

TEIGN SCULLERS ALL MEMBERS MEETING

4th December 2024 at 1900h

HEARN FIELD PAVILION

Present

Zane Steers, Wendy Blackburn, Mark Eastman, Harriet Langworthy, Carole Atkinson, Alan Gillespie, Marjorie Roome, Roger Haines, Amanda Leach, Adam Livett, Sally Livett, Richard Carter, Mark Kodolanyi, Gordon Yeates, Georgina Cleasby, Lucy Bufton, Rachel Palmer, Mel Dyke

Apologies

Mark Le Breton, Simon Lee, Andy Darkin, Tony Appleby, Brian Malone, Jennifer Jury, Alex Lonsdale, Sandrine Haytread, John Clarke, Jon Robinson, Eamonn McAuley, Pete Houlden, Jacquie Lovett, Martyn L, Nadine, Emma Court, Mel E, Julie Ruddick, Morag van Nierkerk, Mark Traeis

Approval of Minutes of last AMM

Approved

Appointment of Club Officers

Section lead	Zane Steers
Secretary	Harriet Langworthy
Club Captain	Wendy Blackburn
Head Coach	Mark Eastman
Client website maintenance	Marjorie Roome
WEARA rep	Carole Atkinson (definitely the last year Carole will do this role)
Social organiser	Wendy Blackburn

Chairman's Report

Coxing

We need more qualified coxes to step up for outings. Please help out and put your name down more often if you are a qualified cox. Need to provide coxes in order to encourage new recruits to the club to keep rowing.

Crew Selection

We do not do crew selection as a club. It was agreed that we need to make sure that members are aware that Wendy is Club Captain. Members who wish to be part of a crew can let Wendy know that they would like to join a crew and she can put people in touch with one another. and she can put people together. This should make it easier for new people coming into the club. Mark E added that all members should be proactive about drawing people into crews.

There was a discussion re fine boat vs coastal preferences and how to encourage people to join in with fine boat outings.

Sally said she is happy to run fine boat outings but at short notice when there is certainty about the weather. A WhatsApp group for mid-week fine boat outings will be set up to encourage participation on a more last minute basis. It was remarked that we will need some more singles and doubles if this takes off.

Wendy suggested running some informal time trials and informal racing days to encourage greater fine boat participation.

Crew Behaviour

Some issues have arisen regarding behaviour of a very small number of members. There is a request for politeness and amiable behaviour amongst and within crews.

RTRC committee changes

ZS outlined the recent changes on the main committee following the resignation of the Chair and Vice Chair.

A committee meeting held after the resignations was very positive and productive. It is considered that the potential for Scullers to separate out from the main club should be put on hold for the immediate future as it seems that communication and willingness to provide funding for the scullers will improve under the new committee. This has been demonstrated by the very quick approval of purchase of material for the new racking at Coombe Cellars.

There is a healthy amount of money in the reserve funds in the main club and Scullers are underspent as a section. Sculling section will ask for money for new coastal boats; a quad and a double (see below -**Boat Purchases**).

Coombe Cellars

Heads of terms have been agreed between Scullers and Mitchell and Butler (owners of Coombe Cellars) for our occupation of their land. Andy Darkin is managing this for the Scullers.

21st Anniversary Celebration June 22nd 2025

Afternoon rowing and BBQ in the evening. The Hearn Field is booked so further progress will require a mini committee/working group to organise this.

Member Survey

Rachel presented the results of the member survey.

Top line feedback from the survey

- 37 responses out of a mailing list of 81 – 46% (71 sculling members according to Mark E)
- 81% of respondents are over 45
- Pretty even split between gender
- Primary reasons for people's membership are:
 1. To coastal row
 2. To get fit
 3. Tie between social and fine boat rowing

- Majority of members have been with the club between 1 and five years and less than 1 year
- 87% are either satisfied or very satisfied with their membership
- Looking ahead this is what people want to do in 2025:
 1. Coastal Boat club outings
 2. Fine boat club outings
 3. Coastal league races
 4. Social rowing
- Coastal quad is by far the most popular boat, followed by coastal double, followed by fine boat quad
- An area of interest going forward is more fine boat rowing both sculling and sweep oar
- Equipment 46% are happy with our equipment, 54% are not so happy
- People would like to see newer more competitive coastal quads and doubles
- Additional membership benefits:
 1. Teign social rows – 1st
 2. Then split between Teign training weekends at home, informal race practice days against other clubs and group coaching
- 92% of you read the newsletter – well done Lucy!

Coastal League 2025

RP wants to analyse who is racing from Teign and particularly how to encourage people to race more than once and thus maximise category participation. There are league points to be gained by maximising participation.

Fine Boat Regattas 2025

Wimbleball was the only fine boat regatta for which we submitted crews in 2024

Boat Purchase

There was discussion whether we should buy a coastal quad or coastal double. Voted that a quad is probably first choice and that the club possibly funds the hire of doubles at races. It is probable that the most urgent capital purchase is a trailer for two quads.

Club Person of the Year

Mel Dyke was presented with the Club Person of the Year.

AOB

Sally thanked Zane for his hard work.

Meeting finished at 2015h