

ROWING CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

23rd October 2018

7pm at The Tree Hotel, Iffley

MINUTES

PRESENT: Grahame Nash, Jeff Bethray, Mary Heather Bethray, John Hill, Jan Holloway, Dai Howells, Christy Job, Paul Munsey, Iolanda Vendrell & Ruth O'Loughlin

Apologies: Howard Jacobs, Rich Ellis

Chair - Grahame Nash

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

Action: DH will look at adding links on our website

Update: Carry forward to the next meeting

Action: HJ will look at the sponsorship/underwriting/supporting of members to develop their coaching skills. The club would be prepared to pay 50% towards the costs of the training subject to contributing to coaching at the club.

Update: HJ to continue looking into this of members to develop their coaching skills, this includes talking to Georgia and Liza.

Action: GN to look at the toilet seats.

Update: Carry forward to the next meeting

Action: JB will look at the racing blade handles

Update: Carry forward to the next meeting

Action: MH to liaise with Ruth Ward and ask for a breakdown of the support required with a view to drumming up wider support from the Falcon Rowers.

Update: This is now done.

Update: Jan Holloway has joined the Rowing Sub-Committee to represent the Tourers.

Action: PM to make the change to the website re: temporary membership.

Update: Now in action.

Action: CJ to share examples of the communication flow she puts together for the Juniors .

Update: This has been done.

Action: GN to organise a training day. IV to contact MH about arranging a meeting for those that want to race.

Update: Carry forward to the next meeting

Action: JB to ensure that all life jackets are not self-inflating.

Update: This has been done.

Action: PM to send invoices to those with outstanding fees.

Update: These were sent but there are outstanding payments not made.

Action: PM to invoice Cheney, will do so on the 1/9 for £2000.

Update: This has been done.

Action: GN to look into the cost of servicing the ergs.

Update: Decision was made not to re-service the ergs this year.

Action: GN to confirm with Nick that it is not a kayaking equipment. GN to also discuss with Nick who 'owns' the space. HJ to sell the cross trainer if it is a rowing piece of equipment.

Update: The Concept multi-gym is rowing equipment. Peter Hathaway to try and sell. The erg space is deemed to be joint with the kayakers.

Action: JB to look into options of hatch covers.

Update: Carry forward to the next meeting

Action: GN to look at the details of shoe insoles and whether some should be purchased.

Update: GN has given a set to CJ and to JH.

Action: JB has more tennis balls to split and elasticate.

Update: JB to ask club members to help complete the task.

Action: ROL to look at other kit providers and feedback at the next committee meeting.

Update: ROL has looked at a number of different providers but will contact other clubs to understand why they chose the provider they did. The club is also considering whether to change the logo of the club so ROL will wait for further update on this.

Action: PM to request quotations for a fan to be installed.

Update: Carry forward to the next meeting. The fire escape door is now fixed so it can be opened.

MATTERS ARISING

REPORTS

Report from Captain (GN) -

There are 166 rowers making good developments. There are more crews forming following on from JH's Learn to Row Courses / W/E sessions with JB and RE. We have entered more races than before with success at National, Regional and Local races. The tourers have also participated in National tours as well as local events such as Goring The Juniors are also developing well too. JB has worked tirelessly to keep the fleet on the water, allowing crews to be out almost every day. There are 4 new boats - 1 coxed quad for the Juniors, 2 Singles and 1 double. There are also 8 new concept blades.

There is around £17,500 at our disposal, composed of £17,000 carried forward, £14,000 from the GMC less £15,000 already spent.

The Junior account has £4,200 in credit and invoice has been submitted but the bill for the autumn coaching is still to be paid.

GN wished to thank the enthusiasm and time put in to keep the club moving forward.

Report from Vice-Captain (MH) -

Adult racing report - the club attended 21 regattas, with on average 6 crews attending each. The men's crew were back on the water and raced twice. The women's eight raced at the Head of the River and were happy with their time. There has also been success at British and National Championships. The new boats also seem to be helping with the success of the club.

The summer BBQ was a success. Unfortunately, the Kayakers were away racing but the event raised £389.80 which has been put into the boat house fund.

Virginia is driving a Barcelona camp with 8 expressions of interest. Virginia to make contact in the next week or so. The date is February half term - 18/2.

JB & MH are also visiting a Spanish club as part of a reciprocal visit.

W8 had a lull but a determined core who have managed to get the group back up and running.

Iolanda has set up a trailer management system to help sharing the load. Georgia has offered to organise the trailer for Wallingford.

MH has met with the Captain at CORC. CORC are keen to host Falcon in their new bar at some stage. The importance of maintaining communication with other clubs such as the colleges was also stressed.

Report from Junior Head Coach (CJ) -

CJ has completed the Summer Course. This raised £3770 profit towards the coxed quad. There were 41 new Juniors and of those 11 have taken up with the club. This take up was not as high as had been hoped.

There are currently 47 Juniors as members.

CJ looking into a naming ceremony for the new boats. CJ to link with DH to ensure maximum coverage. The new quad will be named Kestrel.

The Juniors raced at Bedford. J15 single and J15 double wins with others making competitive placements too. The next race is the Burway.

Cheney: There are a lot of year 7s on the erg and on the 11/11 there will be capsize drills with 15 beginners coming down by the end of Autumn. There was a discussion about the capsize drills and whether the adults could add on to the session. **CJ and JH to speak separately about the arrangements.**

Also looking into the Indoor Championship.

Racing Report -

Laura is now the captain for the W8s with Liza and Georgia as possible coxes.

Ergs to continue on Thursday.

HJ was going to step back from organising but the W8s seem to be back up and running.

Report from Membership Secretaries (PM) -

The club is owed £11,000 - that is debt that is over 60 days old. **PM to send a report to CJ of which Juniors owe money.**

Discussion was had on how best to manage the debt the club is owed. JH suggested 'squad leaders' with leaders taking on responsibility for a certain group of people. CJ suggested a printed list of 'named and shamed' members who owe the club money. **JB to print the report at the end of each month and display in the club.**

Report from Safety Officer (JH) -

The annual report is due shortly. We will need to submit numbers such as how many Juniors are first aid trained, how many have coaching qualifications or leadership qualifications. **CJ to find this out.**

There was an incident with an 8, the 8 was a college crew with a coach on the bank but the incident still occurred. **JH to draft an email for GN to send to Oxford University Rowing to ask the coxes to instruct the stroke to notify of any other crews.**

Report from Boatman (JB) -

Boathouse - the lease of the land has been extended for another 25 years. The fee is £7k a year but adds more of the land to the lease (but not the carpark). The club have appointed architects and a presentation will be given at the GMC meeting. The plan is that the planning application will be submitted and hopefully approved early next year. There would be enough storage inside for all the current boats. The landing stages may have to be extended. There would be a staged development.

The car park will be closed for 3 weeks from Monday 29th. The intention is to introduce a charge except for Meadow Lane and Falcon. There is still no news on whether or not there will be a time limit or the practicalities.

Boats - generally only small repairs nothing major. It was asked whether the club should buy lights. JH added that the lights need to be seen from 360 degrees. **CJ to send a quote to JB.**

Report from Publicity (DH)

Oxford Times and Oxford Mail have been notified of most of the wins. **MH to remind crews to supply full names to DH.**

DH to look into options for the naming ceremony of the boats.

GN asked for a half page spread at some stage as a general feature on the club.

Report from Learn to Row Coach (JH) -

There won't be any October Learn to Row course with those who have expressed an interest told that March will be the next course. The contribution has now been made so all is up to speed.

Report from Tourers (JaH) -

The Saturday sessions will be organised by Tim and JaH. A round trip to Eynsham in June for the Desborough Challenge. Also participated in the British Rowing National Tour. Falcon also took part in the trip from Goring in the new Swift boats. These boats were bought by Charles Stanley (boats, blades and trailer) with 4 stored at Goring and 4 stored in Norwich. It is possible to hire these boats for £25 a boat.

On the 27/10 they are meeting to discuss the British National Events. JH asked if the tourers would consider contributing to the coaching of scullers.

PM asked if there was any preference for how the squadlist should be managed. It was decided that PM would just add new members to the W/E squadlist and if a member expressed interest in other areas then they would be added to the necessary squadlist.

GN asked if JaH would be willing to join the committee as the touring rep. JaH agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Roof Rack - Peter Hathaway asked if the club would be willing to purchase a roof rack to allow boats to be transported on the roof of a car to attend far flung races. Tim Crooks has a rack for £180 - it needs to go on roof bars. The boats would be covered by boat insurance but if something fell then it would be on the car insurance. CJ and JB raised that some people already have their own so there could be an option to borrow from others. The committee agreed that if Peter could sell the concept machine that the money could be used to purchase a club roof rack.

Trailing - PM raised whether there should be a form / checklist outlining the insurance obligations. MH agreed it was a good idea. CJ thinks that there is a checklist on the British Rowing website. **JH to look into this.**

Erg Room Batteries - ROL asked whether we could purchase rechargeable batteries for the ergs. The committee agreed - **ROL to buy the batteries and send the invoice to JB.**

Cleaning Rota - MH asked for a sign to be displayed showing whether it was Rowers or Kayakers month to clean. **GN to take this to Nick to arrange.**

Welfare Officer - CJ has two new coaches and has contacted the Welfare Officer. The details of this person are not as well displayed as would be liked. There will be a second welfare officer joining shortly. **GN to speak to the current Welfare Officer about the outstanding queries.**

Christmas Dinner - A reminder needs to be sent that the Christmas Dinner bookings are now opened. People will be billed as they register.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING WAS CLOSED

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

28th January 2019 @ 7pm

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