

Teign Scullers Committee Meeting

4th August 2025

Coombe Cellars

Present

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

Apologies

Lucy Bufton, Marjorie Roome

Minutes of last Meeting

Approved

Action Plan and Leads

RP asked for clarity on approaching businesses for sponsorship outside of main committee. ZS to establish whether this is permissible. Agreed it would be useful to be able to approach potential sponsors independently and we should have a designated person to lead on this. ZS to ask the question at next RTRC committee meeting (next week).

Audit of current equipment. RP has this list and would like to add a “repair” “replace” or “retire” category to each item. ZS and RP to do this.

RP reported that it proved difficult for members to go over to Bob’s coastal training days and thus she is offering to do some training in October. This was agreed and it will be potentially fine boat but maybe also involve coastals.

Discussed again the usefulness of pairing of new members and more established members as mentors. Need list of people who would mentor. RP to speak to Steve Lee about this possibility.

Discussion about unifying expectations and performance of coxes. A WhatsApp group has been initiated by JE but it was decided that we should have a coxes meeting for all coxes. This was confirmed as being September 15th 1800 at Coombe Cellars. Ask LB to put this in the newsletter and ZS will send out a group email announcing this.

All Members Meeting

Agreed to hold this on October 16th in the Hearn Field Pavilion. Action HL

Coastal Quad Sale

Discussion regarding which Coastal Quad should be sold but no decision was made.

New Swift Coastal Quad

It was noted that a significant financial contribution to the purchase of the quad had been generously made by Mark Eastman. The committee thanked him for this.

There was a lengthy discussion on how to ensure members take care of the new Quad. A decision was made to run an induction course to introduce rules of engagement of the Swift. A laminated information sheet(s) will also be produced for reference. RP to do. Need to see if Swift will provide some information when they hand over the boat.

New Quad Name

Members will be asked for suggestions and a vote will be held at the annual meeting in October. This needs to go into the next newsletter Action LB

Introduction to sculling course

ME has up to 5 potential people who would like to learn. Agreed that a course should be run this autumn and he will identify some suitable dates. RP to do a poster to advertise.

Coastal Double

WB raised the question of whether we can purchase a new one. Whilst it is agreed that this would be the next potential purchase, we cannot do this now as spending all of the current funds on the Swift and accessories.

Equipment care and reporting of damage

Rosie (coastal double) had been taken to Exmouth regatta in an unfit and dangerous state for rowing. Members need to be reminded that any knowledge of any damage to boats needs sharing immediately and the boat taken out of action if required. This will be put in the newsletter and a separate email to members. Action JE.

Also need a big sign in the boat store about reporting damage. Action JE.

Booking procedures

WB asked if the booking system be amended so it is not possible to book what has already been booked. ME to ask Youlie if this can be done.

AOB

Cox box is not functioning very well.

Life jackets – some discussion regarding life jackets for the coastal double. Decided to attach netting to rear of boat to hold lifejackets. Need to replace the lifejacket with broken strap.

Need to ensure that rowers know that all rowers in a coastal must have enough lifejackets on board for crew.

ZS announced that he is going to step down as chair of Scullers. An email to go out to members asking for potential candidates for the role.

