

Teign Scullers members meeting

Minutes

Monday, 26 March 2018. 7.00pm at Coombe Cellars.

Attendees

Gordon Yeates (Chair), Marjorie Roome (Secretary), Mark Eastman, Alan Gillespie, Sally Livett, Andy Darkin, Carole Atkinson, Patrick Forster, Wendy Blackburn, Mark Le Breton, Sandrine Heytread, Mark Kodolanyi, Harriet Langworthy.

Apologies

Brian Cort, Mike Cullen, Mark Eastman, Barbara Gregory,

Minutes of last meeting (18 Oct 2017)

Agreed.

Any Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere)

Adaptive Single

AlanG reports that the company/organisation that BR has passed ownership of all the adaptive boats to still want our adaptive single back. We still have 4+ adaptive rowers who would like to use it once the weather warms up. GordonY will speak to BR to argue for us to keep it.

Competitions

AndyD reports that we have another 'novice' ladies crew for Parson & Clerk, they have rowed together and seem very strong (could challenge our 1st crew). We will have a borrowed coastal for this race but getting 3 boats for 3 crew for the other coastal events, except for Exmouth, may not be possible.

A vote was held as to how we should prioritise coastal entries and it was (unanimously?) agreed that if we had to choose we should enter our strongest crews.

HarrietL says that we still need volunteers to make cakes and savouries for our fundraising at P&C.

AndyD reports that there are still issues with trailers for fine boat events. We may have a new Irish buyer for the existing heavy trailer (*and* for the Burgashell x4 boat) but we may then have to wait for a lightweight replacement trailer because of delivery lead times. He's wanting us to get on finalise the sale/purchase. We also have issues with who is available and qualified to tow the coastal trailers.

CaroleA reports there are still problems finding enough women's crew for summer's fine boat events.

Safety duties

Gill Humble is willing to keep doing the regular checking of phones, lifejackets, etc. but *responsibility* for safety is to be 'delegated up' to Simon Coe at the main club. We need to arrange for Simon to do a site visit to CC to check for any issues.

Websites

Scullers content for new RTRC website

We need a sculler who can work with Rob to update RTRC website as necessary (the RTRC website is still offline). SallyL and AlanG agreed to work on some text (200 words?).

GordonY to update them on who to contact at RTRC.

Scullers Website update

also we need someone to update our website. MarkE and MarkK to work together on this. Julie (surname?) apparently has access.

Membership & Training

Novice Nights

We need volunteers, for coxing and for one or two rowers. Works better with two rowers. Session is 6-8pm on Wednesdays. and we will continue to need to move Nelson to/from Back Beach. Novice nights will appear on the outings list, please volunteer. We hope to not have ask you too do it more than once.

Marjorie says she expects to be available most nights. It would be better if we could add desk support (to chat to potential rowers - volunteers would be welcome. MarjorieR has drafted a note about sculling that could be given to those interested.

New members induction system

We need to review how we do this, especially for juniors. We need to better record what elements need to be covered and that we have done them.

Attracting new members,

Encouraging participation in outings and competition (active membership).

Both desirable, but no bright ideas as to how we do it, however Junior membership is cheap so we may have problems satisfying demand.

Junior sessions will continue to be run on Monday evenings at 6 by SallyL. Helpers very welcome. Junior sessions will appear on the outings list. If lower junior numbers mean that additional help is not needed then members welcome to row instead but helping needs to take priority.

Coxing training and accreditation (both fine and coastal)

GordonY has previously circulated a note on how this might be done. We should draw on what is already being done in the rest of the club. The principle should be mentoring rather than formal training, but we do need to formalise achievement.

Coach training and accreditation

WEARA recently circulated, at short notice, details of formal 'level 2' Session Coach and Club Coach training which was about to be run. RTRC have also been looking at the similar fixed seat courses. This was considered expensive for what it delivered.

Equipment

We still have a surplus from our last Sport England grant, which we ought to spend. Buying a lightweight fine boat trailer with this money already discussed. We also need to think about acquiring a 3rd competitive coastal boat if current interest is sustained..

We agreed to try and Improve crewing flexibility by having some spare footboards with larger shoes so that the small shoes on Lola and ??? can be swapped if needed.

It was suggested that a acquiring a portable cox-box (one independent of any boat speaker system) would help coxes/trainee coxes with weaker voice projection and also for longer races (such as Dart-Totnes head).

Disposal of rubbish and tidying CC site

Although not all the rubbish on the site is ours it was agreed that we do need to do a tidy. GordonY will agree a day for us to do this and we will also look to check out our boats. The recent improvement to the shed (new seat and hatch cubby holes and external noticeboard) were welcomed. We need to check what constraints there are on burning rubbish on site.

AOB**Kit**

New kit has been designed and ordered for those who want it. Should be available shortly as the ordering was rushed to allow our gig crews to have it for the Scillies Gig World Championships (early May).

Totnes Entry

Was this to be Scullers or RTRC joint entry as we expect them to enter Gigs/Seine boats as well as us?

Swansons

AndyD told us Swansons garage had been condemned and we (and the Gigs) will have to move our boats. A partially covered space on the other side of the car park had been secured (for now) but we will need to move the boats quickly when we get a final deadline.

Marjorie Roome
Scullers Section Secretary