

Teign Scullers All Members Meeting (AGM)

19:00, 15 November 2023 at Hearn Field Pavilion

MINUTES

1. Attendees (18):

Carole Atkinson, Marjorie Roome, Mark Eastman, Mark Kodolanyi, Mark Le Breton, Mel Dyke, Roger Haines, Amanda Leach, Sam Jennings, Sandrine Haytread. Tony Appleby,, Zane Steers, Jane Eggleton, Jo Knight, Harriet Langworthy, Andy Darkin, Evie Old.

2. Apologies for absence (10):

Steve Lee, Pete Houlden, Jacquie Lovett, Rachel Palmer, Alex Lonsdale, Patrick Forster, Robbie Robinson, Yvonne Harding, Simon Lobb, Mike Cullen.

3. The Minutes of the last All Members Meeting (AGM)

The Minutes of the last AMM were approved, there were no matters arising.

4. Managing the club

Some changes to Officers and Roles were agreed:

Chair	(officer)	Zane Steers
Secretary	(officer)	Harriet Langworthy (replacing Marjorie Roome)
Club Captain	(officer)	Wendy Blackburn
Head Coach	(officer)	Mark Eastman
Safety	(officer)	Jane Eggleton (replacing Marjorie Roome, who resigned)
Juniors	(officer)	Unfilled: as we don't expect to run a a Juniors section next year
WEARA Representative		Carole Atkinson
Coastal League Representative		Rachel Palmer
Teign Coastal Regatta organiser		Rachel Palmer
Publicity/PR		Lucy Bufton (replacing Alex L)
Social Organiser		Alex Lonsdale (Alec replacing Lucy Bufton and Lou Down)
Funding Organiser		Robbie Robinson
Clientside Website Maintenance		Marjorie Roome
Backend Website Maintenance		Youlie Giovanovits

5. Chair's Review of Last Year

Zane Steers presented a review of the last year (reported separately).

6. Loss of Lottery Funding Bid

Robbie, our funding organiser was not present, and unable to provide any detail. Zane was able to say that the feedback we received was that the Lottery were 'unable to progress our bid', but not further explanation. We need to do some more research on how to write a bid that they could progress. We could ask for feedback.

Next year it is not our turn to make a bid, though we could look at other sources of external funding, though typically these would require us to raise matching funds.

As the sculling section continues to be a big raiser of funds for RTRC, both through the sculling supplement (£50/member net of BR and WEARA affiliation), through our Coastal Regattas (entry fees and catering) of which there here will be two next year and the Learn to Row course fees (we expect to run 2 course again next year) be believe that the section should have a claim for a considerable budget from club funds to meet our equipment needs.

We have some ideas about what we would like spend money on:

- a) Another coastal quad, one more competitive than Wave Dancer (2nd hand, correct weight, drainage through the boat).
- b) A more competitive coastal double - Rosemary Knapp is not competitive but could still serve as a good training boat.
- c) New boat racks for the boats at CC – some of the current ones are rotting.
- d) Cox Boxes - as well as general audibility of coxes some of our rowers have impaired hearing. A basic audio only cox box + loudspeakers/wiring is likely to cost ~£900, more for one with rate sensing. The loudspeakers/wiring is ~£330 for a quad.

7. Next Year's Competition Programme (Coastal League and WEARA fine boat)

7.1 Competition dates and venues for 2024.

Date	Type	Event	Location
Sat 13 Apr	Coastal League	Mayflower	Plymouth
Sat 27 Apr	Coastal League	Swanage	Swanage
Sat 18 May	Fine boat Regatta	Paignton	Torbay
Sat 18 May	Coastal League	Exmouth	Exmouth
Sat 1 Jun	Fine boat Regatta	Totnes & Bridgetown (Champs)	Totnes
Sun 2 Jun	Fine boat Regatta	Totnes & Bridgetown (Sprints)	Totnes
Sat 15 Jun	Fine boat Regatta	Plymouth	River Plym
Sat 15 Jun	Coastal League	Teignmouth	Teignmouth
Sat 22 Jun	Fine boat Regatta	Wimbleball	Wimbleball Lake
Sat 29 Jun	Fine boat Regatta	Bideford	Bideford Quay
Sat 13 Jul	Fine boat Regatta	Exeter	Exeter Quay
Sat 20 Jul	Fine boat Regatta	Greenbank Falmouth	Stithians Lake
Fri 28 Jul	Fine boat Regatta	Appledore & Instow	Torridge
Sat 17 Aug	Fine boat Regatta	Torbay	Abbey Sands
Sat 24 Aug	Coastal League	Dartmouth	Dartmouth
Thurs 29 Aug	Fine boat Regatta	Dartmouth	Dartmouth
Sat 14 Sep	Coastal League	Carrick	Falmouth
Sat 28 Sep	Coastal Non-League	Exmouth	Exmouth
Sat 12 Oct	Coastal League	Teignmouth	Teignmouth
TBA (*)	Coastal/Gig/Seine	Round the Islands Race	Teignmouth

We wont necessarily enter crews for all of these (particularly not all of the fine boat Regattas).

(*) At present we don't have a date (or an organising committee) for Round the Islands in 2024.

7.2 Building race crews, organising race crew training outings.

We are having some success in building both coastal and fine boat crews who then need to do training outings together to be fully competitive. Although crews are free to self-organise outings at any time the tides and daylight allow we are also going to schedule possible 1 hour slots after the regular Sunday 8:30 outing, so initially at 9:30 for mixed boat 2 to train. Other crews times to be arranged when we see the demand.

8. Renaming our new quad scull Edgar Lee.

We have bought and newly refurbished a fine boat quad from Exeter RC. It's currently named "Edgar Lee". After a brief discussion it was suggested that we ask members to suggest a new name that we could then vote on. One, quite attractive, suggestion made was to name her 'fOarTeign'.

9. Effect of New BR Safeguarding Rules

BR has issues new safeguarding rules for anyone working with under 18s. In future both BR membership and attendance at a BR safeguarding course, to be renewed every 3 years, will be

required of all those who work with Juniors. Our current Leader on Juniors, Sally Livett, does not think we have the resources to continue a juniors programme given these additional requirements as we think it would be impossible to recruit enough members to manage this and to fill all the Junior supporting roles, particularly given we also need members to help run 2 Learn to Row courses next year as well. So we have decided to discontinue training Juniors and Juniors will mostly not be able to join us on outings, though we anticipate that suitably qualified parents might be able to take out their own children as part of an outing.

10. Social Media

10.1 we are looking to our new Social Media Rep to improve liaison with the new social media reps in main club as well as generating more publicity of our activities and competition successes on local media.

10.2 This year the End of Season Bash is being run by a new team including Mel Dyke and other section members. Thanks to Me & Co for taking this on – it is looking likely to be a success on which we congratulate them in advance.

11. Induction Programme

Our safety Officer reported that we still have an issue with patchy compliance: on joining new members are sent a Induction Programme Guide to read and are asked to complete and sign an Induction Safety Checklist. Returns of the Induction Safety Checklist have been patchy – some new rowers have returned it and some have not. This will need to be reviewed and chased up by our new safety Officer.

12. Cox training

We still need more coxes, new coxes need training. Last year Mark Eastman was intending to look at the training programme operated by the other sections but this stalled – we are still waiting for the main club's plans to be finalised. We should be looking to be operating a training programme integrated with the rest of the club, although getting some on-water, sculling specific, experience remains central.

13. Award of President's Cup

Normally this is presented at the meeting, however this year we haven't had time to decide this so we will defer until our next Committee Meeting.

14. AOB

Water Skiing

water skiers and scullers both want to use our shared area around Coombe Cellars at the same times (high tide, flat water) and water ski and wakeboard boats produce wakes that at best interfere with and at worst endanger scullers, particular singles rowers. Mark Le Breton has been checking the local Ski Club's rules and these designate the area above CC for competition and below for training. In practice little competition skiing is done. Talking to the water ski club might suggest ways that keeping each of us in separate areas might reduce interference. However it was pointed out that only a few of the waterskiers we encounter are full club members and some, particularly in July/August are probably skiing illegally (not even temporary members). However WendyB will try talking to the club to see if anything can be done.

Marjorie Roome, Teign Scullers Secretary