

Gloucester Rowing Club Committee Meeting

7.30pm Monday 5th June 2017

Minutes

Present: Ben Rodford, Stephen Rose, Clive Pendry, Robert Dibley, Lydia Watson, Scott Carpenter.

1. Apologies

Margaret Hamilton, Nick Summers, Sue Jones, Keren Holland.

2. Minutes of Meeting 24th April 2017

Approved.

3. Action Points arising

- a. Margaret Hamilton and Lydia Watson looking to enroll on an online Safeguarding Course – on going. Question mark raised over Nick Summers as hasn't been able to attend Committee meetings, does he need to complete?
- b. Ben meeting with Tom Pattichis - ongoing.
- c. Hartpury Safeguarding reporting structure, Laura needs to speak to a colleague with more expertise before coming back to Ben. Hartpury will still be a part of GRC so this issue is ongoing.
- d. Launch drivers - ongoing.
- e. Fundraising, email to club members seeking support for people to carry forward. Initial action with Stephen Rose to provide further information to Ben Rodford. Scott Carpenter then to follow up with Beginners to try and identify personnel.
- f. Roles and Responsibilities, most have been completed. Still waiting for Events Secretary. Others can be loaded to website.
- g. Twitter Account – log in details to be forwarded to other Squad Leaders to enable a balanced view of the Club from Juniors through to Seniors – ongoing Ben to give access.
- h. Email address list of members not in squads – still being compiled.

4. Chairs Report

Nil.

5. Treasurers Report

Nothing significant to report.

Membership

Proposed new members:

Senior: Luke Gooden.

Junior/Student: Henry Jackson, Eddie McCrorie-Mayne.

Development

There will be live power to the new boathouse by 16 June. It is hoped to connect up the ground floor lights in the following week. Once there is lighting, painting the toilets/showers can proceed.

Work on the boat racking is moving towards a conclusion and it should be possible to start moving boats into the new boat bays by the end of June.

A date for connecting the water supply is still awaited; it is hoped to complete that work during June as well.

Spoil heaps to be got rid of - hopefully Tony Marley can find someone who wants it. Otherwise £20k cost to get rid of it.

£300k needed for 1st floor and the canoe club enclosure under the balcony. Fundraising - buy a brick a month for 30 months - look to the new beginners for fund raising ideas - publicise it and keep it (fundraising) in the forefront of people's minds. Need some leaders. Scott to email the beginners to get some names forward for fundraising. Ben to email men's and women's squad leaders. Stephen to contact the canoe club for trying to get the under balcony area secured.

The current plan is to start charging usage fees from 1 July.

In the last 3 months, 3 major funding bids (GET, Biffa and Veolia) and one smaller bid (Screwfix) have all been unsuccessful. There is significant competition for all available funding.

Incorporation of GRC

No progress to report.

6. Safety Advisors Report

Had Club first presentation session on 17th May with about 20 participants. Presentation has been sent through to Tom Pattichis, and the document is available now and will be included on the website.

Incidents:

One bridge light red on both sides and no response from the bridge keeper when trying to go through.

Sims and Rea channel now reduced due to vegetation.

1 capsize.

1 collision - clash of blades.

Heel restraints rule is remaining the same at 7 cm rule.

There was an issue regarding an event in Oxford - flying a drone taking pictures. There is now a code of practice in place.

Next Club Safety Training course possibly in September, we could try for an interim one July / August. It was argued that there is no point in just GRC doing it we need to get our partners involved. We could tie in the presentation with the new Boathouse users' forum in conjunction with Stephen?

Ben to speak to Squad Leaders about the July presentation - Ben happy to run it. Rowing Committee agreed that before each outing a briefing should be made. Crew member responsible for checking boats.

Capsize drill 35 new juniors through, but very few seniors or other juniors. Try and push the idea of a BBQ at the Cotswold water park. Check with Charlie re Cotswold Water Park – AP for Lydia.

7. Safeguarding

Could I ask that the following are discussed in my absence please:

1. The roles and responsibilities - no feedback or change to the copy I issued recently. Karen has said that she will look at the Event Secretary's role. Any other comments, or can this be adopted? – Discussed and each person confirmed they would check through and recommend any changes.

2. I've made two requests to meet and discuss the number of complaints being received, but nobody has responded. Repeated comments centre on the fact that the club feels fragmented and that people are not talking issues through, preferring instead to complain.

Meeting to be arranged - Scott.

3. Could each Squad be given access to the Twitter account? At the moment the posts only reflect whatever Ben sees fit to post, no direct criticism intended, but they are not representative of what the whole club is doing and there is virtually no mention of the juniors. Ben will send twitter info out to Squad Leaders.

8. AOB

a. Club email address Scott to reply to info at so all are aware of what is happening.

b. Composites:

Martin to row in an 8 for the Totnes Masters crew.

Gerry has asked if we can include an Ardingly member in a women's E coxed 4.

Discussion about Composite crews and it was agreed that Committee wouldn't oppose unnecessarily as long as Committee are informed earliest opportunity, i.e. as soon as there is any discussion.

c. Robert raised hiring out the boats with floats from the Cotswold Water Park @ £10 per day + VAT. Would we consider hiring them some weekends?

We could borrow the canoe club trailer or see if they had a trailer. Robert to follow up feasibility arranging transport.

d. Lydia had a request from Southampton University (Fergus). They want to do a training camp here and want to hire boats 70 to 80 of them for a week at Christmas or Easter. Lydia to go back with a rate of £10 per day per student.

e. Clive won't be around for the August Regatta.

f. The AGM is 3 months away. Agreed date would be Monday 18th September. The next Committee meeting should discuss what needs to be covered.

g. Boat identities, all boats need a GLR number for competitions. For example Malcolm Startin does not have a GLR number.

h. We need an email address list for non rowers so contact can be made, for example for the AGM notification.

Meeting closed 20.50hrs.

Next meeting 10th July then 21st August.