

Loch Awe Safety Company
First Annual General Meeting

Held 14th June, 2011, Kilchrenan Village Hall, Argyll

7.30pm

Attendees

D Price	Cllr D Macdonald	Director, Chair
	I Mackinnon	Director, Company Secretary/Treasurer
	D Wilson	Director
		Director
	M. Humphries	
	Cllr E Robertson	
	Mrs. S Brolley	

Apologies

Sir J McGrigor	Director
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1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees.

2. Chairman`s Report

Copy attached to these minutes.

The Chair thanked the Forestry Commission for their initiative in arranging the erection of the cairn at the site of the fatality tragedy.

3. Accounts

i) Presentation of the Accounts

Copy attached to these minutes.

The Treasurer explained the principal sources of income, namely:

- the monies raised by the families of the deceased anglers,
- donations from Pike Anglers Club, Loch Awe Improvement Association and Pike Anglers Association of Scotland
- donations from private individuals
- sales of lifejackets

and the main areas of expenditure, namely:

- maintenance of the patrol boat
- purchase of lifejackets
- submerged hazards marker buoys
- signage

Expenditure in the year 2010 had been covered by the donations, hence the original capital from the families remained untouched for future investment.

The floor enquired whether there had been any other fundraising. Answer – no, but the Chair noted that funders may be approached in the future to sponsor specific projects.

Also, collection boxes have recently been distributed at local public premises

The floor enquired whether there is a membership fee. Answer – no.

ii) Approval of the Accounts

Approval of the accounts was proposed by D Wilson, seconded by M Humphries. Carried.

4. Constitution & Membership

The Chair noted that there is a separate membership for the Loch Awe Loch Watch scheme and the Loch Awe Safety Company (LASC). It is an aspiration that all Loch Watch volunteers become members of the LASC.

5. Directors Comments & Any Questions

I Mackinnon elaborated on many of the LASC's activities since its inception.

Website: Hosted on a voluntary basis by Brett Ward, Headshot Hosting, Sydney, Australia. Mr Ward was thanked for his contribution.

Funds: Mr Mackinnon noted that the monies originally raised by the families had in mind a rescue boat. This should be re-visited sometime in the future following the FAI recommendations for further consideration.

Lifejackets: The sale at cost of lifejackets is intended to ensure everyone on the water does wear a lifejacket, and are available to all water users, not just those using Lochs Awe and Avich.

D Wilson spoke about the project to mark submerged hazards. This is still ongoing. Many buoys had been shifted by the recent bad weather and were being relocated back to their correct positions.

The floor enquired whether the marker buoys were shown on a map. After some discussion, it was concluded that it would be very difficult to accurately show marker buoy positions on small scale maps, but a guide to the location and meaning of marker buoys would be useful.

Similarly, this information will be placed on the LASC website, and could also be shown at the proposed rescue posts to be located at launch sites. These rescue posts are one of the future projects being discussed by LASC.

Byelaws: The floor enquired how the proposed bye-laws would be policed. The Chair noted that these bye-law proposals were still at the discussion stage, and were not being progressed for now till the outcome of the Fatal Accident Inquiry is known. In

any event, they would be Council bye-laws, therefore it would be the responsibility of the Council to arrange for enforcement.

6. Appointment / Reappointment of Directors

All serving directors and office bearers have expressed a willingness to continue. This motion was carried.

Mr M. Humphries was proposed as a Director.

The Constitution presently provides for 5 Directors, hence a special resolution is required to amend the Constitution. Under normal circumstances, notice should be given to members prior to a General Meeting to discuss and agree a special resolution.

In the absence of such notice, members present agreed in principle, that the Constitution should be amended to provide for 6 Directors, and that Mr Humphries be appointed as a Director.

Both these agreements are subject to review by members of these minutes after being posted on the website.

7. Any Other Competent Business

The Chair noted some additional correspondence of interest to attendees.

8. Vote of Thanks and Close of Meeting

After a vote of thanks to the Chair and all attendees, the meeting closed at 8.20pm.