

Teign Scullers Committee Meeting

18th March 2024

Coombe Cellars

MINUTES

Present

Zane Steers, Rachel Palmer, Mark Eastman, Carole Atkinson, Jane Eggleton, Harriet Langworthy, Wendy Blackburn, Lucy Bufton

Apologies

Robbie Robinson, Marjorie Roome

Affiliation

Club affiliation with British Rowing (BR) is due to be completed by March 31st. There have been some changes this year from BR resulting in more information and legislation required and also there has been the introduction of an Affiliation Plus category. This provides insurance liability cover to affiliated clubs. HL outlined the benefits of affiliation in order to acquaint committee members with what BR is providing, none of which seems relevant to Teign Scullers. The cost of our affiliation this year will be about £600 so it is appropriate that we feel that we are obtaining some value for money. However, it was queried whether club affiliation is a prerequisite for entries into regattas, even if a rower has personal BR membership. HL to establish this with BR.

RP to ask Mayflower and Exmouth whether they are affiliated.

Coastal Outings

CA said that the last two Sundays outings have not had enough participants to take place, and the Wednesday evening outings are also not getting a full complement. This is possibly as a result of people having got themselves into crews and organising their own outings, which is a positive development. Agreed that two outings will be scheduled on Wednesdays to see how that affects take up; one in mid afternoon and one in early evening.

Jane suggested a mini survey which she will put together asking members what they would like in terms of outing timings and frequency.

20th Anniversary Celebration

After some discussion agreed that the date is not looking appropriate because of a lack of organiser availability. New date of 20th July suggested, which has a better tide (1747h HT). HL to rebook Hearn Field.

RP will organise publicity flyer. RSVPs required to assess attendance and to enable us to work out catering requirements and finances. This is not a fundraiser, but a celebration of 20 years of the Scullers. LB to ask for it to go on club Facebook. Carole has notified interested parties and the Mid Devon Advertiser.

Teign Coastal Regatta 18th May

Planned to run from Shaldon beach pending approval at Parish Council meeting.
RP in charge. More details in due course.

Welsh Coastal Championships 15th June

Bob wondering if anyone from the coastal league wants to put together composite crews. This will be publicised to Scullers members. RP to do this.

AOB

Newsletter

WB suggested a newsletter would be better for communication with sculler members rather than emails, which can become a bit unnoticeable. Suggested this newsletter should be in the last week of each month. Lucy will put together a proposal for committee's consideration. Zane suggested that all committee members must contribute something every time – Lucy to ask us all.

Purchase of club double

It was confirmed that we are intending to buy one. WB updated us on her findings regarding this but getting a price on a Lite Boat is still outstanding. Others are out of our price range. WB to chase Bob. Swift will reserve one for end of season for us, so it was agreed to say yes to that, on the basis we don't have to go ahead with it should the price be out of our range, or if we have bought prior to it becoming available.

Learn to Scull Course

Nine attendees signed up on Learn to Scull

Sponsorship

Jane to investigate companies to sponsor scullers. Lucy to put it in newsletter asking if anyone can help.

Next Meeting

Monday 29th April Coombe Cellars 1900

Harriet Langworthy
RTRC Sculling Section Secretary