

Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club

Committee meeting

Thursday 27 October, 18:30

Galgael, 15 Fairley St, Glasgow G51 2TS

Present: Ben Duffin, Fiona MacLeod, Anabel Rotmistrovsky, Ian Watson, Gordon McCracken
Apologies: Ewan Kennedy, Eva Bolander, Christine Morrison

Minutes

1. Previous minutes of Meeting 24 August 2016: approved without amendment
2. Matters arising from previous minutes: agreed that these would be addressed by current Agenda
3. Finance and membership report: IW distributed hard copies and glossed content. All agreed that GCRC in good health in both areas; need to consolidate and build on this strong foundation for our next rowing season. Known costs and development opportunities discussed eg Club merchandise sales making major contribution to Funds
4. Regatta report & review: BD summarised main points from Gal Gael Event Report and would make this available to GCRC to inform preparations for similar event in future. In discussion of the costs involved, Committee members agreed that GCRC would not be in a position to organise an event on this scale without outside funding and/or sponsorship. In discussion of the Skiff Racing aspect of the Riverside Regatta

Committee members noted the positive comments made by participants and the raised profile resulting for GCRC, including BBC coverage. EK would provide a report in his role i/c Regatta Sub-Group. Following analysis of both reports, Committee members hoped to complete a review, leading to the preparation of a template which would be invaluable to any future GCRC event organisation.

BD would be organising Riverside Event September Weekend 2017; Committee agreed that decision needed early 2017 re. our involvement.

5. Committee members: roles and responsibilities: Agreed that as the Club is growing and evolving, the need to focus on specific areas/roles was acute. It was decided that to get this process underway, the following division of labour would be made, cognisant that we would keep each other and members informed of progress/information and help required. All agreed that we must canvas members to exploit their skills and interests and further democratise the present structures
 - a. tours and visits
 - b. racing and regattas
 - c. social organisation, fund-raising
 - d. merchandising
 - e. fleet and equipment
 - f. rowing skills development
 - g. communication
 - h. liaison

BD would assume responsibility for a. and b.

FM, AR would share these roles

GM & IW at present

GM would oversee these areas

GM & IW at present

IW to continue to monitor FB, Eventbrite for now

Other committee members to be approached

6. Communication: Agreed that this area is crucial; clear and timeous responses to inquiries from members and others is needed to retain and promote interest in our Club. IW explained the operational and protocol issues with relation to:

- a. responding to Admin emails (cc other committee members) and Facebook messages
- b. Mailchimp (mailing list)

7. Rowing

a. cox training report. BD reported that the 4-week model had not been successful; he proposed a Sunday afternoon 2-hour session model, with a later Proficiency Test by BD when the aspiring Cox felt ready. GM & IW saw merit in this system and could offer additional advice/practice to any member prior to their test. BD hoped to offer first session Sunday 6 Nov. Welcomed by Committee as IW & GM offering as many sessions as they could, but demand now exceeding supply.

b. winter schedule. Agreed that early weekday morning/ mid-afternoon sessions could continue, and success of sessions on Saturday & Sunday mornings, especially for recruitment, suggested that with more trained coxes, more could be offered.

During discussion of this issue, AR was asked if she would deploy her expertise in survey construction to help us to analyse eg what time/type/duration of session is preferred; why less than 50% of our membership have been on the water, and other issues which will help us to refine what we offer. AR was pleased to help if we make clear exactly what we need.

c. cessation of club night. Agreed to reinstate in 2017 when light allows

d. guidelines on using Eventbrite IW explained the merits of this system and possible refinements. It also provides invaluable free publicity and has attracted new members. Agreed to refinements and continuation of Eventbrite as GCRC Booking System

It was decided that only one booking be allowed per person. On occasions one person has booked four places and it's not helpful if the cox doesn't know who's attending. For openness and transparency coxes were asked to list the names of all crew members on Eventbrite.

8. Skiffs & equipment

a. Gobhancroit refit: what is involved, how long off the water and when

b. Lady Danger - plan . Dealing with a. & b. together, BD suggested that as there was presently some workshop space available at Fairley Street, Lady Danger could be brought in now. More technical changes than were needed for Gobhancroit, including scarf joints, would require an extended time under cover, but if this were completed pre-Christmas it would mean that we had no period without a skiff on the water – G. would be brought to Fairley Street after L.D. was launched. Committee delighted to approve this idea. Would also give impetus to further publicity /fund-raising drive. GM volunteered his help with transportation and refurbishing both skiffs and asked BD to intimate dates asap so that other Club members could be involved. GM wanted to record thanks to Donald Edwards, brother of Richie, for generous donation of

Greenheart wood, salvaged from Dundee Docks, which should be available from Nov. 5th for making oarpads and/or pins.

- c. oars BD reported that No.1 oar repair not yet complete. No. 4 oar to be monitored – lateral crack at junction of loom with blade indicates that scarfed joint will need to be effected. While we should have (4) oars available for Lady Danger, GCRC should look to make another set; BD would advise re. what materials needed and exact costs; £ 200 + certainly. Committee agreed that this would be another area for targeted Fund-raising
- d. liaison with Clyde Maritime Trust & Glasgow Life to pursue our aim to have shelter/ storage building at Kelvin Harbour to address the expanding demand for access to the Clyde for water activities: see 5. above
- e. funding sources for road trailer/s and other equipment : documentation offered by EK should be most helpful in progressing application for funding for road trailer. Agreed that we should also look at other equipment needs.

9. AGM 2017

- a. set date AGM Thursday 16 February 2017
- b. Committee Meeting Thursday 15 December 2016
- c. subscription rates

10. Festive get-together FM & AR to explore possibilities

11. AOB : All current issues having been discussed fully, the Meeting closed at 8pm with thanks to BD for chairing and to GalGael for hosting.