

Teign Scullers Committee Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

When: 7:00 Wednesday 11th May, 2023

Where: At Marjorie's house, or by Zoom

Present:

In person: Mark Eastman, Marjorie Roome, Zane Steers.

By Zoom: Carol Atkinson, Wendy Blackburn, Robbie Robinson, Alex Lonsdale

Apologies: Rachel Palmer, Lou

1. Draft Minutes of last Meeting, 15th March

As a non-attendee Marjorie had previously raised a number of issues with Zane about the accuracy of what was said at the meeting. Zane and Marjorie to discuss before Minutes finalised.

2. WEARA MAY DELEGATES MEETING, 20th May

Carole asked if there were any issues that we wanted to raise. Nothing was raised. Marjorie (who will probably take over from Carole next year) will attend the meeting along with Carole.

3. Exeter regatta 8th July

Carole reported that this regatta is now doubtful as there is no one currently willing to run it with the previous organiser stepping down.

4. Coastal Sculls

Wendy reported that we need more coastal sculls, in particular for our race crews, as several have broken, all bowside oars. Ideally we would want to equip both our quads with the faster Braca oars as they make a big difference and both our boats are now otherwise competitive in both the Men's and Mixed categories

Situation not helped in that we had tried to replace just the broken bowside oars but the ones ordered were not the proper match, and being bespoke can't be returned.

Mark reported that we had identified an opportunity has arisen to buy some used Bracas and Patrick is going to examine them. We agreed to support purchase of 2 pairs of sculls if the condition is OK.

5. Condition of boats

Our 3rd coastal boat **Endymion** is currently in a very sad condition having been left out in the rain through out the Covid emergency.

We are looking to dry her out and then investigate her repair. It was suggested that Roger might be able to provide a poly tunnel to cover her at CC and allow repair work to be done under cover. We will need to clear this with the CC pub management.

Wendy reported that there are issues with **Lola**, with a weakness (soft spot) in the hull that needs attention. It could be compromised when putting the boat on trestles.

We are looking at whether we could transfer the **foot operated steering system** currently fitted to the pair could be moved to one of our fine boat quads to allow **coxless rowing**. The last attempt at coxless rowing ended with the boat (which?) trying to proceed in a circle.

Also whether we can make better use of Brian Cort 80 and the Sims quad given the issues with Lola.

The other big issue with all the fine boats is that most of the **shoes** in them are end of life and need to be replaced.

6. Safety boat use

The question was raised as to whether with use of the RTRC safety boat we could take (coastal?) boats out in rougher seas.

7. Summer Race Series

Robbie and Wendy were asked to look into the possibility of organising a summer race series at CC, somewhere on the same lines as the Frostbite Challenge and our Fun Day Races (cancelled in December because of bad weather) e.g. with random crews over a 500m-1k course.

8. Lottery Funding Bid, Spending Priorities

Zane wanted us to finalise our priorities with respect to our bid for Lottery Funding, so that Robbie and Alex could complete our submission and more generally on bids for spending from club (RTRC) funds. Possible items were Shoes, proper Cox Box and Edgar Lee (?).

On a vote getting new shoes was seen as the greatest priority.

9. Water safety Rules

Marjorie asked if RTRC approved our Water safety Rules yet? After 2 years this still hasn't happened. Zane to pursue (again) at the next RTRC Main Committee Meeting.

Marjorie reported that our 'Emergency Action Plan' is now on the notice board at Coombe Cellars Hut, as well as some info about the Club. She also reported that the notice board is kept in the Petty Cash Box.

10. Operation of coastal boat schedule

Marjorie asked if there were any perceived issues with current operations with respect to times, numbers, coxing arrangements, booking. It was agreed to continue with existing arrangements.

Hopefully this will be helped as we have now been able to approve both Steve Lee and Roger Haines as coastal coxes.

We discussed whether there were any additional issues also making them outing leaders. Obviously there are additional responsibilities for risk assessment that they need to be happy to take on. Marjorie will send them copies of the Water safety Plan to read.

11. Future committee meeting dates

According to our previous schedule (Wednesday, bi-monthly, 8 days after the RTRC Main Committee Meeting) the next Committee Meetings are due on July 12th, Sept 13th, and Nov 8th.

The last is also an appropriate date to hold the next Annual Members Meeting.

Please can all Committee Members put these dates in their diaries.

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Coastal Regattas

Rachel had submitted a written report on arrangements for our Regata on the 13th. Marjorie had been able to clarify a couple of safety questions before the Meeting and there were no further issues raised at the meeting.

Development Sessions.

We need to continue work to develop rowing skills particularly for our new members.

Newsletter

This hasn't gone out recently. Alex/Lou to revive. News copy is required to populate it.

Publicity

Again not happening. Opportunities missed given our recent successes.

Social

Can we start to organise social rows, similar (or joining in) with those organised by the Seine boaters?

Maintenance Day

Time we had another, maybe once some of the more fundamental repairs have been done.

Marjorie
RTRC Sculling Section Secretary