

## Eilean Eisdeal Directors' meeting

**DRAFT MINUTES for meeting dated 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, 12 noon in Easdale Community Hall.**

**Present: Mike Mackenzie (MM, Chair), Amanda McCrirrick (AM), Jackie Inch (JI), Samantha Payn (SP, minutes)**

<b>Apologies</b>		<b>Action</b>
<b>Conflicts of interest</b>	None	
<b>WSSC 2024 report</b>	<p>Invited participant – Kyle Mathews (KM)</p> <p>World Stone Skimming Championship 2024</p> <p>Event report and overview, financial results, use of profits.</p> <p>In response to a question from AM, KM stated that he saw the goal of EE as to maintain its assets for the benefit of the community and improve the lives of people in the community.</p> <p>He then outlined his belief that WSSC can contribute significantly to fundraising and therefore community wellbeing not only for EE/Easdale islanders, but in generating funds for the wider Slate Islands' community.</p> <p>2023 and 2024 have been the two most profitable events and there is potential to build on this.</p> <p>The WSSC committee has formed good relationships with representatives of the community on Seil and works together with them to improve the smooth running of the event and minimise the negative impact on the communities.</p> <p>The WSSC committee obtained EE directors' and islanders' approval to make changes to the event organisation for the 2024 event: changing the event day to a Saturday (better ferry and bus timetable), moving the pre-skim concert to Seil Hall to share income with Seil, running a post-skim event on Easdale to retain people on Easdale for longer and reduce crowded departures, and moving the date to earlier in September for a chance of better weather. All these changes justified themselves resulting in a better run event and greater profits.</p> <p>Last year, of the £7,500 profit made, £1,000 was donated to Seil community, helping to generate goodwill for this year's event.</p> <p>This year, the event profit was £13,500. KM commented that it is important for the Easdale community to know what benefits this profit has brought to the community, what it has been spent on.</p> <p>A larger team of volunteers, plus the experience from last year, has meant that organising this year's event has been less stressful.</p> <p>KM stated that "succession planning" was beginning to be put in place, so that the event is not too heavily dependent upon specific individuals to succeed.</p> <p>KM requested that directors approve that 10% of WSSC profit each year be donated to causes from which the whole population of the Slate Islands will benefit. Directors approved this proposal.</p> <p>KM to come up with suggestions from WSSC committee for beneficiaries of this.</p> <p>Directors all agreed that what the balance of funds raised by WSSC was spent on should be made clear to the Easdale community. It was agreed that a community meeting to make this clear would be a good idea.</p> <p>There followed a discussion on the interrelation between WSSC and EE, with concern expressed that WSSC might become an independent entity. KM stated that all major decisions regarding the event would be</p>	<p>KM</p>

submitted to the EE directors for approval.

It was requested that WSSC committee meeting minutes be shared with directors. This follows the practice that used to exist pre-Covid and should be reinstated.

**Treasurer's Report**

MM expressed concern on the abbreviated nature of the August summary previously circulated. JI replied that this was due to time constraints forced by the need to focus on WSSC. Fuller figures will be available in the end-of-year report due out after the financial year end on 30 September 2024.

**Governance**

It was agreed that directors should identify the priorities for funds held at the year end, with allocations for maintenance, investment and reserves. Maintenance to include museum windows, and investment to include continuing the upgrade of the hall kitchen.

**AOB**

Paid cleaner for the Hall – AM to draft and publish a notice advertising a paid post for occasional cleaning of the Hall.

**Date of next meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> October 2024