fire installations:

1. A further fire installation should be placed at the North end of the island
2. A further fire installation should be placed at the south end of the island
3. A further fire alarm point should be installed in the main hall as it is considered a separate room from the kitchen area (where the current alarm point is located.)

Action: GH to identify any member capable and competent to instal a further alarm point in the main hall.

Treasurers Report.

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
<u>Total</u>	<u>2623.06</u>	

Action: HS to clarify purpose of payments to Zurich Insurance, Business Stream and Paragon Internet.

Income		
Denize	220.00	social surplus

Total 220.00

Membership Fees Received

Total 28767.18

Other items.

We have a 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
In letter	121.74 0p	52.410p	44.710p
Change 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 up 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.

I have agreed the 2year contract on the basis that three years is too long and one year too expensive.

Action: HS to revert to HT to ensure no action has been taken with Scottish Power.

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

Action: Committee to raise at November GM for discussion. Timers have been added to the heaters in the kitchen area. Consider the fact that there is no heating or frost protection in the attic (where the water tanks are located). Also consider the use of the external lights in the yard and round the club. Membership to be advised of the price rises prior to the GM.

Plant Report

1. Entry in log book on the back page under "Notes" only, saying "18/9/22 no3 winch do not answer to stop switch". As this was not put in the log book under "any issues" at the day to day logging section and I was not informed, all the other operators were not aware of this issue. As no other operator has experienced this fault and tested from both control positions with no fault found, I am happy for the hoist to be in operation.

AC noted that a serious fault of this nature should be dealt with by more than a simple note at the back of the log book.

Action: Safety convenor to write to all approved operators to request them to contact Plant Convenor in the event of a serious fault.

2. No 3 winch gear box oil leak to be repaired on winter service and before LOLER testing, as mechanical brake will be affected.
3. No 4 winch positioning handle found not attached, nothing reported in log book, now fitted with temporary repair.
4. Drive control lever to be sent away as complete unit for testing and cost for repair.
5. Safe lift equipment as calibrated the OPD100 and new switch position has been added so one A to B limit switch can be moved to suit jib extension is on or off. Total cost inc extension cabling and containment £468.11 . New prestart list and ODP set up has been added to crane book, and OPD set sheet is in crane as well.
6. Repairs to crane have been completed and is ready for use. Notice to be sent to operators about new prestart and OPD set up, notice to members to say crane is ready for use.
7. 5 masts down at the weekend, temp gauge not working, Cab roof leaking, on to do list.
8. Still waiting on price for new hydraulic hoses for the crane.
9. No word on price for hydraulic air filter hoist.

Launch Convenors Report

Very little to report at this time. Communications have been good both between members and Launch Convenor and also plant operators. All launching has gone well and only four more vessels are due to come out. All others have made alternative winter arrangements.

Any changes have worked smoothly.

Peter McAllister to move to John Pass's berth then John Campbell can move to Peters berth. A number of other moves as possible although few advised have taken up the opportunity for a move. LC has a current plan of the berths.

Works Convenors Report

Very little to report at this time. However, a number of members are still outstanding work parties and this is to be the subject of a report and a discussion at the next committee meeting.

Safety and Security

- Plant operators are to be reminded to ensure that all plant should be checked over **prior** to use and that any faults are accurately recorded in the logbook.
- **Before** any plant is used, the logbook should be filled out identifying any issues discovered by the pre-check.
- After use, all plant should then be checked over again **before** completing the logbook.

This is to minimise the risk of damage and reduce any potential offline time due to unreported faults.

CCTV.

- Convenor awaiting the Master of Works to complete the installation of mounting boards at either end of the clubhouse to allow the fitting of the new cameras.
- All cabling is in situ.
- The system cannot be switched over until all the cameras are mounted.

Action: AC to contact GL to confirm the status of the cameras, the positions required and the impact of switching off lights may have on the resolution and efficacy of the cameras. (AC)

RS volunteered to instal as soon as practicable after information on position clarified.

A discussion ensued regarding the security of the site after the removal of the previous airport security fence at the tunnel which is exposed at low water.

Action: HS to write to Renfrewshire Council identifying that their alterations have lead to the removal of this fence and exposed the club to the potential for children to accesses the yard and possibly being on-site when heavy plant is operating.

Social

Denize advised that the dinner on Saturday had been a great success and thanked all who had contributed by cleaning up both on the night and the following morning.

A festive afternoon tea will be held on either the 3rd or the 10th December.

Action: Denize to clarify when the hall will be available and set the date. Post meeting note – now set for the 3rd December.

Xmas night out to be held in Glasgow, to be at the Society Rooms on West Regent Street, 7pm 8th December. **Action:** HS to advise the membership.

AOCB

Craig Fury has completed his work parties by hall cleaning and is to be encouraged to continue with this. He had previously requested the use of the hall for the Renfrewshire Carers which was previously discussed at a committee meeting, for the 10th December. Agreed that this should now proceed.

Action: HS to contact Craig and advise that this is acceptable. Date for the club festive afternoon tea now confirmed as 3rd December.

Denize advised that two rings on the cooker are not now working on the commercial ceramic hob. AC to see if an old contact may help.

RS advised that members using the hoist or other plant should wear hard hats. This was agreed as a sensible course of action and should be encouraged, although possibly not mandated. **Action:** ES to see if he can source four of these.

Further discussions on the use of electricity which has been reported above. HS advised that in previous years, the use of electricity was as follows:

2006/7	25,680 Units
2007/8	33980 Units
2008/9	36,840 Units

PC advised that the cost of early replacement of the neon tubes with LED's was not cost effective but could occur as the tubes wore out.

Heating controls have been installed on kitchen heaters and main hall heaters switched off. GC identified the lack of effective frost control which had previously been in place.

A discussion ensued on the yard lighting. The lights have now been replaced with LED's which are more efficient than the old sodium ones after start-up draw taken into account. As these are one of the main contributors to our power use, it was agreed that the use of these should be discussed at the November GM.

Buckie Lugger – Alex Glendinning has not proceeded with his purchase of this vessel as he wished membership to be a consideration of the sale. This had not been agreed and he had removed himself from the process. The committee had considered sale of boats conditional on membership to be a dangerous precedent to set.

The current owner of the vessel (Duncan Cairns) has been sent a letter to request removal of the vessel by the end of October. Whilst he is attempting to sell the boat, he has not made any progress to date. The committee had to consider a Plan B if he failed to remove the vessel by then.

Another potential purchaser has applied for Associate Membership. It was agreed to meet with him and, although not standard practice, to interview him to identify how he could contribute to the club. This would then be the subject of a committee zoom to agree a way forward. **Action:** HS to contact AP to see if he could attend a meeting.

September Morn – this requires further investigation as one of the members was going to do some work on the vessel or do something with it. Need to understand what is happening with this boat and what the owner wishes to do. She has indicated she is happy for the club to move the boat and put a “For Sale” sign on it.

Richard McKay – **Action:** HS to send a letter regarding John Pass’s cradle and also the band saw in the container.

Moorings AC has been working with John Kent of Bidwells on our mooring situation. We have mooring areas in Gairloch, the Black Cart and Clynder. We are entitled to 60 moorings. There are still a significant number of unlicensed moorings within our areas. EWS pointed out that mooring areas have always been seen as non-exclusive previously. However, Bidwells are keen to move to an exclusive responsibility at some time in the future. This could prove to become an income stream in due course. **Action:** AC to keep abreast of the situation and advise committee of developments.

Meeting closed 21.45.