

TEIGN SCULLERS COMMITTEE MEETING

29th April 2024

Coombe Cellars

Present

Zane Steers, Wendy Blackburn, Lucy Bufton (via Zoom), Harriet Langworthy, Carole Atkinson, Rachel Palmer, Mark Eastman, Mark Layton, Jane Eggleton

Apologies

Marjorie Roome, Robbie Robinson

Minutes of last meeting

Approved

British Rowing Affiliation

Response to BR affiliation query was finally received today. They stated that affiliation to BR is required for entry into any BR events and WEARA does not qualify as an affiliated body. Despite this it was agreed not to affiliate. Discussion regarding whether or not it is worth joining WEARA and it was agreed that we should, in case we enter a regatta this year. Fee is £100. ME pointed out that they have been very helpful, and it would be a shame not to affiliate.

Agreed that we will pay. HL to organise.

Teign Coastal Regatta

RP reported on arrangements to date. Everything in control with just a few outstanding points to sort.

RTRC safety boat may still be running in its new engine but should be fine for use on the day as long as running in protocol is adhered to, which ML said shouldn't restrict its function as a safety boat.

Hoping to allow clubs to leave boats on beach on Friday and Saturday nights. RP waiting for confirmation from Shaldon PC.

There was some discussion about whether to increase all course lengths to 6km but agreed to leave at 6km for quads, 4km for doubles and singles and 2km for novices. This was to maximise running time efficiencies on the day.

WB proposed sending out email to appropriate club members suggesting participation in novice races. Agreed.

RP is going to ask Orsmans and Shaldon Bakery for food donations.

There was discussion regarding the requirement for more formal recording of how many boats are on the water and to introduce some form of signing on and off the water for each race.

ML said that all boats should be signed in and out and how many people are out on the water should be recorded.

Agreed that registration should be reinstated and that there should be a beach master.

Teign Scullers 20th Anniversary Party

Proposed that we should postpone to next year in view of difficulties of scheduling. HL to cancel booking at Hearn Field.

Need to identify a date at a meeting later this year once regatta dates are confirmed.

Discussion of members survey

21 responses from total of approximately 60 members. Thank you to JE for doing this.

Main issues raised are not understanding the booking in for an outing process, not knowing who people are, the different standards of rowers and wanting to row in a racing team but not knowing how to get into a team.

After some discussion it was agreed that ME would write a note explaining how to sign up to outings and how they work, and encouraging people to do so. This could go into the newsletter.

Regatta Date Clashes

Two event clashes Mayflower and Head of Dart, and Teign regatta and Paignton Fine boat. CA has been liaising with WEARA and Richard Cudmore. It was pointed out that this is discussed at time of scheduling and that there will probably always be some clashes..

Cox box purchases

Discussion regarding whether it is sensible to spend a lot of money on cox boxes which may not be treated with due respect. ZS reported that the new padlock at Gales Hill was broken within 2 weeks. As previously discussed, a cox box is a much needed resource for club members but in view of the investment required we need to be sure that they will be looked after.

There was a discussion of possible alternatives. Previously a system involving Bluetooth has been used but this was not successful on water.

ML suggested contacting Alec Collyer who may be able to fabricate a solution as that is area of technical expertise. RP to contact him.

Newsletter suggestions

Additional dates eg round the islands Torquay. Regatta entry dates.

Call out for cakes and savouries for Shaldon regatta.

Reminder of water skiers possibly getting out on the water and to adhere to rules for rowing in the vicinity of skiers and wakeboarders.

Reminder re high visibility clothing

A summary of Who's Who on committee

ME to provide update on current Learn to Scull course

Explanation of club outings ME

ZS list of required and ongoing repairs

“Top Tips” on boat care including “how to raise jockey wheel on trailer”.

Regatta results. Mayflower and Swanage.

Tell members about committee meetings and ask if they have any items for the agenda.

Skill Suggestion Cards

CA said coxes could be provided with these as ideas. Cards are at Coombe Cellars in shed and there is also a set in Gales Hill.

AOB

Update on double purchase...none. Waiting for the end of the season.

ME wondering about what to do with participants in learn to scull course. Have lost people in the past to coastal. It is hoped that because we are going into summer we may manage to keep them in fine boats as weather will be better. Suggested that outings can be posted as improvers outings to encourage these recent graduates of the course.

CA asked if we can invite members to raise issues at meetings. This will be done via the newsletter and possibly by email before the meeting, depending on length of agenda.

Next meeting

24th June 2024 1900h Coombe Cellars