

## **Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club**

Committee Meeting Thursday 7 August 2017 – 18.30

GalGael, 15 Fairley Street Glasgow G51 2TS

**Present:** Ian Watson, Gordon McCracken, Fiona MacLeod, Ben Wilde

**Apologies:** Eva Bolander, Christine Morrison, Ana Rotmistrovsky

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Minutes of Meeting 6 July 2017**

Minutes were approved.

#### **2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

Discussed in subsequent agenda.

#### **3. Finance and Membership Report**

The £500 grant from Sports Council Glasgow has been received with thanks and is being used to acquire new oars.

Membership renewal stands at 77 paid up members for the current financial year. Agreed that review of membership numbers/access to rowing sessions should be held over until AGM.

Merchandising orders surplus is projected to be circa £340. Overall, we are projecting a budget surplus for the year of £240. Thanks to IW for his efforts in tracking this information and for regular and detailed finance reports.

#### **4. Clydebuilt Festival; Castle to Crane; Glasgow Cup: updates**

70 boats now registered for C2C, with 52 St Ayles' skiffs. A detailed course pack is being developed for river navigation.

FML to ask her C2C team members to reimburse the club for the cost of skiff entry ASAP.

GM had emailed members who had expressed interest previously in CtoC; we should have a second crew, and if short, BW noted that any spare seat would be snapped up.

Three finish line GCRC volunteers are needed for C2C to record times on an iPad between 12noon and 4pm on 23/09/17.

GCRC members are also invited to volunteer to help with lifting/marshalling on the slipway on 23/09/17 as well. Simplest way for GCRC members to sign up for this volunteering is to go to <https://www.clydebuiltfestival.com/volunteer-form>. GCRC members who can help with similar duties on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, the Glasgow Cup, should select 'Other Volunteering' and put GCRC Glasgow Cup so that BW can work out who's who. IW to compose email to members regarding volunteering for C2C and the Glasgow Cup.

Glasgow Cup entrants confirmed: GCRC, Anstruther, FOCCRs, Carrick, Eastern, Dundrum, Boatie Blest, Broughty Ferry, RowPorty and Woudrichem

Start sequence for racing will be with 3-minute intervals. Stopwatch timing would be required, and ideally two safety/umpire boats.

Rachel Edwards, Clydebuilt Event Coordinator, thanked for talking to LOMO about the finger marks or tomato buoys required. GalGael has weights that can be borrowed to anchor the marks.

Tickets for the Tall Ship Ceilidh have now sold out.

## 5. Merchandising: update

Kit has been ordered and the vast majority of members have now paid for their orders. A surplus of £340 has been raised from this order. Thanks go to the merchandising team for arranging this most recent order.

A small surplus of caps and hoodies has been ordered, and we may look at selling/raffling these at our Clydebuilt Festival stall.

Libby Walker, local artist, much of whose work is Glasgow and Clyde-focussed, will share the stall and its costs with us at Clydebuilt, and help to run the stall on Sunday.

After thorough discussion, decision was taken against committing club funds to speculative purchase of merchandise for potential sale. Instead, we would use our stall as an information platform and run a Prize Draw, which would guarantee a return for club funds.

Need to email members re: donating attractive raffle prizes for the stall.

## 6. Rowing

### a) Cox training/qualification update

Fran has expressed interest in future cox training. BW to canvas members for a new round of training after Clydebuilt.

### b) Rowing Session Types & Timings

Some queries have come in lately re: times and types of sessions but these are dependent on cox availability – the more coxes we have, the more sessions we can put on.

Wednesday Club nights – two coxes are needed for these sessions to run successfully and avoid putting undue strain on one person, although at the moment we only have the use of one boat given the oar shortage.

### c) Non-member eligibility to row

There have been several no shows of late. Decision taken to adjust wording on EventBrite to include 'members only' so that anybody wishing to try rowing needs to come down on a Wednesday evening.

### d) VHF Training date on August 13:

Four club members attended: BW, IW, GM and Richard Edwards will now be licensed to use VHF short-range. GCRC still intends to purchase (2) floating VHF handheld sets.

### e) Knightswood Station Fire and Rescue contact

Club to follow up with the watch commander about future collaboration. Crew Manager Jonathan Kerr, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, TO3 - Knightswood White Watch. [jonathan.kerr@firescotland.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.kerr@firescotland.gov.uk) 0141 959 2223

## 7. Skiff and Equipment

### a) Gobhancroit

Hull cleaned in late July. Will need cleaning again on the Friday ahead of our regatta.

### b) Lady Danger

Will need cleaning on the Friday ahead of the regatta.

### c) Chandlery needed now / next:

Need to run up a couple of sailcloth sausage-type bags with Velcro tabs for storing the oars after each session to protect against weathering.

Tuesday nightshift maintenance sessions progressing oar repairs at present; next week complete set of long oars to be varnished; dayshifts needed for this work.

Deposit paid for new oars commission; J Burke to be contacted for update, projected finish date.

## **8. Diary**

- a) Committee meeting: set next date  
Thursday 14 September 6:30pm at GalGael.
  
- b) Other important dates/activities  
Largs Regatta: BW using GalGael trailer to tow boats to Largs for their regatta on 02/09/2017. FMcL to canvass GCRC members for taking part in the racing.

## **9. AOB**

Clyde Maritime Trust has invited GCRC to become practically involved in CMT's forthcoming project, starting October 2017: building a St Ayles Skiff. GM and IW have had initial discussion with CMT, and next steps require us to identify a core group of members who can commit to weekday skills training on a regular basis, and a second cohort who are interested in the project but could attend Saturdays only.

In our continuing liaison discussions with CMT, they have restated their aim of providing serviced shelter facilities for river users. Reaching agreement with Glasgow Life regarding the design and siting of such facilities is proving problematic. CMT is sensitive to our growing needs for space, storage and shelter and GCRC will continue to express our urgent interest in making use of existing, and under-utilised, cabin space on the pontoon.

A member of the public reported some kind of fuel/contamination spillage into the river last week to one of the club members. Any such incidents noted in the future should be reported to SEPA.