

Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club

Committee Meeting Thursday 6 July 2017 – 18.30
GalGael, 15 Fairley Street Glasgow G51 2TS

Present: Ian Watson, Gordon McCracken, Fiona MacLeod, Ana Rotmistrovsky, Ben Wilde

Apologies: Christine Morrison

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Meeting 11 May 2017

Minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

Discussed in subsequent agenda.

3. Finance and Membership Report

Membership renewal stands at 71 paid up members for the current financial year.

Merchandising orders to date will give us a surplus of £150 with anticipation that further orders will give surplus of around £400.

A further email to members to prompt additional orders to be made before the final kit order is submitted to the supplier.

4. Funding Sources update

IW has submitted our funding application to Sports Council Glasgow and is waiting for acknowledgement of its receipt, despite several chasing emails. IW will phone their office to confirm SCG's receipt of the application if no emailed acknowledgement is forthcoming.

5. Members' Testimonials: method of gathering/collation

All agreed to pursue testimonials at a point where we require them for club purposes, i.e. to support grant applications.

6. Clydebuilt Festival; Castle to Crane; Glasgow Cup: updates, formation of organising group; Volunteers/Marshals; Squad/Crew Selection Criteria; training regime & timetable; Entrants list; Welcoming information/accommodation; Race categories decisions; organising group

CtoC: VHF radios are not mandatory equipment for the race. Teams will use the race info pack bags waved at height to draw attention during racing, should the need arise.

37 vessels, mainly St Ayles' skiffs, have registered to date.

GCRC will require ten volunteers from the club to help with race activity, such as getting skiffs out and up the slipway, onto trailers and over to the overflow carpark.

Three Club member volunteers will be required at the finish line to log race times and make reports of the race, on both Saturday and Sunday.

GCRC race teams for CtoC: 1 x women's team made up of: Doleen, Kate, Eve and Fran, with Fiona coxing. 1 x mixed team of: Christine, Dan, Bob, Sophie and Ana, with Ian coxing. It's recognised that we ideally need 1 extra rower for each team – at the moment we have nine members confirmed as interested.

GalGael's trailer to be used on the Friday to transport GCRC's boats to Sandpoint Marina ahead of the race.

GMcC to ask Doleen about her partner's availability to help with towing the skiffs.

CtoC Race running order will be decided after entries close on 9 September.

Given the large volume of people from other clubs anticipated down at Sandpoint, only GCRC rowers should head down there.

Responsibilities for the start of the race will be parcelled out by BW amongst other southwest area clubs. Access to Sandpoint is easy – members should get the train to Dalreoch and walk down to the marina.

Glasgow Cup

A group of volunteers is also required for the Glasgow Cup. Volunteers will receive Clydebuilt Crew T-shirts. They will be required to help with welcoming and marshalling duties, communication between start/finish officials and racing crews, merchandising and promoting GCRC.

GMcC to contact the clubs who were selected in the draw but who have not confirmed attendance to double-check that they still intend to race. GMcC to draw names from other interested clubs in the event that there is no, or negative, response to make up the (12) competing clubs programme. BW to pass details and contact emails to GMcC so he can pursue.

IW and FMcL to look at race running order between them.

Race categories as used last year to be emailed to clubs for confirmation that they can muster crews for most categories or suggest minor amendments to achieve same.

Clydebuilt picking up the interpretation graphics for visitors, e.g. competitors' board listing the 12 boat colours and club details.

In the race welcome pack for visiting clubs GMcC suggested a GCRC pennant might be a nice gift.

Accommodation for visiting clubs: BW to do mailshot to members re possibility of offering 'crash' space to visiting teams – anyone able to provide same to contact Clydebuilt.

Mailshot to include mention of the ceilidh on Saturday night as only 180 tickets are available and 33 have been sold so far. The marquee with bar will remain open on the Riverside Plaza until midnight for people to use without additional Ceilidh payment.

7. Merchandising: Update

Thanks to Doleen, Liz and Kate for their efforts on the merchandising front. Three totally new garments plus one new colourway has resulted from their visit to BarOne.

8. GCRC Club logo options

After consideration, the Copperplate font logo option was selected as the one that fits best with the club's existing skiff/Riverside logo, with full club wording.

FMcL to work up in file formats for passing to BarOne via merchandising team for replication at roughly 20cm on back of hoodies and Long Sleeve T-shirts.

9. Rowing

a) Cox training/qualification update

BW to run another session for trainees. Coxes acknowledge that it is good practice to let people who are interested have a go at steering the boat, given the right conditions.

b) Rowing Session Types & Timings

Longer race training sessions are being organised and are ongoing. 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.

Govan Ferry is back in operation so the pontoon is much busier.

Pontoon side chains MUST be put in place before any skiffs depart the pontoon. We cannot leave them unsnapped whilst out rowing.

Wednesday Club nights – two coxes are needed for these sessions to run successfully and avoid putting undue strain on one person. Recent rower numbers have averaged (8) and getting both skiffs out is desirable. Coxes to email amongst themselves prior to session and communicate via Facebook if cancellation necessary.

Issues re: safety and aggressive behaviour from people on the quaysides: crews to remain vigilant and not interact with any aggressive persons as this encourages further such behaviour.

Ensure pontoon gate is closed if leaving the pontoon at times when the Govan Ferry is not operating.

- c) Non-member no shows
There have been several no shows of late. One option is to email people the day before sessions to confirm attendance. Another would be to cap non-member activity to Wednesdays only. IW will tweak the wording on the EventBrite emails to reiterate to people that rowing is a team sport and reliant on everyone turning up and will see if improvement can be had.
- d) VHF Training date on August 13: names
IW, GMcC, BW and FMacL will attend. GCRC still intend to purchase (2) Floating VHF sets when funds allow.
- e) Knightswood Station Fire and Rescue contact
GMcC emailed the Watch Commander, Knightswood Station, to formally introduce GCRC, to record our 300 sessions without incident and note that we would appreciate any advice they might be able to offer us on our safety operations.

10. Skiff and Equipment

- a) Gobhancroit
Footplate has delaminated completely. Will need replacement.
No 3 seat is cracking where rowers use it to enter the skiffs. BW indicated that it is easier to repair the seat than a crack in the hull, so continue to use in this way.
BW has no capacity for any repair work until after Clydebuilt but is happy to bring volunteers in to work for chunks of time – AR to contact BW re: her availability.
GMcC would offer time in August.
- b) Lady Danger (& Gobhancroit)
De-weeding required before Clydebuilt Festival – date in late August to be identified at next meeting for getting both boats out of the water and cleaned. FMacL to donate 2 x mini yard brushes for cleaning purposes.
- c) Chandlery needed now / next: At present, some better rope/string/stuff to tie the oars.

11. Diary

- a) Committee meeting: set next date
Thursday 26 August 6:30pm at GalGael.
- b) Other important dates/activities
Largs Regatta and Maidens Regatta: would be good for club members to take part in these regattas ahead of Clydebuilt. If we can organise towing, BW would make the GalGael trailer available so that GCRC members could attend both, take part in the racing and learn from the way these experienced clubs organise/administer regattas.

12. AOB

N/A