



St Mary's Loch Sailing Club

Enterprise Fleet No. 83

Mirror Fleet No. 224

Committee Meeting

24 06 2026 Zoom

Meeting Minutes 26.5

Fixed Standard Matters

1. Apologies

Present	Apologies
Mike	Ian P
Gail	Chris
Gerry	Dave T
Mark N	
Clare	
Keith T	
Rachel (Trustee)	

Minutes / Actions Previous Meeting

Minutes were approved

Videos in previous actions will be included in minutes once they have been sent to Gail for uploading onto the website.

Actions

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25.8	3	Update club rules HANDBOOK	Gerry	Gerry has almost completed NOR for standard club races. Once completed he will circulate for comments Rest of handbook Ongoing

25.8	11	Riparian agreement and meeting	Gerry	Gerry to contact Martin Andrew re Riparian Agreement and the setting up of a meeting of all landowners bordering the loch. There has been no reply to emails so Gerry will try phoning. <i>As there has been other comms between Gerry and Andrew and Andrew has never replied to Gerry's request it was decided that we would shelve this action unless something else crops up which makes us wish to pursue a full meeting.</i> Completed
26.2	1	Check valuation of club boats for insurance quote and feedback to Keith	Gerry	Ongoing
26.2	2	Get up to date valuation of rebuilding costs of club house and feedback to Keith	Clare	<i>This has been done and the desktop valuation has come in at a lower value than our current insurance. If we went for lower valuation then our premium would be reduced by £400. However this does not take into account our remote location or the huge fluctuation in the cost of materials. It was agreed that we would keep our valuation as it was.</i> Completed
26.2	4	Talk to Ann Wilson re Stewart's mooring and Honorary membership for Stewart	Gerry	Ongoing
26.2	5	Compile survey results booklet for members; send updated results to Gail for AI analysis and creation of a word cloud	Gerry	Postponed until post S/H regatta

26.2	7	Gail to investigate integration of results app with sailwave	Gail	Completed – see Sailrace timer and sailwave - attached
26.2	8	Ask for volunteers to join sailwave users group in next email	Gerry	Completed
26.2	9	Set up training for sailwave users group	Gail	Completed
26.2	10	Post work party create a list and google calendar of dates that items need to be checked / replaced.	Mike	Mike taking lead on this. Gerry to send Mike all the info he has. Mike to liaise with Ian P. Action 26.5.1 Mike Ongoing
26.2	11	Promote WhatsApp in next email	Gerry	Completed
26.2	13	Contact Andrew re co-opt onto committee	Gerry	Andrew has agreed to be coopted onto the committee. Gail is to contact Andrew and get him set up as a committee member Action 26.5.2 Gail Completed
26.2	14	Contact Ettrick and Yarrow Place Plan to establish Club contact	Mike / Gerry	Emailed the place planner for the Ettrick and Yarrow Valley offering to have a call / meet in person (either myself and / or Mike). Currently on holiday for 2 weeks and she will contact on her return. Mike agreed to take lead and liaise with Gerry <i>Despite repeat contact attempts by Mike and promises to call back nothing has happened.</i> It was decided that we would shelve this action unless something else crops up which makes us wish to pursue a full meeting. Completed
26.3	1	Colour code actions	Gail	Completed
26.3	2	Send out subs reminders regularly and update committee at meetings	Gail	Ongoing See agenda item 3 Completed

26.3	3	Arrange meeting of new club house improvements committee	Mike / Gerry/ Keith	Completed See agenda item 2 – club house improvements
26.3	4	Replacement Principal for RYA	Gerry	Mike has potentially agreed but will confirm after discussion re role with Mark Jones Completed
26.3	6	Email for club lasers to register for regatta and volunteers to book dinners tickets	Gerry	Completed
26.3	7	Find out details of safety boat course	Gail	Completed
26.3	8	Rodent / pest control	Mark N / Ian P	Ongoing
26.3	9	Cleaning of pontoon status	Gail	Completed
26.3	10	Source new spin dryer	Mark N	Clare found one on Market place. Completed
26.3	11	Fire safety as per his proposals	Ian P	Completed Thanks to Mike and Mark N for all they did re this at work party and to Ian P for organising
26.3	12	Manual alarm bells replacements	Ian P	
26.3	13	New stands for fire equipment materials	Ian P	
26.3	14	Chase up tree survey	Gerry	Completed to be done May / June – being done Saturday 27/6/26
26.4	1	Make payment to ICO for webcam	Gail	Completed
26.4	2	Email change of date of work party to 6/6/26	Gerry	Completed
26.4	3	Organise cones, ropes, high vis vests and people to control traffic at regatta	Gerry	Completed
26.4	4	Email Riparian owners re our regatta	Gerry	Completed
26.4	5	Liaise with Mark J re date for safety boat course	Gerry	Ongoing

26.4	6	Send email re trailers on site during season and in September email re boats off site	Gerry	Going to resend – showing locations where trailers can be stored locally
26.4	7	Signage re dogs	Mike	Completed

2. Updates

Budget update - Keith

See Keith's Report – Brief financial report June 2026

Keith is pleased with our current financial position.

He is currently setting up new bank accounts for the SCIO

He will apply for a certificate to allow us to get VAT relief on construction materials.

Gift Aid will not be possible on subscriptions

Keith has managed to get our rates bill reduced to zero as he queried our new valuation (£16200) – which was then changed – new costs set at £5400 – which means we pay £0 as it is below the threshold of £10k. Keith awaiting confirmation.

Current plan (still to be confirmed by Doug our external scrutineer) is to do a set of accounts as of 30/11/2026 for club pre SCIO. At that date all club assets will be transferred to the Club SCIO. Accounts will also have to be done for Club SCIO.

SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations) Transition– Mike / Chris.

We are a Charity

Charity Number SC0553344

File of logos (personalised for us) is on Dropbox / Committee / OSCR_SCIO/ SCO personal logo SC0553344

Club House Improvements (formally known as Club House Working Group) – Mike / Keith / Gerry

Grounds

Tractor all oiled and greased and blades sharpened

Ian Stark to be asked to organise a service for the mowers and trimmers. Mike to contact Ian S

Action 26.5.3 Mike

Clubhouse

Committee – Gerry, Mike, Ian P, Tom B, David R, Clare

Phased plan as per Gerry's email (some phases can be done in parallel) :

Water

windows

New Garage

Update supply to showers, radiators etc

Update changing rooms inc showers and extending ladies into old garage.

James Fraser is doing the water – costs all agreed and deposit paid.

Starting this Friday 26/6/26 – should take 3 weeks – supplying filtered water

We are supplying a digger

Hopefully going to get £800 grant from Borders Council for this (Gerry has made application)

SSSI and SEPA have been contacted to get their approval for water from loch.

Been told SEPA don't need to approved as long as below 10k litres.

Post meeting Update from Clare (thank you Clare)

After a delay from SEPA and a bit of bureaucracy where they seemed to think we would be abstracting most of the loch, we now have confirmation that where the abstraction of water is less than 10m³/day then GBR2 can apply. GBR 2 has three rules that must be complied with, to be considered compliant with the Regulations, copied below for ease:

General Binding Rule (GBR) the abstraction of less than 10m³ of water in any one day

- 1. There must be a means of demonstrating that the abstraction is less than 10m³ in any one day, such as a means of measuring the rate of the abstraction or a means of demonstrating that the maximum volume that could be abstracted cannot exceed 10m³ in any one day,*
- 2. Water leakage must be kept to a minimum by ensuring all pipe work, storage tanks and other equipment associated with the abstraction and use of the water are maintained in a state of good repair,*
- 3. The activity must not be located within 50 metres of any existing well, spring, or borehole used for a water supply. There is no application or formal authorisation for GBR level activities, so SEPA said we can commence abstraction as soon as we like.*

Clare thinks we meet 2) and 3) but as she mentioned at our meeting there is a need to demonstrate abstraction does not exceed the allowable threshold.

Clare thinks we might need to ask Tom or Fraser Drilling how they would suggest we approach this.

Clare also went back to Nature Scot who said since SEPA do not need to authorise anything, you should apply for NatureScot consent, which should be a relatively simple process. They request that we work through their online portal and apply for SSSI consent as if we were a landowner.

Thanks Clare for doing this.

Eventually get pressurised water system – next season and appliances will be updated then.

Pump will be on a mooring system in the loch (LHS of clubhouse).

Clare is looking at grants – may be good to get all costs and then apply or do it in bits.

In parallel with the water work, David is looking into the windows. To date he has got an initial quote for the lower windows which was acceptable. He is now doing more accurate measurement and will fix price.

Plan is to get costings for all phases as it might be the best way to get grants rather than to seek grants in phases.

Clare to look at this in more details.

Update of club boats – Gerry

Committee boat all good now

Trailer available to help move heavier items round club grounds

New items bought for SH regatta (inc knives, flags, hooters) are in Starters Box – needs tidying and places found to store.

One of the rib's has a ripped seat cover. Decided to replace. Cost is £300/£400.

Gerry to source

Cappercleuch needs a new steering box – Gerry to source and replace

Action 26.5.4 Gerry

Update on training including camps – sent from Ailsa / Mark – Gerry Training

Kids camp – 15 kids in 4 or 5 groups. Also going to run a PB course for older kids.

All participants and instructors have been emailed and webcollect has been set up for payments

Breakfast (cereal and toast) and lunch (sandwiches) have been included in costs. Alison R-M and Shona are helping Clare with catering.

Meeting Specific Matters Not Covered In Actions In Minutes From Previous meeting

3. Renewal of Membership – Gail

See Subscription Numbers June Meeting

Gail to send out last reminder and after date in July will delete people who have not paid.

4. Survey Responses -Gerry

This will be revisited after S/H regatta

5. Non-Sailing Calendar Events Season 2026

None close enough to be discussed

6. Events

Work party on 6/6/26

Thanks to all involved.

May Regatta 16/5/26 – 17/5/26

Plan is to host :

Jnr Regatta every second year

Supernova in the between years

Scottish Laser fleet every year (in place of Borders).

Reschedule of Events

DH VC Cup

Enterprise sailors to look for a suitable Sunday and get back to committee

Family Fun Day

Reschedule for 15/8/26 (with Pursuit race on Sunday)

Mike Gail and Gerry to organise

Action 26.5.5 Mike Gail and Gerry

Event on 15/8/26 (Ring of the Loch) to be cancelled

Events on 11/7/26 (Match race training) and 12/7/26 (Match race Cup) to be cancelled due to holidays. In its place there will be the usual Sunday series.

Gerry to email all members, (Add to Gerry email)

Post meeting Gail volunteered to do emails re events on 11/7 and 12/7. Final decision re Family Fun Day moving to 15/8/26 once we are sure water supply will be in place.

Double Handed Regatta

Classes – Enterprises Mirrors RS200

Mike to use last year's NOR and liaise with Andrew H

Cost to be £45 and £50 if entry after 19/8/26

Mike to send NOR to Gail asap to get it on website

Action 26.5.6 Mike / Gail

7. Club radio possible replacements - Gerry

After discussion it was decided that we would make no additional purchase

8. Replacement of club laptop and printer – Gail

See Proposal for new Computer Equipment

After discussion Gail (and Iain M) were given the go ahead to purchase and setup the new equipment/

Action 26.5.7 Gail

9. AOB.

Request made to Gail by club member to purchase a second microwave.
Mike has a microwave that he is happy to give to the club as it is in his caravan and is never used. He will take it to the clubhouse and find a suitable location for it in the kitchen.

Action 26.5.8 Mike

There is to be (hopefully) some filming done at the area in front of our clubhouse. Film company has been in touch with Gail re this. Same director as the one who filmed a person jumping off our pontoon for RBS advert. We will receive a donation of £1400 for this.

Once confirmed members will be told about this.

Deletion of old lists for sending emails on webcollect – Gail

Agreement was made that Gail can delete old email list from webcollect

Action 26.5.9 Gail

Date of next meeting **22/7/26**

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26.5	2	Set Andrew H up as member of committee	Gail	
26.5	3	Ask Ian Stark to get lawn mowers and strimmers serviced	Mike	
26.5	4	Get parts for rib seat and steering box	Gerry	
26.5	5	Organise Family funday day	Mike Gail Gerry	
26.5	6	NOR for DH regatta	Mike	
26.5	7	Purchase new computer equipment	Gail (& Iain M)	
26.5	8	New microwave for kitchen	Mike	
26.5	9	Delete old email lists from webcollect	Gail	