

ROWING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

1830 (Online)

MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Grahame Nash, Mary Heather Bethray, Jeff Bethray, John Hill, Charlotte King, Malcolm Mackay, Ruth O'Loughlin and Iolanda Vendrell Jan Holloway, Christy Job, Georgia Dowdeswell

**CHAIR:** Grahame Nash

**1) APOLOGIES:** Rich Ellis, Dai Howells and Howard Jacobs

**2) CAPTAIN'S WELCOME**

GN opened the meeting and highlighted that there would not be much to discuss under certain points and so these would be skipped past.

**3) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the last meeting approved.

**4) UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

JH raised an AOB about the pathways to Touring. There have been constructive conversations about how ex-beginners who deliberately learn skills for Red-Kites. This would also help beginners who could learn to single scull with snail kites without having to use the racing singles.

JH and JaH are continuing to look at the pathways outside of the committee meeting.

JB asked whether we could look at a roller for the touring boat on the landing stage. GN will look into this.

GN has done some research on fixed rollers but none seem appropriate. JB was looking for a moveable roller rather than a fixed. GN will speak to his handy man to look at having something made. GN and JB spoke of the requirements, GN will speak again to the handyman.

JB will liaise with MM to action the three month membership extension in SAGE.

Membership to be discussed under JB's report.

JH's safety action plan will be circulated to all rowers.

GN asked that the WhatThreeWords are recirculated to members in advance of the return to rowing. JH still needs the WhatThreeWords for the defib on Boat House Island. MHB to identify this on her next outing.

GN to send a reminder to the relevant people about DBS checks.

GN to pick up with RE that the relevant people now have DBS checks in place.

**5) Reports – Captain's Report (GN)**

GN to circulate to members a recent email from our Regional Rowing Council representative.

The return to the water will be covered later on the agenda.

**b. Vice Captain's Report (MH)**

There have two new inquiries about whether the club is taking on members. There are taster sessions being scheduled for the second weekend we are back.

When rowing is permitted, the boat booking form will continue to be used. JH asked whether this would apply to private users, general view was that it was good to have a record of who is out on the water and when. JB raised that in the new boat house will have an electronic booking system and so would be good to get into the habit of recording outings.

**c. Junior Head Coach and Cheney Report (CJ)**

CJ has an upcoming meeting with head of the PE department at Cheney. The hope is to restart rowing on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Falcon Juniors will restart after 29<sup>th</sup> March with extra sessions during the easter holiday's in the middle of the day. CJ is going to email the members.

There will be a reduction in the fees for the summer term to reflect the time rowing.

CJ is also looking to run a learn to row course the second week of Easter.

CJ has been leafletting for a summer course and hopes that uptake will increase when some normality has returned. JB will also support with the ordering of more T-Shirts.

CJ will share with IV and MHB the times that the Juniors are to be out on the water to be added to the boat booking form. It will be 12noon – 2pm for beginners and 2pm -4pm for experienced.

#### **d. Treasurer's Report (JB)**

JB discussed the balance of the accounts. Not much has been spent much over the last few months except for 4 pairs of sculling blades. The adult account currently stands at £12,664. Juniors had some coaching fees just before lockdown leaving a balance of £7,282.

JB asked for a decision on the membership invoices. It was agreed that these would start to be sent out for membership due in March.

#### **e. Membership Secretary's Report (MM)**

MM has processed the 3-month extension that was agreed at the last meeting. If there are particular issues with payment of the invoices these can be raised on a case-by-case basis. JH raised that members need to be aware that they can approach to raise issues, rather than just not renewing.

#### **f. Touring Report (JaH)**

Very little to report. There is the appetite to restart the touring group as soon as is possible. JaH and JH are discussing offline the expansion of recreational rowing.

#### **g. Learn to Row / Safety Officer's Report (JH)**

JH Learn to is looking to start a learn to row course at the end of May. He is considering using the stable quads instead of the large 8s – being mindful of a) larger groups and b) if further restrictions were in place it is easier to go from a small boat to a large boat than the other way around.

JH wants to put together an agenda of water usage to be used in conjunction with the other Isis clubs so that the river is in a compatible state to the activities that are being undertaken e.g. racing crews training at a different time to novices. There has not yet been a formal announcement from ORC about the colleges returning.

#### **h. Boatman's Report (JB)**

JB has serviced all the life jackets. The boat house is currently full of building equipment which will be moved to the erg room ahead of the return to the water. The roof is currently being fitted on the new build, then the doors can be fitted. At that stage the building equipment can be moved from the old club house to the new. In June the boats can be moved. Currently, the floor is ready but the racking is needed to be installed.

#### **i. Publicity Officer's Report (DH)**

DH was absent.

#### **j. Men's Racing Report (MM)**

Nothing to report.

#### **k. Ladies' Racing Report (IV)**

Nothing to report.

CJ raised whether CORC heads would be up and running. MHB raised that Heads stopped when social distancing became problematic. JH is not sure at what level Heads would return at. IV raised the issues that were experienced when the format changed. **JH is to look into what the plan is.**

## **I. Welfare Officer's Report (RE)**

RE absent from the meeting.

## **m. Social Secretaries' Report (GD / CK)**

CK and GD attended. There was a discussion about the hopes for a summer event if restrictions allow. JB raised that we should be considering Christmas events. CK asked if this would combined with the Kayakers or separate as this impacts the locations and costings. **JB will raise at the trustee meeting.** MHB also raised the May morning event although it isn't clear whether there will be singing from Magdalen.

There was then a discussion about ways to celebrate the club house, including the builders. The view was that this would be problematic as sport is allowed to restart but social events not. There are also restrictions on what can and can't be shared and worries about mixing. This will be reviewed in the summer when hopefully restrictions are lowered.

## **6) Return to Rowing**

As already covered, the return to rowing will include the use of the boat booking list.

MHB plans to use the boat booking sheet to identify members that haven't signed up for a session, who could then be approached to better understand what is prohibiting return / address safety concerns.

There was a discussion about what PPE is required by members, and in what locations. All members should wear a mask when in the boat house, regardless of the size of the crew they are rowing with. **A reminder of expectations will be sent with the boat booking form.** Coxes are required to wear a visor. **JB will check that visors are available,** but coxes may wish to consider supplying their own. Also, the sharing of the cox boxes was raised – these should be cleaned by the cox in the same vein as the rowers clean the boat and blades.

**GN is going to draft the email.**

GD asked that if the mask wearing is being raised across the club (rather than just rowing / kayaking). **This will be raised with the trustees.**

## **7) AOB**

### **Trustees Meeting**

NB has raised with JH about community groups using the room in the new boat house that were included in the proposal to Sport England. JH wanted to run through them with the committee before he responds.

The view is that there should be coordination between the groups, to avoid any competing.

### **Vision Document**

JH has reduced the strategic document and put together a few bullet points. The document is for members to manage expectations. It will also set out a framework which members can use for their development.

JH has asked that the committee read it and feedback.

### **AOB**

JH is launching some coaching videos and will be emailing those he knows. He asked that those who can, like and react to the videos.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS CLOSED**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 18:30

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