St Mary's Loch Sailing Club

Enterprise Fleet No. 83 Mirror Fleet No. 224

Committee Meeting

21 10 2026 Zoom

Meeting Minutes 26.9

Fixed Standard Matters

1. Apologies

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

Minutes / Actions Previous Meeting

Minutes were approved for previous committee meeting
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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26.2	1	Check valuation of club boats for insurance quote and feedback to Keith	Gerry	Gerry to do at Work party Ongoing
26.5	4	Get parts for rib seat and steering box	Gerry	**Completed**
26.7	3	**Andrew H to contact Gail so he can be set up on group email address**.	**Andrew**	**Andrew to contact Gail Completed**
26.8	1	**Value of remaining foodstuffs**	**Mike**	**To be done at Work Party and sent directly to Keith**
26.8	2	**Organise photo of meter reading**	**Gail**	**Completed**
26.8	3	**Contact Keith re dates for reports and accounts**	**Gail**	**Completed**
26.8	4	**Link Matt King with Rachel and Mark N re Topper**	**Gerry**	**Completed**
26.8	5	**Send email if racing cancelled on 11/10/26**	**Gail**	**Completed**
26.8	6	**Do RYA Principal paperwork**	**Gerry**	**Completed**
26.8	7	**Contact Keith re camping campervan season pass**	**Gail**	**Completed**
26.8	8	**Set up dinner dance ticket sales and advertise**	**Gail**	**Completed**
26.8	9	**Work party inc email**	**Mike / Gail**	
26.8	10	**Cost and time scale for tree work**	**Gerry**	**To be done during off season. Awaiting costs Ongoing**
26.8	11	**New trees to replace those removed**	**Andrew**	**Ongoing – waiting to see spaces after tree work completed**

Please note there were no actions from meeting 26.6

2. Updates

Budget update - Keith

No report. Keith was unable to attend meeting

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

Gail, Keith and Gerry are required to sign (wet signature) documents to transfer club assets to the new (charity) club

Club House Improvements (formally known as Club House Working Group) – Committee – Gerry, Mike, Tom B, David R, Clare
Meeting held on 20/10/26.
Priorities remain the same.
Next major step re heating is to do a thermal load calculation as this will allow the type of heating to be decided. This will be done with input from Tom B and heating design specialist. A spreadsheet of + / - points for different types of heating will be drawn up to help with the decision.
Requirement to improve insulation inc replace the windows that have not been double glazed and doors.
David R is to do the work (with thanks).
Committee approved the funding of stage 1
It is planned to seek grant funding for stages 2 to 5. However David R may come back to committee to ask for funding for next stages if the work is progressing faster than expected.

Bore Hole
Gerry continues to chase James the driller. He is trying to group several jobs together so he only has to hire the drilling equipment once. He has 'promised' to start by end of month.
Council has requested an update and Gerry will supply this.
Action 26.9.1 Gerry

Grounds
No update required

Update of club boats – **Gerry**
Currently we have 5 x Topper; 6 x Picos; 4 x Fevas
It was decided after discussion that the offer of a Topaz from a club member will not be taken up as we have sold all our other Topazs
It was agreed that we would keep 2 x tenders and not sell one to a club member.
Gerry to reply to club member **Action 26.9.2 Gerry**

Update on training including camps – sent from Ailsa
"Kids camp long weekend" went very well despite the weather on the Saturday. However sailing did take place on the Sunday and 2 attendees completed the PB level 2 course
There were new families in attendance which was positive.
See AOB for suggestions for next season re families and kids

Safety Boat course remains a priority for next season but this course requires 2 x PB Instructors

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

3. **Non-Sailing Calendar Events Season 2026**
Prep for AGM
See Feb 2027 AGM Plan
After discussion it was agreed the Gail would put together a draft agenda (in 2 parts) as we transition for club to charity **Action 26.9.3 Gail**

Committee members were asked to consider for the next meeting if they would be willing to stay on the committee and / or take on another role
Action 26.9.4 All

Yvette our welfare officer has intimated to the committee that she would like to step down from her role.
A replacement for her is being sought.

Gail to put together the season 2026 trophy winners list for next meeting
Action 26.9.5 Gail

Committee members are asked to bring suggestions for Adult, Youth and Junior Endeavour awards to next meeting. **Action 26.9.6 All**
Mark J is doing the 'totally knackered' award

Dinner dance – tickets are on sale
Gail requested that people mention it at the work party. Mike to include info re dinner dance in his email about work party

4. **Events**

Work party on 31/10/26
Mike to take lead
Gerry has list of things to be done

5. Duty Man
Gerry to give Gail admin rights **Action 26.9.7 Gerry**
After discussion it was decided that:
Time to arrive will be updated **Action 26.9.8 Gerry Mike**
Gail to include reminder in caravan letter **Action 26.9.9 Gail**
Gail to include reminder re importance of duties in email that is sent when subs are due **Action 26.9.10 Gail**

6. **Moorings**

Ian P has volunteered to oversee this as a committee member.
Gerry to share comms with Ian M and Chris Mason
Ian P will contact Charles W to discuss how he serviced the moorings from shore side.
Two issues need addressed – missing club mooring and checking of all moorings
This is a long term action so will be moved to **Updates** section of agenda

7. **Rough date plan for season 2027**

Put on agenda for next meeting so bar etc can be discussed
Action 26.9.11 Gail
SH Regatta – Dates confirmed as 12/13 June 2027
RO Gerry
2 day event
Super Nova Scottish Nationals – requested minimum of 45 slots for boats
Scottish Laser Travellers confirmed
1 day event
Streaker
Solo – attendance tbc after a meeting on 3/11/26

DH regatta – 28/29 August
RO Andrew
Enterprise
Mirror Scottish Championships tbc **Action 26.9.12 Gerry**

Windsurfer – 4/5 September

Camps / training tbc

8. **AOB**

How to respond to negative (unhelpful) comments / actions by a member to other members
Covered in other points (Duty Man and Moorings)

How encourage families and new members – doc sent by Dave T (AI generated)

After discussion it was decided that in season 2026 we had manged (despite lack of water and BG algae) to a run a few different activities on a Saturdays. We are mindful of the fact that we are a club run by volunteers where a small minority do the large percentage of the work. To ask for this same group of volunteers to do more is unfair. We offer training through camps but realistically cannot expect our trainers to give up time on a regular basis to do additional training.
Gail assured committee that she points potential new members in the direction of White Adder and Port Edgar if they wish for them or their children to learn to sail before joining the club.
Gerry suggested that we talk to White Adder so they know what we do and see if we can set up a reciprocal agreement so that they point folk to us once they have done some lessons. **Action 26.9.13 Gail**
After discussion it was decided to :
*continue with pursuit races
*continue with sail down the loch
*ask Ailsa (in her role as chief trainer) to propose camp dates and 'opening' activity date and content. (Committee feel that this should be incorporated with cheese and wine and be done late April / early May when weather is better) Gerry to liaise with this **Action 26.9.14 Gerry**

Date of next meeting 18/11/26

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26.9	2	Send response to Tim D re Topaz and tender	Gerry	
26.9	3	Draft of AGM agenda for next meeting	Gail	Completed (see item 3 in next meeting agenda)
26.9	4	Decide before next meeting if wish to remain on committee and / or move to another role	All	
26.9	5	Put together a list of trophy winners for next meeting	Gail	Completed (see item 3 in next meeting agenda)
26.9	6	Bring names to next meeting for winners of Adult, Youth and Jnr Endeavour Awards	All	
26.9	7	Give Gail Admin rights on Duty Man	Gerry	Completed
26.9	8	Change wording of arrival time on duty	Mike Gerry	

		man reminder (for start of new season)		
26.9	9	Remind caravan users of requirement to do duties at start of season	Gail	Completed in email to be sent in February
26.9	10	Reinder to all when subs email sent that duties are part of being a club member “don’t leave it to others” (start of season)	Gail	Completed in email to be sent in February
26.9	11	Place date plan season 2027 on agenda of next meeting	Gail	Completed (see item 5 in next meeting agenda)
26.9	12	Confirm with Mirrors re date and if Scottish Champs	Gerry	
26.9	13	Contact White Adder to see if we can set up a reciprocal agreement	Gail	Completed poster to be sent in February
26.9	14	Liaise with Ailsa re camps and event at start of season	Gerry	