

Teign Scullers Committee Meeting

Zane Steer's House

15:00, Friday 22 July 2022

Minutes

Attendees

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

Apologies for absence

Sally Livett was unable to attend

Meetings schedule (ZS)

The current plan is to hold meetings every other month and following the RTRC Main Committee, which meets the first Tuesday of each Month (so we can get feedback on their deliberations).

We have decided to hold them at 19:00 Wednesday evenings and at our Secretary, Marjorie's house in the week following the RTRC Meeting.

Carole & captaincy (ZS,CA)

Carole expressed frustration and concern about the effectiveness of our internal communications e.g. our failure to produce the latest Newsletter. We resolved to do better.

Sally & juniors (ZS,SL)

Sally has been feeling overwhelmed by the volume of our internal committee email business most of which has not been relevant to her role as Juniors Leader. Although she has a role on the Committee as Juniors Leader we agreed to not ask her to involve herself in more general Committee business which do not impact on the Juniors.

Learn to row fiasco (MR)

The decision to go ahead with 'Learn to Row event (to be called Try Rowing)' and to start on Wednesday 20th July was made by RTRC Main Committee on 5th July. Although there was mention in the draft Minutes (25th July) of a plan for publicity on Facebook there was no attempt to publicise to either most Seine boaters or Scullers until Sunday 17th July, by which time Wave Dancer was out of action anyway.

Teign Coastal regatta update (WB)

We understand, by very indirect means, that our autumn Coastal League Regatta is to be held on Sunday 4th September (Hearn Field Pavilion not being available on the Saturday).

Wendy, who has previously run these event very successfully, has been asked to find out, for the Committee, further details of what is planned as the whole sculling section is likely to need to be mobilised.

Preparation for capsized tests (MR,ME)

We need to make plans for new members who haven't done their capsized test to do these August/September while the water temperature allows us to do these at Coombe Cellars.

Mark will run the tests and has identified suitable dates and times (6pm on Wednesday 10th and 24th August, the later being a backup) and will be contacting those who could usefully do the test and advertise for helpers.

Competition Issues (CA,WB)

We need to publicise (again) the dates of the Autumn Coastal League events so that crews can plan.

Marjorie Roome will put up a page with the dates on the scullers website.

We need to check who is qualified and willing to tow our boats to Regattas. Our new fine boat trailer is quite light and most vehicles with a tow bar could tow. At present towing seems to always devolve to Zane and we should have alternative.

We remain concerned that the Coastal regatta program has become overloaded. We were also unhappy about the late change to the regular times at Torquay that meant that our league winning ladies crew were unable to compete.

Changes to the Induction Process and documents (MR)

Marjorie (wearing her Safety Officer hat) has made proposals to update the Induction Program Guide and Safety Checklist and to make it easier for new member to get signed off.

Mark Eastman suggested some minor amendments to the Safety Checklist and with this correction the Committee were happy to sign off the documents.

We have still not got sign off on our updated Water Safety Plan by RTRC's Safety Advisor. However we have decided that the updated Water Safety Plan should be adopted anyway.

Coastal single use (ZS)

We decided that the coastal single should only be used in the context of club coastal outings, and that whether to use and who would row it it would depend on whether the outing leader determined that there was a rower who was a fit person to do so.

The boat belongs to Mark Le Breton. It was agreed that Mark can take the boat out as his private boat and if he wished could allow someone else to row it, but not as part of a club outing and on his own responsibility.

Maintenance day (ZS)

We periodically try to organise a maintenance day, so that we can clean and repair our boats at Coombe Cellars. Working on boats is easier if we have enough helpers.

We have decided our next maintenance day will be Saturday, 20th August. This will be at 14:00, after the 12:30 outing (so those who wish can do both).

Our (fine boat) regatta (MR)

We would like to initiate our own Fine Boat Regatta, in part to replace the second coastal regatta we have now lost.

There are issues because of the current full event timetable in WEARA and Carole said that we are now too late to try and get anything programmed for 2023.

We may do better to try and organise a non-championship points event or one limited to novices or masters.

Carole suggested we should talk to Pete/Richard Cudmore about what might be possible.

Personal phone use during outings (ZS)

Some members are using their personal mobile phones during outings rather than club phones (the numbers of which are limited). Such phones should have the numbers of the club phones programmed in so that (at least one-way) communication is possible on the water. We therefore need to publicise what our club phone numbers are.

Marjorie to put this information on the website.

Kit (CA)

A number of mostly new members have been inquiring about obtaining club kit. The most common interest would be in tops (t-shirts or singlets) and splash jackets (preferably shorter/closer fitting ones that can be used to row sliding seat boat, not just cox).

Jane is no longer responsible for club kit. We need to find out who is. Zane to find out from Jane.

Wendy has also been able to source superior onesies from another supplier. If we can't get kit through RTRC then we should consider approaching them for popular items.

Coastal WhatsApp group (CA)

An ad-hoc group exists amongst some of the seine scullers. At the last All Members Meeting Mark Kodolanyi was going to look into setting up an 'official' scullers group to help organise out-of-outriggers rows. However we've been told that in order not to duplicate the existing group Mark did not pursue this.

Any Other Business

The cox box has died. It was useful. We ought to order another.

Laminated Cards to remind coxes of possible training actions they can ask crew to practice have been produced and should be in the huts/locker.

Most of our rowers think that the lightweight Dreher's are suitable for coastal rowing and should be swapped for regular blades at Coombe Cellars. Zane to action.

**Marjorie Roome,
RTRC Sculling Section Secretary**