

MECBC Committee Meeting

7pm, Monday 12th September – The Bar

Minutes

Apologies sent by: Simona Sulikova, Ying Chow

Present: Emily Busvine, Maria Rust, Laurane Saliou, Emma Roth, Kate Wilkinson, Rebekah Holubinkah, Simona Sulikova, Heather Dudley, Nadia Blackshaw, Taine Ranaghan, Joaquina Delas Vives, Olimpia O’Nelli

Meeting commences at 19:07.

1. Sponsorship opportunities

- a. MetaSwitch (network software provider) seems to have fizzled out. **Emily** will continue correspondence
- b. **Taine**: Brochure to be created to capture potential sponsor’s attention and demonstrate where their logo could be. Using Ying’s as a model and updating with current photos.
- c. Taine’s Dad may be able to secure sponsorship from the company he works for.

2. Neptunes Dinner (see Ying’s email)

- a. Needs to be about two weeks before Lent Bumps. Pembroke Regatta is the 5th Saturday of Lent term. WEHARR is the following weekend. **Joaquina** and **Bekah** to organise, **Joaquina** to liaise with alumnae.
- b. Bekah to be added to the social sec email address by **Kate**
- c. Date to be Saturday 6th February. **Bekah and Abbie** to send out save-the-date emails and talk to catering. **Joaquina** to forward information to alumnae.
- d. **Taine** to be in charge of fundraising. Fundraising aim is subsidised training camp.
- e. Point raised that it might be beneficial to have Neptunes dinner on the same day as Pembroke Regatta for alumnae who have to travel

3. Donna’s kit

- a. Point raised that it may be worth keeping Donna's GB kit out of auctioning until after Rio Olympics 2016
- b. Decision to auction off t-shirt as it is signed by Donna and crew
- c. University kit should be framed – perhaps we should get it signed retrospectively by Donna

4. Novices

- a. **Nadia and Heather** report that 20 people have already signed up to continue. Hoping to just have four novice boats so won’t need Winston.
- b. Interest expressed from a few novice coxes
- c. Want two novice coaches per boat – should have enough. **Laurane** may randomly assign seniors if this is not the case.

- d. Clare boathouse no longer an option for Winston. **Emily/Laurane** should push Peterhouse for a better solution since we make a significant contribution to their funds.

5. Away training camp

- a. Training camp should be subsidised - subsidy enables current members to have more equal access to participation in training camp, which is also a team-building experience. For the sponsors, it is an opportunity to be associated with a distinctive Cambridge women's college, not just within Cambridge, but reach an larger audience in the wider community

6. Away races/WEHoRR?

- a. 24th October – Huntingdon Head of the River is not possible.
- b. Laurane has set up a table with races and their entry costs.
- c. WEHoRR week 7. Haven't entered in the past two years as the training (5k) doesn't match up with bumps (sprints). Laurane suggested making a decision after this term.
- d. If WEHoRR is to be entered we would have to arrange to share a trailer with another college well in advance

7. Weekend training together W1 + W2

- a. Important so that Mark and Robert can reach a middle ground on rowing style
- b. Rowers could switch between crews more easily
- c. **Emily/Laurane:** need to find another cox

8. Updates on ergs in college

- a. **Maria** – has asked whether we can move the table tennis table to one of the music room, but hasn't heard back. Might need an alternative place to store it. Refurbished ergs can be £200 cheaper than current ones, but it would be nice for them to match and it would be easier to replace parts on new ones. Maria will follow up with another email.

9. Improved stash ordering system

- a. **Kate:** Orders will not be placed until they have been paid for. Strict deadlines are to be set.
- b. **Laurane** to decide whether a set of zephyrs should be purchased by the club.
- c. **Emma** to decide whether we currently have funding for this once she has visibility on the account (apparently they were included in budget for last year)

10. Neptunes newsletter

- a. **Maria** is still publicity officer
- b. Laurane suggested setting strict termly deadlines and to work on Neptunes throughout the term.
- c. **Laurane:** Anyone to summarise results for year?

11. Coxing workshops

- a. Josh Briegal from Fitz has offered to help
- b. Will from Selwyn – **Simona** is in contact
- c. Male cox from Robinson is a possibility

12. FB Page and website

- a. Oar of Phwoar should be included in a specific role as it promotes the club's FB page
- b. One for W1 on Tuesday and W2 on Thursday
- c. **Heather** to write OOP for W2 on Tuesdays
- d. **Emily** suggested support us option on website – e.g. directions to bumps as well as donation link.
- e. **Bekah and Abbie:** Posts on the Facebook page about what alumnae are currently up to (Photos, links to news pages etc.)

13. 24 Hour Erg

- a. **Taine and Emma** need to find out what the total money raised was, and make sure that College match this
- b. **Taine and Emma** must make sure the money that Pete donated has been accounted for. This was never actually paid out of the account as wages

14. Other Business

- a. **Laurane:** Clean-up of Google Drive. Possibility of separate folders for each committee role and associated hand-over notes
- b. **Olimpia** to see if we can get some funding from the MCR **Note: This was already attempted in 2010 and was not well received as the MCR budget is smaller than the JCR. However, the situation may have changed so still worth investigating.**
- c. **Laurane** to randomly assign early morning marshals for CUCBC
- d. **Joaquina:** need a way of keeping alumnae on mailing list when they no longer have a university email address. This could raise data protection issues so it is necessary to ask development office.

Meeting adjourned at 20:37.