

# Ullapool Costal Rowing Club Committee meeting Minutes

05/05/2020 - Virtual meeting on Zoom

Present: Topher, Tom, William, Fiona, Jonathon, Ron and Isla

Apologies: India

## Agenda

1. Rotary Pier Day cancelled
2. Invited club's response
3. Race schedule finalized
4. Tents, Gazebos, P.A, Trophies etc.
5. UPS campsite
6. Ceilidh plans
7. AOCB

The minutes of the last meeting were approved by Tom and seconded by Topher.

1. The Rotary Club have cancelled their round the pier day which was due to be held on the planned date of the regatta. This means there will no longer be a date clash for hosting a ceilidh on the pier, however this was ruled out because of the covid-19 pandemic and related licencing restrictions. The committee have agreed to carry on with the planning of the regatta for the time being until it is confirmed that it cannot go ahead. Because Wester Ross may be slightly behind the curve and the idea of tourism and travelling might not be popular with locals in the village. If this is the case, the regatta could still go ahead, in a scaled back version, possibly limited to highland clubs.
2. The responses from invited clubs have been mainly positive. There have only been six responses so far however that is expected due to the current circumstance, and clubs are unable to say if they can travel to regattas as nobody knows how or when lockdown measures will be lifted. When it is confirmed if the regatta will go ahead, another email will be sent out to clubs asking to confirm their response.
3. Topher Dawson has made a race schedule for the Weekend. It was agreed that U19 races will be two kilometres, and the U17 races will be a kilometre, however visiting clubs should be made aware of the fact before they come.
4. All the tents, gazebos and the P.A system are ready to be set up if the regatta can go ahead. Safety boats will need to be provisionally lined up and Topher and Jonathon can lay out the lines as usual. Muir of Ord Industrial need a week's notice to supply portaloos for the regatta, and the decision whether to cancel or not will be made a month before hand leaving plenty notice. There are no medium sizes left of merchandise, however more can be ordered and made in two to three weeks if the same design will be used. Trophies will be recalled, Cromarty hold the overall trophy and the Rose-bowl so they can be brought or sent back. The decision has also been made to open up the Local trophy to all Highland clubs rather than only Coigach and Ullapool.
5. Currently the Highland councils facilities are all closed so the booking for the primary school for the use of a campsite has been withdrawn. A month before the regatta the committee will ask the council whether it can be used or not. If the

regatta is a smaller event with mainly local clubs there would be enough space in the main campsite anyway.

6. Jonathon has asked Robert about the possibility of an open air ceilidh on the pier, however due to the pandemic getting the necessary licences will not be possible. A smaller event was also suggested in the Hall, which has been booked provisionally for the 11<sup>th</sup> of July, however an indoor gathering may not be allowed at that point. If this is a possible option the bar could be run by sale or return from Tesco, however we may not make very much money, and nine people will be required. Another option is to ask a pub to run the bar such as the ceilidh place or the Arch. Tom has agreed to look into the licences required, they need to be applied for a month in advance of the event. If a dance in the Hall will not be possible an informal open air dance could be done in the Ferry carpark. The Highland council would not grant a public entertainment licence or an alcohol consumption licence. If the event was more informal would it be able to go ahead with social distancing rules etc.? India could ask the opinion of the Police? The harbour trust will have to agree to the use of the bandstand and there is power available from the men's shed building.
7. AOCB: The harbour money for the cancelled Dutch regatta needs returned, Topher and Jonathan can sign the cheque if William writes it out.

Cancelled Regattas: Lochboisdale, Cromarty and Golspie have cancelled their regattas However Stornoway regatta is still due to go ahead on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May and Findtorn regatta which is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

Topher will keep members posted on the virtual row around Scotland.

William is going to write cheques for the lottery as people would like a refund.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June on Zoom at 19:00