

**MINUTES from the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at  
Three Villages Hall, Arrochar**

Present:	Dawn Gourlay Norman Gourlay James Gilchrist Mary Haggarty – via Zoom Carol Illingworth Christopher Johnstone Colin MacEachern Jamie MacTavish Alan Nimmo – via Zoom Vivienne Robertson – via Zoom Bert Robertson – via Zoom Rebecca Robertson Darren Davies Brendan Thomson – via Zoom	
Apologies:	Don Illingworth	
Item	Detail	Action
1.	<p><b><u>Welcome &amp; apologies</u></b></p> <p>Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Minutes from the last AGM</u></b></p> <p>Minutes from the last AGM held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were very briefly reviewed with no matters arising or comments made. Minutes approved – proposed by Jamie and seconded by Colin.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>Chair’s Annual Report</u></b></p> <p>A succinct overview of a very informative and detailed Trustees Annual report (see attached) prepared by Dawn was given, which highlighted despite the many negative aspects of 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Loch Long Jetty Association (LLJA) did in fact have a reasonable year, achieving a few positive outcomes as covered in the report. The report and audited accounts will be sent to OSCR in due course.</p>	

Chair: Ronald Ross

Treasurer: Mary Haggarty

Secretary: Dawn Gourlay

4.	<p><b><u>Events Sub-Committees Reports</u></b></p> <p>Norman kindly provided an overview as follows:</p> <p><u>Arrochar 10K</u>  2020 would have been the 5<sup>th</sup> year to hold this event which sadly had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications are now open for 2021 when the event will take place on the 18th September, with places quickly being filled.</p> <p><u>Loch Long Adventure Challenge</u>  Much work had been put into the planning and organisation of this inaugural major event scheduled to take place in May this year, which likewise had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It was hopeful the event could be re-scheduled for September 2020 as the full complement of 60 entrants were keen to compete, but with the ever changing pandemic restrictions it was unable to proceed, and a lot of application fees were refunded. Tentatively it has been re-arranged for the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021, which to avoid losing various monetary input stake holder deposits etc. must go ahead in some form or other. Much will depend on what Covid-19 pandemic restrictions might be in place at the time, especially with regard to the kayak race involving 2 people seated in close proximity to one another, thereby compromising the 2 metre apart ruling. ...therefore unless additional kayaks can be obtained by whatever means permitting each competitor to have their own, or perhaps allowing competitors to swap at a half way point using the existing 30 kayaks, this section of the race might have to be abandoned. Dawn suggested the need for a meeting perhaps in January to discuss further.</p> <p><u>School Visit</u>  Likewise, this fun packed day was also cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but Mrs Palmer (Arrochar Primary School Headmistress) is still very keen for the event to proceed when permitted. Most activities with associated purchases all remain in place, so, it should not take too much organisation to re-schedule, although any extra pairs of hands on the day would always be welcome!</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Annual Accounts</u></b></p> <p>Dawn gave a brief overview of the income and expenditure as per the general LLJA (non-restricted) account, and the four other restricted accounts, namely the Pontoon Project, the Arrochar 10K, the School Visit and the Loch Long Adventure</p>	

	<p>Challenge....all of which can be viewed in detail on the attached review.</p> <p>Alan commented on how well the LLJA had done considering the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic this year.</p> <p>There were no specific questions arising concerning the accounts, although James pointed out in view of the £612.00 income from overnight visitor moorings, was there perhaps a need for additional moorings. It was felt that due to the installation cost and annual maintenance fees, we should perhaps monitor the situation for another full year before making a decision. Dawn advised that there might be the possibility of acquiring a couple of existing moorings that may no longer be required by their owners, although would need to be checked for integrity and suitability of what boat type/size.</p> <p>Mary offered her congratulations and thanks to Dawn for the excellent preparation and presentation of the accounts.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business including but not restricted to:</u></b></p> <p><u>Fishing Permits</u> Dawn was looking to simplify the system, so, after a brief discussion it was agreed to only offer annual permits, plus daily permits via honesty box payments.</p> <p><u>Future Developments</u></p> <p>Dawn briefly provided an overview of the Loch Long Boat Cruise business venture that Brendan &amp; Nicola presented to the LLJA at the AGM a year ago. Sadly, after much written/verbal debate, with Dawn, Brendan and Nicola making every effort to comply with various requests, the Loch Lomond &amp; Trossachs National Park (LLTNP) have failed to reach a decision regarding their planning application, albeit there is every indication it will be denied. Due to the unacceptable length of time in waiting for a response Dawn wrote a letter of complaint to Stuart Mearns (LLTNP Director of Rural Development and Planning), which simply produced a template acknowledgement and estimated date of reply in the New Year! Brendan thanked Dawn for all her hard work and efforts to date.</p> <p><u>Membership Fees 2021</u></p> <p>All agreed that the membership fees for the coming year should remain at £5.00.</p>	

### Mooring Fees 2021

All agreed these should remain the same at £75.00 for the coming year (this includes £40.00 to the Crown estate; £30.00 for access/use of the pontoon and £5.00 membership fee)

### AOB

Brendan enquired about the possibility of having a lockable cage installed alongside the sea-wall adjacent to the pontoon, for dinghy storage. A good idea but would probably require permission from Luss Estates and probably Argyll & Bute Council, so, Colin suggested whether a pulley system attached to a mooring might be an alternative solution.....all agreed it might be worth considering.

Dawn advised the new container was now in place and thanked all those concerned for their help, especially Colin and his paintbrush! Dawn has prepared an inventory for all the items currently being stored in the container (see attached). Mary enquired whether the container would benefit from having any signage, so, it was agreed 'Property of Loch Long Jetty Association' could be displayed along with our e-mail address.

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### **Election/Re-election of Trustees**

Norman outlined the necessary constitutional requirements that request all current Trustees to stand down from their positions, but that they could put themselves forward again for re-election.

Following procedural nomination and acceptance a few changes were made to the Trustees and positions of office for 2021 as follows:

Alan Nimmo – Chair

James Gilchrist – Secretary

Mary Haggarty

Jamie MacTavish

Mary has stepped down as Treasurer but the Trustees have co-opted Dawn to undertake the role for this year.

All present joined in congratulating Dawn for the incredible amount of work and personnel commitment she has dedicated to the LLJA project from start to finish, often showing a gritty determination to succeed, when at times there seemed to be so many obstacles placed in her way. So, very well done on doing such a great job, and whilst we are

	<p>grateful to have you in your new role as Treasurer for the coming year, we wish you and Norman all the best as you prepare to move to pastures new. Dawn took opportunity to thank everyone for their support throughout this project as it could not have been done without them.</p> <p>Mary took the lead in giving our thanks to Carol for so diligently taking the Minutes at all our meetings and never complaining.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>End of March – date to be confirmed.</p>	

