

THE GRANGE CLUB

Present: Clare Eadie (Chair), Graham Bailey (Treasurer), Elaine Martin (Secretary), Ian Patterson, Graeme Seggie, Gerry Mulligan, Melita Luxton, Neil Black, Richard Leeson (present on zoom)

Apologies: Joanne Boyle

1. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Everyone approved the minutes from the last committee meeting.

2. Commercial Courses and Advertising

Individuals who have asked to advertise a commercial course on Facebook in the past have been refused. The administrators of Facebook are not on the committee. The club e-mail doesn't promote external courses unless we have organised these ourselves.

All e-mail and website communication for courses will be organised through the training committee. Only courses planned with the training officer will be circulated. Advertising within the club should be done through the club e-mail not the Facebook page.

Members need to have access to good negotiable rates if commercial courses are organised through the club. There needs to be a fee inclusive of any other expenses and determined in advance.

We don't have a formal written policy on commercial courses, and this is needed.

3. LSKC Facebook page and Twitter account

There was a discussion whether Facebook should be kept or removed. Six out of nine committee members voted to keep Facebook with the understanding that it needs policies and connections. Gerry will get involved with Facebook page as he has expertise. He will consult with current administrators David Grieve and Alice MacInnes and will clarify what our club policies are.

Roddy placed two posts on Facebook. One to help a member with packing a kayak where he gave his phone number and another about a Greenland Rolling Course he had been on. An administrator of Facebook took them down. The committee feel, in retrospect, that the post about the Greenland Rolling Course shouldn't have been removed but they upheld the removal of the post with the telephone number in keeping with the Facebook rules. Elaine will e-mail Roddy to inform him of this.

Rob placed an open letter to the committee. It appears that Rob's perception is that Facebook is run by the committee of LSKC which is not the case. Elaine will e-mail Rob to clarify that the committee should be contacted using the e-mail committee@lists.lskc.org.

Most of the committee didn't realise that LSKC has a Twitter account, and it is completely unused. Graham will remove link from the website.

4. Register of Internal Provider Fees Paid/Payable

Everyone thinks that this is a promising idea. The register will be in resources and goes through the club. Fees will be paid by participant fees and no profit will be made. Neil asked if they are in the accounts – maybe not transparent enough. Graham (the treasurer) will keep on top of this.

5. Moderating use of [all @lists.LSKC.org](mailto:all@lists.LSKC.org)

Rules for posting – request replies to yourself not to all. Please don't reply to tell that you can't come. Clare will remind people in the monthly chat. Graham will e-mail individuals if too many e-mails posted.

6. Website Discussion Page Relaunch

Leave until Oct/Nov chat. Could go into the October Newsletter.

7. NQ Update

There is a third container available for NQ. It is currently used as a workshop and will be cleaned out and offered on same terms. Sea Kayak Oban imported a Tempest Skeg and that should enable the tempest for hire at NQ to be repaired. The rent at NQ will be reviewed in April 2023 when terms and conditions run out. Rents increased to £100 in June for Swanston. A big thanks to Cherry Kelsey from the committee to helping with the ramp.

One of the sets of J bars should be taken from Swanston and put in NQ. Also need to get a couple of ratchet screwdrivers for the containers.

8. SCA Membership Data Maintenance for LSKC

We have nobody to maintain the SCA Membership Data Maintenance at present, but Clare will have more time in April and may be able to help. Elaine also will have more time from October.

9. Membership application emails missed

Some members application e-mails have been missed. These have been mailed to the website address. These can be forwarded to Jo.

10. Training

Group participation in course this weekend (10th and 11th) – Sea Kayak Argyll and Bute. Final day of SKA is 24th September and SKL Assessment is 8th and 9th October. There is a CNTP Course with Ken.

Pool sessions will start in November and Ian is the safety person. This could be devolved to anyone in the subcommittee. It is difficult to find small boats for the pool and nobody is sure if you can buy second hand stuff with Awards for All. Rod has purchased six new buoyancy aids for pool sessions.

Ian has a list of members/coaches with qualifications.

11. Policy for containers and club boats

The policy from 2019 needs to be updated

12. Disposal of kit

Mel will sell paddles not used by the club

13.Stuart Marshall Talk

Martyn Tunstall is advertising a winter talk" A Few Sketchy days with Stuart Marshall on 18th January to raise funds for Myname5' Doddie Foundation. The advertising is early. Mel will contact to Martyn to discuss advertising.

14.AOB

It was decided that a bank transfer or cheque would be best for payment of Ratagan places.

Clare suggested not including packed lunches for the Ratagan weekend as members are concerned about food waste, but Mel felt that this would cause to much chaos both with storage in the kitchen and too many individuals using the kitchen.

Graham offered to help Rod with the sale Andy Nixon's kit.

The meeting concluded at 10.10pm

Elaine Martin

Secretary LSKC