

Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club
Committee meeting
Thursday 7 December 2017 17.00pm
Firebird, 1321 Argyle St, G3 8AB

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

Apologies: Christine Morrison, Anabel Rotmistrovsky

Resignations: Anabel Rotmistrovsky. Anabel thanked for her contributions to the Committee.

Agenda

1. Minutes of Meeting 26 October 2017
Minutes were approved.
2. Matters arising from previous minutes
Addressed in subsequent agenda.
3. Finance and Membership Report
Membership standing at 91 members.
Finances are looking healthy, with a recent merchandise order placed for delivery in January. IW thanked for overseeing and up-to-date reporting of Club Finances.
4. Glasgow Cup – Feedback; annual event? / structure / date etc
The Committee takes the view that it is desirable to separate the Glasgow Cup from CtoC/Clydebuilt, preferably with the Glasgow Cup falling earlier in the calendar, with priority places for SW Clubs. GMcC recorded his decision to step down from organisation of the Glasgow Cup in 2018. GMcC would collate Members' Feedback and his own notes to provide documentation to assist in the organisation of future regattas. Club to canvass members re: creating a working group of volunteers to organise the Glasgow Cup.
Visiting clubs are to be encouraged to bring their marquees for shelter.
The exact date of the Glasgow Cup will be decided at the next committee meeting.
5. Merchandising: Update; next steps
Another merchandise order has been raised with BarOne for kit to be delivered in January. The club has ordered a small surplus of some items for sale to members.
6. Coxing/Rowing
Coxes will practice safe coxing procedures with all rowers to get them comfortable with handling the boats. This should improve their understanding of steering whilst promoting active contribution from all members to progressing the skill sets displayed by the club.
Club to revise wording of member offering on our website to reflect this.
Longer rowing sessions have been arranged. It is at the cox's discretion as to whether or not members are deemed fit enough for longer rows, as they tend to be of around 40 minutes of continuous activity. Given that that is the case, we'll put that fact front and centre of communications about longer rows.
Technique sessions have also been organised.
Given some recent no shows that have taken place without members alerting coxes in advance of their inability to attend, the Committee agreed unanimously that it was appropriate to communicate clearly that the ethos of GCRC is to recognise our responsibilities and show courtesy towards fellow members of the club. GCRC reserves the right to withdraw the privilege to row from any member of our club who fails to follow our simple communication procedure for cancellation.
IW would look at specific wording for our policy, with focus on our ethos of mutual respect.
The Committee is aware of the recently introduced three strikes lead to suspension policy, publicised by The Western Baths Club and The Glasgow Club, whereby any member deemed to have breached the three 'no shows' is denied the opportunity to book for the activity concerned for a period of months.
7. Skiffs & equipment
a. Cobhamcroft

Needs to be brought out of the water for re-painting and re-varnishing. BW to assess and make list of what needs doing. Richard Martin of CMT has intimated that workshop space should be available in January. BW noted that space in Fairley Street would not allow necessary skiff maintenance early in 2018. SCRA sticker to be applied inside the boat after maintenance. Costings are being sought for materials*

b. Lady Danger

Needs to be brought out of the water for re-painting and re-varnishing. BW to assess and make list of what needs doing. SCRA sticker to be applied inside the boat after maintenance. * as above

c. Chandlery needed now / next

Canvas oarbag for the oars is being costed up. Also costing haps for both skiffs; BW noted that one custom cover is available from Fairley Street, but the berthing/rafting arrangement makes happing up very difficult. New oars have been received from Jonny Burke, GCRC acknowledges with thanks the grant awarded to us by the Sports Council for Glasgow for this purchase. Thanks to IW for buying new rope for fenders.

8. GCRC Members/CMT Volunteer Programme

CMT have been asked by GCRC to contact volunteers re: a start date in January, and thereafter manage all communication between those volunteers and CMT.

CMT has agreed to let GCRC take over the use of the pontoon barge for the foreseeable future.

CMT arranging for access, and looking at options for power on the barge.

GMcC to inventorise all moveable items within and around the barge; CMT would then communicate list to the Sea Cadets Representative with intimation of removal/repurposing of all items unless immediate confirmation of ownership/date for removal from site is received by return. Subsequently, GCRC with assistance from CMT would clear the Barge.

GCRC will assist with the pontoon maintenance upon the club's adoption of the barge.

A list of user rules to be drawn up by GCRC officers for adoption when using the barge.

9. Committee Structure – expand/devolve*

Ana Rotmistrovsky has resigned from the committee. We thank her for her input to the club to date. New committee members are needed to swell the ranks and ensure different views can be aired at meetings.

FMcL to make contact with Eva Bolander again re: her role as patron and to establish protocol for how we might use that patronage.

10. Social Events: 2018; forward planning

FMcL to adopt role of social planner for the club. Fiona thanked for this and Committee looking forward to Festive Night organised by her at Wee Dram.

11. Skiffing Events: 2018; Organising Group needed

It would be useful to establish a sub-committee who could look after the club's participation in regattas and other events and handle the correspondence and arrangements for those. FMcL to canvass candidates to ascertain willingness.

Diary 2017

A) Committee Meeting: set next date:

Thursday 18 January 2017 at Firebird. Please note all members are welcome to attend, subject to making club officers aware of their intention to attend in advance.

B) Other important dates/activities

Castle to Crane is likely to take place on September 15 2018.

12. AOB

We believe that we may be the 'Riverside Coastal Rowing Club' referred to in the recently published plans for the Govan Graving Dock site. If so, the Committee is disappointed that our title is recorded incorrectly. Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club will submit a formal response to that effect and formally record that we neither support nor oppose the present development plans relating to the Govan Graving Dock site.