

Teign Scullers Committee Meeting

16th September 2024

Coombe Cellars

Present

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

Apologies

Robbie Robinson, Lucy Bufton, Alex Lonsdale, Marjorie Roome

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting on April 29th were approved

Paignton Rowing Club Storage Request

CA had been approached by Paignton Rowing Club who would like to store a quad at Coombe Cellars in our storage facility. There was discussion of the price to charge, which was decided at £150. CA to find out if they are expecting oar space.

WEARA reply to eligibility for racing

Clarification had been sought from WEARA regarding eligibility for rowing age groups and classes. They confirmed they are abiding by BR policy which is on the BR website.

Teign Coastal Regatta. RP asked for ideas for a name for this regatta. Nothing confirmed but RP will make the decision imminently as posters need to be done. RP sourcing “medals” (probably karabiner type). Safety boat availability to be checked ZS/RP. RP has requested that Neil Tooley (BR volunteer umpire) mans the start line.

Next year’s date discussed, and September 13th agreed as most suitable for us.

Autumn Learn to Row Course There are three people who wish to take a course. Discussion re timing and group size. ME happy to take the three and will invite them. Suggested start in 2-3 weeks time.

Dinghy club facility use. It was confirmed that dinghy club facilities should not be used when rowing.

Coastal League Following the aborted BROCC in July, BR have indicated they need support to run future BROCCs and have asked the Coastal League for support in this. RP asked how much does the club want to be involved in this support and do we want to be involved in anything in addition to that which we currently run. It was agreed

that we do not have capacity to do so but we are willing to provide guidance on how we run coastal events.

New trailer There is an urgent requirement for a new trailer and a double decker one was considered to be desirable. RP to investigate where other clubs are sourcing their trailers.

Sponsorship. Discussion that when we had previously asked if we could approach sponsors for boat signage, we were told we could not but it was pointed out that the gigs have been sign written with sponsors. Decided that we could maybe identify members who have businesses or employers who may be interested. Invite some potentials to regatta to see what the boats look like and see other club's sponsors on display. Ask Lucy to add something to the next newsletter to ask for sponsor suggestions.

Long term planning of boat and equipment procurement RP would like to have a plan put together to procure trailers, launching trolleys, and boats so that we are proactive rather than reactive with equipment. A working party will be convened for this.

Participation in Coastal Races It has been observed that there are opportunities being missed to maximise participation in coastal regatta races. There are rowers who attend the regatta but may only participate in one event, when Teign are not maximising their participation in all categories. Appears to be the case that some people are unaware of potential to join a crew and need encouragement. Discussion regarding best methods of facilitating conversation before events. WB will change the format of the emails that are sent out to invite entries and try and word them so that they encourage discussion between rowers about putting together crews in both quads and doubles.

Intra-club coastal racing programme

WB suggested that there should be a winter coastal league for the coastal boats within the club. Quads, doubles and singles possibly monthly through the winter. This was supported wholeheartedly, and it is hoped that it will assist in encouraging members to get together in more racing crews for regattas. WB to look at potential dates for this.

Training Camp RP asked if there would be interest in going to Bob's at Swanage for a self funded training camp. Mayflower have done a training camp in Greece. Potential for setting this up and offering to club. Item for the newsletter.

Teign Scullers 21st Birthday Celebration Sunday June 22nd 2025 decided as a date. Laura Wall (artist in Teignmouth) to be approached to do a painting that can be reproduced onto Club merchandise. HL to book Hearn Field.

Newsletter Items The committee was unanimous in agreeing that Lucy is doing a superb job with the newsletter . Items for the next month are;

1. Training Camp - ask for interest
2. Winter League racing
3. Something about rowers getting in touch if they want to race in coastal regatta doubles or quads with others
4. Request for rowers to consider if they can sponsor or ask businesses to sponsor

AOB ZS has been contacted by Mitchell and Butler's surveyor who wants to formalise our boat storage presence on Coombe Cellars car park. We will have to pay solicitors fees. Seems positive about staying on site.