

**MINUTE OF THE AGM OF CROMARTY COMMUNITY ROWING CLUB**  
**HELD AT WEST CHURCH HALL 17TH JANUARY 2018**

**PRESENT**

Robert Hogg, Wanda Mackay, Fiona Grist, Matt Grist, Tilly Grist, Teagan Young, Coll Fullerton, Aidan McCann, Lindy Cameron, Archie Mactaggart, Mike Hale, Jane Hale, Zooulla Spirou, Ian Taylor, Thomas Macintosh, Ronald Young, Totter Senior, Bob Maclean, Christel Maclean, Ewa Mackenzie, Moira Munro, Bruce Morrison, Corrie Shapcott, George Selvester, AP ?, Alison McMenemy, John McNaught, Lynn Adam, Roger Loxley, Iain Hogg.

**APOLOGIES**

Drew Mann, Jenny, Denis Torley

*The Chair, Robert Hogg, opened the meeting with a welcome to all, commenting on the great turn-out.*

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM**

Agreed and Accepted Proposed by **Mike Hale** Seconded by **Wanda Mackay**.

**MATTERS ARISING**

None

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

Good evening, this is our second AGM. Since our last one in 2017 we have become an energetic and progressive club. Our skiff Cromba has been very well used and the number from young to old rowing have been impressive. This time last year we had very little cash and as you can see from our accounts we have been very successful with our fundraising. I have to thank all the members of our committee for all their efforts on your behalf. Also like to thank everyone in the local community who have given us help and assistance and encouragement to make the club a success. Archie Mactaggart has been our treasurer from the club's start. He is standing down from this post and I and the rest of the committee would like to thank him for all his good advice and valued input during his time as treasurer. As you can see by our accounts he is on the ball and we wish him the best for the future.

During our first year after the launch of Cromba

We attended Chanonry's skiff launch

Competed at Findhorn's regatta

Competed at Avoch's regatta

Managed to get young and old to row and ran our own very successful regatta in July.

This year along with Avoch we have agreed to run another regatta in June for juniors and seniors and with our experience over the last year we should be more competitive on the water. This will not affect rowers who just want to row for exercise and a bit of social interaction and pleasure. We will work round all club members!!

The Skiff is for everyone in the community so if you want to use it go on facebook input your request. It only needs 4 rowers and there are quite a few Cox's who are more than willing to help. More spur of the moment rowing would be good as not everyone can row at set times. I have to mention Wanda who has been absolutely brilliant encouraging and arranging all ages to row.

If the amount of interest is maintained at its present level the club will have to think seriously about building another boat possibly after next summer.

I have been chairman for the last two years and am standing down from the committee. New people with fresh ideas is what in my opinion is needed to push the club on. I will be more than happy to help the club in any way that I can in its future endeavours.

I hope this sums up how far we have progressed in the last year.

(Where the chair refers to **Archie Mactaggart**, who is standing down as treasurer, everyone gave a rousing round of applause.)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Archie gave a vote of thanks to **Robert , Mike** and the building team, with **Thomas** at the root of it, faithful to us all, without these people, we would not have achieved what we have done. At the start we had nothing, the balance in 2016 was £1291.74 today (2017/18) it stands at £3192, with assets (or one big asset) of approximately £3500 but the biggest asset is actually the membership and he hopes that it continues to grow. He expressed wonderment at the fact we built the skiff, and that we have 70 members, what a resource. He also expressed thanks to **Denis Torley** for his sterling work fundraising. He ended with a caution - watch the pennies or we lose the freedom!

## **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

*Robert Hogg and Archie Mctaggart are standing down.*

Elected were the following:

### **CHAIR**

**CORRIE JEFFREY/SHAPCOTT** (NOMINATED BRUCE MORRISON SECONDED ARCHIE MCTAGGART)

### **SECRETARY**

LINDY CAMERON (NOMINATED RONALD YOUNG SECONDED WANDA MACKAY)

### **TREASURER**

FI GRIST (NOMINATED ROBERT HOGG SECONDED ARCHIE MACTAGGART)

### **FUNDRAISER**

DENIS TORLEY (NOMINATED LINDY CAMERON SECONDED TOTTER SENIOR)

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

ALISON VANDYKE (NOMINATED FIONA GRIST SECONDED ARCHIE MACTAGGART)

RONALD YOUNG (NOMINATED WANDA MACKAY SECONDED CORRIE JEFFREY/SHAPCOTT)

ALISON MCMENEMY (NOMINATED FIONA GRIST SECONDED WANDA MACKAY)

MIKE HALES (NOMINATED ROBERT HOGG SECONDED ARCHIE MACTAGGART)

CHRYSTAL MACLEAN (NOMINATED LINDY CAMERON SECONDED FI GRIST)

ROGER LOXLEY (NOMINATED CORRIE SECONDED WANDA MACKAY)

**YOUTH OFFICER** WANDA MACKAY (NOMINATED RONALD YOUNG SECONDED TOTTER SENIOR)

**ROBERT HOGG IS TO BECOME AN HONORARY LIFE MEMBER OF THE CLUB**

## **AOB**

### **BUILDING SECOND SKIFF**

A new skiff would shortly be necessary as we have 18 new members coming on board in the next couple of weeks alone.

**Boat building/sourcing group to look at purchasing existing half-built or establish a new build :**

Mike Hale, Bruce Morrison, Thomas Macintosh, Robert Hogg, Roger Loxley

### **BOAT SHED**

A need is arising for a hub and shelter for boat as the one we have can't be permanent. Especially if we get a second boat. (It was remarked that actually some clubs keep their boats on the beach with covers on them) Committee to look at need and an ideal place.

### **ENGINEERING**

A sub group should be formed for how to get the boat in and out of the water best. Perhaps an electric winch? This could be helpful for all boats, ours and Juniper. **Robert Hogg, Ronald Young, Bob Maclean** to look into this possibly with input from **Pete Rochfort** from Sutors Skiffies tbc.

**Iain Hogg** suggested we have someone looking at oars, as we need new oars of different weights for youth , experienced and senior rowers the Youth Oars are £500 , we have funds for this, from a fund that should be ring-fenced for youth purposes only.

### **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

To stay at

20 for single

35 for family

### ***ROWING SCHEDULE***

We should get more ad hoc rowing, but all is weather dependent in the winter.

### ***REGATTA***

Organised for June, great interest with 13 clubs signed up already. Volunteers for helping : **Matt Grist, George Selvester, Bruce Morrison, Drew Mann , Lynn Adam.**

### ***TRAINING***

There is a training weekend coming up on 31 March.

**Corrie** is already booked + 4 people can go, let **Corrie** know if interested (+ publicise to members)

### ***YOUTH***

Youth group have completed first aid course and have been doing indoor rowing with **Drew** over the Winter. Need a youth member on the committee too, they will vote this person/persons in due course.

### ***INSURANCE***

Query as to whether club is insured, answer is we are - all members are insured when rowing.

### ***TO ORGANISE***

A racing sub-committee for regattas .

Finally huge thanks were expressed to **Robert Hogg** founder of the club, for all that he has done to get us to where we are, he is a big factor in why the club is the way it is and a huge round of applause was given to him in appreciation.