

Teign Scullers Committee

Zoom Meeting

19:00, Wednesday 27 November 2021

Minutes

Attendees

Zane Steers, Carole Atkinson, Sally Livett, Mark Eastman, Wendy Blackburn, Marjorie Roome

Apologies for absence

None. Zane had to leave at 20:00.

Our AGM

Agreed should be held on Wednesday 10th November (ahead of RTRC AGM).

Preferred venues: Teign Corinthian Clubhouse, Coombe Cellars, Rugby Club. Last resort Zoom.

Alan's Presentation

Agreed should be held at same occasion as our AGM, but should be held first.

Drinks and canapes to be provided (paid for from petty cash).

Marjorie to chase up names/contact details(s) of old members etc. that had been generated by Mark and Sally and get these confirmed. Then to contact them about the event once venue and time finalised.

RTRC AGM – 25 November.

Issue to raise: lack of care of our boats when moving boats around at Gales Hill (Rosemary left hull down on ground).

Also poor security by other sections (failure to lock containers).

Zane's Chair's Report: Marjorie to provide Zane with Stats for last years compared to pre-covid. Carole to help with achievements to report. Emphasise the money we have raised for the club (£700 at last Regatta – presumably we will also have figures for next Saturday).

WEARA Meeting (11 November)

Discussed repeated problem – for us - with Dart-Totnes Head/Exmouth Coastal Regatts clashing.

Marjorie has already protested this issues with WEARA on our behalf.

Wendy to suggest moving that coastal regatta to Sunday as DT dates are already fixed.

Posting coastal outings (M)

Mark admitted not getting any 'open' coastl outings posted. There have been 'private' outings organised by Carole for Mel/Lou, Donna and Alex with Marjorie/MikeC coxing.

We will test adding Sunday 9am outings to the schedule and see what uptake we get. Difficult as we need the right numbers.

Learn to row course

RTRC don't think novice nights were working and have been asking the sections about introducing more structured multi-week 'Learn to Row' Courses.

BR LtR course are quite expensive and mostly off-water. We also lack formally qualified coaches.

We should investigate what other clubs do (price/content wise).

Confirm boat/asset list

We need to confirm our 'live' boat list for insurance purposes.

Should wait until we have cleared out Archbrook.

Maybe need to check insurance values.

Boat and oar set up

There have been gate/collar/rigger alignment issues on some of our boats and this may be why some of our novices struggles.

Zane will do checks but needs to find someone experienced to help. Adam/Kevin and Youlie's Nic were suggested.

Petty cash (Z)

Wendy is holding our Regatta fees.

Zane is operating a petty cash system, and using petty cash to fund minor equipment expenditures. He is keeping a written records of all income and expenditure.

However he was told that he does need to clear this, and share the figures, with Rob Gilkes (gilkesrobert@gmail.com), the RTRC Treasurer, so RTRC can keep the overall club finances straight.

Qualified Trailer drivers (survey). ©

Carole asked who we had who was qualified to drive our trailers and had a suitable vehicle and tow-bar. The list appears to be: Wendy, Zane, Gordon, Andy, Patrick Forster and perhaps MikeC.

Zane and Andy will be towing on Saturday for the Regatta.

Publicity (race reports, advertising inter club events/activities, membership drive) ©

Carole with produce a report for the racing at Hearn field on Saturday.

Carole continues to try and get reports of our racing and other activities out to the club and the local press. She feels handicapped by not getting timely reports. There was a recent problem with the report on Exmouth, which needs chasing up as it was sent to her but not received.

We need to better identify who will take responsibility for compiling reports so as to ensure that it is done.

RTRC Kit

Jane Tipper (who is supposed to co-ordinate RTRC Kit Ordering) is proving uncontactable.

Wendy has managed to get good quality kit from an alternative supplier, though they still have quite large minimum orders (11?). As we have members (particularly new members) who need kit we need to investigate using Wendy's supplier.

Future Competitions

Carole reports Exeter Head (4 December) is now dubious.

We should plan to take forward the local Frostbite Challenge races in the New Year.

Previously we have had an intra-club Fun Race Day around New Year. We should investigate when would be a good date (tides allowing) to start this up again. We would need a Safety boat (suggested to could get hire one from Teign Corinthians).

Wendy will keep us updated on next year's Coastal Race dates (as yet the date of our spring one is not yet set).

AOB

It was also reported that we now have permission to store boats on the ground behind Teignmouth Railway Station.

Teign Corinthians are proposing to install a water meter on our supply and charge us for water used. We don't think they will get rich on the charges.

Marjorie Roome,
RTRC Sculling Section Secretary