**Murray Edwards College Boat Club – Committee Meeting**

**Michaelmas 2020 – Wednesday 7th October, 4.30pm, Microsoft Teams**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Izzy, Alice, Lucy, Rachel, Caitlyn, Livi, Maria, Amy, Portia, Louise, Marina

* **Covid-related restrictions**
  + Alice to check with Peterhouse captain about rowing in the IV
  + Currently no use of boathouse ergs, will continue using ergs in squash courts
  + Coxes to wear PPE (mask and visor)
* **Senior training**
  + Seniors currently doing land training in small groups of 4 based on previous experience/aspirations
  + Unlikely to enter any races this term
    - Fairbairn’s may run at reduced capacity but not expecting to enter
  + Training groups to go out in IV when allowed
  + Shortage of coxes – may need to chase people up, use coxes from other colleges, and/or train novice coxes
  + Organise sculling training for those who have signed up
* **Novice training**
  + Aiming to set up fixed training groups as for seniors, keeping within households as much as possible
  + Seniors could help run sessions on erging and coxing technique
  + Need to speak to Peterhouse captain about use of the tub for household groups
    - Lucy to cox tub sessions unless not allowed, in which case will look into using bank tub
  + Currently can’t use boathouse, so erg training will be done in squash courts
  + LBCs could organise novice runs/cycles/circuits as well
  + LBCs/seniors could cycle down with novices to boathouse and show them around the river
  + Look into coaching novices to scull
* **Stash and kit order**
  + Novice training group shirts to be ordered from Talking Ts
  + Godfreys order
  + Committee sweatshirts with boat club crest and names/roles as last year from Talking Ts
  + Investigate pricing and supplier of boat club slides
  + Investigate pricing and supplier of boat club face masks
* **Alumnae fund**
  + Alumnae have suggested setting up fund to contribute towards subs and/or subsidise kit orders
  + Waiting to hear back from college development office team
  + One of committee could take on responsibilities for this as part of their role
* **Budget**
  + Junior treasurer has not yet had handover from previous treasurer
  + Waiting to hear back from JCR about approval of budget
  + Budget to be circulated to Marina and Alice
  + Signatories on bank account to be changed to Marina and Izzy
* **Safety audit**
  + To be completed by Lucy
  + Complete separate risk assessment for Covid
* **Socials and dinner alternatives**
  + So seniors can socialise outside of training groups and novices can meet rest of club
  + Portia to investigate use of marquees and other possibilities for socialising
  + Pub trips with mixed groups of seniors and novices if people are comfortable
  + Regular (e.g. biweekly) zoom event discussed
  + LBCs to circulate novice groups once set so social events can be planned
* **Empty committee positions**
  + No specific role for Covid-related safety issues; Lucy to cover this
  + Currently no fundraising officer
* **Neptunes**
  + Didn’t publish Neptunes last year due to software issues, but aim to produce it this year
  + Maria to look into using different software
* **AOB**
  + **Fundraising**
    - Possibility of fundraising for a new IV discussed
    - MECBC has a savings account, need to check balance with Bursar
    - 24hr erg not doable due to Covid, could use ergs in rotation or set a distance goal instead
    - Portion of fundraising proceeds could be donated to a sports-related charity, e.g. RTHM
  + **Instagram**
    - Post more on MECBC Instagram account, e.g. “Meet the committee” posts, story takeovers
    - Committee to be sent login details
    - Promote on insidemedwards, college Instagram, etc