

MECBC Committee Meeting - 7.30pm, The Bar

Apologies sent by: Ying Chow (YC), Emilie Cousin (EC), Chloe Legard (CL), Nadia Blackshaw (NB)

Members present: Heather Dudley (HD), Emily Busvine (EB), Taine Ranaghan (TR), Lisa Kreusser (LK), Felicity Parker (FP), Zoe Ye (ZY), Barley Collier (BC), Kate Wilkinson (KW)

Novice Crews

(a) Fairbairns results

NW1: 18th, NW3: 28th, NW2: 58th (out of 59)

Significant improvement from last year's results of 43rd, 48th, 53rd.

FP: one race report required per crew. Rowers will be selected randomly by coaches.

(b) Summary of Term

EB: keeping to a strict 2 sessions a week worked well. Will carry forward.

TR: having fewer novice crews meant that coaches could be more dedicated to a specific crew.

FP: need to organise coaches for novice crews more quickly in the future.

EB: coxes have worked out well. Alice is keep to continue.

HD: One novice to give a summary of their experience for **Neptune's**.

(c) Encouragement to continue

The question of whether to have an opt-in or opt-out policy via email with regards to continuing to row next term was raised by EB.

FP: last year the novices were asked to sign-up to a mailing list to continue - this was not a good method as it is easy to forget to sign-up in the holidays.

EB: ask novices to send an email to opt-out. This avoids forgetting to sign up. Will need a deadline for opt-out.

HD: suggested deadline of the beginning of 2017.

Senior Crews

(a) Preparation for Fairbairns

EB: despite being a tough term for W2 we have managed to enter two full eights into Fairbairns.

(b) Summary of term

EB: we have had to pull up a lot of rowers from lower boats to fill spaces in W1 and W2, but everyone has risen to the challenge. There are a number of promising novices.

HD: need W1 rower (Clarrie Pettit) and W2 rower (Barley Collier) to write a summary for the term.

Finances

(a) Summary of previous academic year

ZY: funds raised from socials, stash and fundraising activities. Funds lost from training camp and subs. RG has suggested that we review whether we need to raise subs.

Current subs stand at:

W1: £25

W2: £20

W3: £15

Novices: £10

Need to establish whether these cover the cost of coaching with sufficient margin. **ZY** to investigate.

ZY: to email Emma Roth (previous treasurer) regarding stash income and the loss from the training camp. It is expected that there should be no net gain or loss on stash or training camp.

TR: final year of JCR loan instalments. JCR treasurer has noted that interest has not been paid but has agreed to write this off.

(b) Failure to pay for crew shirts

This is a rare problem and rowers normally pay late if reminded. An incident this term of total non-payment even after several reminders appears to be under exceptional circumstances. The current policy for collection of payment after placing orders will remain as the benefits of shorter lead times outweigh the risk.

Fundraising

(a) What?

TR: 24hr erg for lent need to be organised.

(b) Targets

TR: a new cox box and headset, possibly a stroke coach (allows stroke to see statistics such as stroke rate)

Fairbairns Dinner

(a) Committee help required

The following notes were sent by **EC** via email, who was unable to attend the meeting:

"Can the committee please go to the MCR for 6.15pm to start laying out the champagne flutes etc and also maybe cut out name cards and ensure that people with dietary requirements have little

cards or things so that the catering staff can recognise them when sat down. Some committee members will need to go to the plodge to collect guests and bring them to the MCR."

TR and **EB** can help with set-up.

TR and **EB** would like a seating plan to help novices integrate. Will organise.

(b) Prizes

HD: has prizes to hand out but won't be there - **EB** will hand out.

Safety and Security

(a) Incidents this term

FP: Jesus also logged an incident between NW4 and Jesus crew which was a blade clash on the row up to Clare Regatta.

TR: also a blade clash between off-cam club and W2 during winter head. W2 blade has been badly damaged. EB has emailed Bomber about this. Has not been officially reported, but there is a video. Need to contact Robert Gardiner.

FP: novice fell in whilst getting the tub out. Has been reported to British Rowing.

(b) Theft at the boat house

A bicycle frame was stolen from the boathouse during an outing whilst two other Peterhouse crews were out. The exact window of time for which the boathouse was left unattended is unknown.

TR: has sent out an email alerting people to the incidents. General boathouse security should be encouraged.

HD: reminder every term not to leave valuable in the boat house. 'At own risk'

Winston

TR: Churchill would like to use their trailer. Have been offered Winston but declined.

HD: needs to be sorted out as soon as possible rather than left until it has to be removed.

EB: we are going to sell Winston on a boating forum for 2nd hand sale. Will advertise soon. Need to justify advertised price for reference of future committee.

Neptunes Newsletter and race reports

See above. Three Fairbairns reports (organised by coaches) Taine, Emily and Chloe. Felicity will ask novices via email for general comments. Will also have single dedicated report. Ying will collate reports.

Social Secretary Position

(a) Official election

TR: Can hold election at Fairbairns dinner where there are a substantial number of current club members who can vote. Barely and Joey voted in - also renomination option.

(b) Hand-over

EC: Can produce a handover document for before the start of next term if required

BC: would particularly like some guidance on organising boat club dinners - current document should be updated.

AOB

(a) Safety audit

FP: has done a safety audit. Will be reviewed at next meeting.