



Minutes of LUCS Management Committee Meeting held in person in the Tearoom on Tuesday 12 April 2022

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda Ref.	Business Matters	Action
	<p>Present: Chris Matheson Dear (Chairman and acting minute secretary), David Shirres, Tom McPhie, Mike Smith, Lynne Nelson, Ronnie Reis, Peter Lewis, Doug Scott</p>	
	<p>Chairman's Introduction: Chris opened the meeting after introducing Karen Henderson who attended in person and is developing our digital archiving recording and cataloguing in conjunction with John Aitken as well as being a trainee Victoria driver.</p>	
	<p>Apologies: Andy Eaglesfield, Cass McArdle</p>	Noted
1.0	<p>David Shirres Treasurer Reporting :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current balance is £39,012. This is £4,866 less than at last month's committee essential because of boat licences and insurance payments • Since start of financial year on 1.10.21 LUCS has spent £10,959 more than it earned, £6,044 of this was on Leamington's engine. • The minus £545 for museum sales is due to printing costs of 1823 canal guide and LUCS history books • A quiet start to the season . The £116, £186, £246 & £254 taken on first four days of opening compares with average weekend takings last year of £223. • Museum sales are a potentially good news story. They averaged £1 per weekend last year • Aqueduct and Falkirk Wheel trips - very low number of pre-bookings compared with those immediately before the pandemic. The 5 tables booked on our eight Falkirk Wheel cruises compares with a total of 60 individual Falkirk Wheel trip bookings pre-pandemic • Charters - 21 40-seat boat bookings includes 3 Gin cruises and two to Falkirk Wheel at £450 each, compares with 19 pre-pandemic bookings • Leamington - 9 bookings compared with 13 pre-pandemic. • The Red Wheel unveiling happened on Fri 8 Apr and was highly successful with 4 attending from Transport Trust, Chris O'Connell from Scottish Canals. Moira Niven, Lord Lieutenant ; Tom Kerr, Provost ; David Tait and Chris Horne, councillors ; Sally Pattle of Far from the Madding Crowd book shop ; ex LUCS chairmen Ronnie Hobson, Graham Harvey, Jim Lonie & Ian Raven. Wheel plaque will be permanently mounted on bridge abutment opposite the basin. Chris congratulated David on the new book which was 	



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	<p>given to all present and is now for sale in book shop. <i>Post meeting note ; email from Richard Millar of Scottish Canals who will have sales investigated at Wheel visitor centre</i></p>	
2.0	<p>Andy Eaglesfield Membership and Health & Safety Report supplied</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • . Nothing much to report on health and safety :- • Gordon Hewit has had the fire extinguishers checked and distributed accordingly. • David is updating the safety management systems for the boats. • I've not heard from Mauro regarding new membership laptop? Albeit I haven't rung him. I will do so next week on my return. • (Andy is away May/June 22) 	
3.0	<p>Doug Scott Booking Convenor :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot of verbal contact enquiries despite online booking system now operating • Blue 2 still being pursued over remaining software issues • David to email all BML's in how to access bookings • Booking levels are running low based on previous years. Concern expressed by Chris over extent to which this is due to advertising and marketing not reaching out enough. Chris will pursue leaflet production with Peter and David <i>Post meeting note – David to arrange with Peter to get 1000 printed asap and then LUCS will distribute to all appropriate outlets ; Basin Banter with Stuart and David Post meeting note – can all committee email Stuart any entry they wish to go into basin banter right away such that it can be issued to all members by Fri/Sat 15/16 Apr ;</i> Facebook/Twitter/Website with Cass • Room hires are open by individual discussion and subject to our own janitorial availability. Chris met Speakers Club at the MGC and awaiting a response . Burgh beautiful (Ron Smith) have booked one day 	
4.0	<p>Tom McPhie Boat Report :</p> <p>Leamington new engine install is now complete and is now ready for chartering . Chris expressed thanks for this work which includes stern greaser, prop repair, new handle and exhaust. Leamington is important fundraiser for LUCS</p>	
5.0	<p>Ronnie Reis Boat Report – St Magdalene galley and toilet refurbishment now complete. Chris expressed thanks to Ronnie and Les Duff. Power supply should be disconnected when necessary. Case for new rings to be mounted on both north and south basin quays. Chris to take forward via Allister in first instance</p>	



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<p>6.0</p>	<p>Peter Lewis Boat Report : Victoria is operating . Mike mentioned lifting planks to weigh the ballast in furtherance of battery installation Flotilla Liaison : 50 boats booked so far for 21 may ; St Mag and St Michael will be berthed in normal place ; (Charter booked on Sunday at noon) LUCS has to man our 4 boats and provide marshalls to order ; Peter to pursue walkie talkies ; Allister/Ronnie/Peter leading BBQ and also bacon rolls on Sunday am, £10 tickets bought via flotilla website ; Bathgate Junior Reed Band ; Jennifer Ewan band on Lochrin stage ;</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Lynne Nelson Tearoom – kitchen must be kept clean and tidy Fun Day 7 Aug – Lynne liaised with WLC, done risk assessment, contacted international rescue and gala queen. Chris has to pursue carboard boat race organisation , register event on Scottish canals website, contact stall holders ,members stall, face painter, ferry, compere, punch and judy, musical entertainment, ice cream, fire brigade. Tom will pursue 20 foot skip ; Mike will pursue access to low port centre paddles, vests and helmets</p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Chris Matheson Dear General</p> <p>Chris asked all committee who can attend to please try and recruit and participate in June events centring around Marches parade on Tue 14 Jun (Martine is organising 200th anniversary theme of any period costume) Also perambulation visiting tearoom on Wed 8 Jun 7.30pm ; Deacons Night on Sat 11 Jun 6.30pm and Gala Day on Sat 18 Jun 11.30am</p> <p>Film crew (Bruce Fummey) going out on St Mag (Mike and Ken Duerden) on Tue 19 Apr to wheel for promotional film for Visit Scotland focus on West Lothian</p> <p>Wedding being booked on boat on Sat 3 Sep</p> <p>Repeater box in the museum is not allowing the card payment machine to work inside, Chris is pursuing Mauro but a temporary arrangement within signal range may be necessary as arranged by David</p> <p><i>Post meeting note : Edinburgh Canal Society will not be requiring LUCS boats this year ; the new Winchburgh basin will not be adopted by Scottish Canals this year</i></p>	
	<p>Next meeting : On Tue 10 May/Mon 13 Jun (Marches on Tue 14 Jun) /tbc in July/Tue 2 Aug (fun day on 7 Aug) /Tue 13 Sep/Tue11 Oct/ Tue 8 Nov/ AGM Thur 1 Dec</p>	



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