

Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club
Committee meeting
Thursday 8 January 2018 17.30pm
Firebird, 1321 Argyle St, G3 8AB

Present: Fiona MacLeod, Gordon McCracken, Ian Watson, Ben Wilde
Apologies: Christine Morrison

Agenda

1. Minutes of Meeting 7 December 2017
Minutes were approved.
2. Matters arising from previous minutes
Addressed in subsequent agenda.
3. Finance and Membership Report
Membership standing at 92 members.
Finances are looking healthy, with a recent merchandise order picked up in January. IW thanked for overseeing and up-to-date reporting of Club Finances.
4. Glasgow Cup – 2018 date; Entry criteria; Organising Group
Any communications on dates should be given to Dundrum asap to allow them to defend the trophy. Clubs to be limited to South West area in first instance, with a total of no more than 8 clubs competing. Club to canvass members urgently re: creating a working group of volunteers to organise the Glasgow Cup, making clear responsibilities of communication, organisation etc. It is recognised that if we can't find a group of members to take the Glasgow Cup forward that it will not happen in 2018.
ClydeBuilt will be taking place in 2018.
5. Merchandising: Update; next steps
The club now has a small stock of club kit for sale to members. IW has been taking this forward but ideally responsibility for orders should pass to a working group of club members in the future.
6. Coxing/Rowing
With the recent inclement weather and coxes' illness, opportunities to row have been limited, however coxes are starting to offer sessions.
7. Skiffs & equipment
 - a. Lady Danger
Needs to be brought out of the water for re-painting and re-varnishing. BW will advise re. details of maintenance required. Richard Martin of CMT has intimated that workshop space should be available late January.*
Skiff also needs a new rudder, for which BW suggests solid timber rather than marine ply eg larch, iroko.
New set of footplates needs to be made from marine ply.
4 x polypropylene pins now available for use during regular rowing sessions; sufficient material remaining to turn (4) more, saving the hardwood pins for regatta/racing use.
 - b. Gobhancroit
Maintenance as above. New set of footplates needed.
 - c. Chandlery needed now / next
It may be possible to store the oars between rowing sessions horizontally on the pontoon railings West of the barge, once GCRC has taken possession of the barge at the pontoon. They would still need covering but it is feasible to make a structure. BW to assess.

8. Pontoon facilities: Barge Protocol / Rules / Maintenance

GCRC members have a responsibility to make sure that the barge is used only for activities relating to rowing.

Members involved in rowing sessions may be told the padlock code to encourage their participation in preparation for, and secure storage of equipment after, rowing sessions. The Cox in charge of the session still has full overall responsibility. Added to their checklist will be final check that the barge is securely locked before leaving the pontoon.

Unsafe items, such as flammable or noxious materials or liquids, or food items that might encourage vermin, must not be stored on the barge.

IW would draw up Rules List for Members, following receipt of information from CMT regarding GCRC's responsibilities and liabilities as tenant.

As yet, there is still one of the three rooms on the barge crammed with items belonging to the sea cadets. The Sea Cadets are now based at Bardowie Loch. CMT will be approached to ask if a deadline could be communicated to the Sea Cadets, after which any uncollected equipment will be disposed of.

9. Committee Managing Committee & Other structures – next steps

GMcC has intimated that he will step down as Convenor at the AGM in 2018, though he would like to help with skiff and barge maintenance and rowing. We thank him for his sterling efforts on behalf of GCRC to date.

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

BW has indicated that he is willing to adopt role of chair in meetings. Members to be asked for nominations for Convenor role prior to AGM. Put to vote at AGM if more than one nominee.

10. Social Events: 2018

FMcL to adopt role of social planner for the club. Propose we organise another social event around Easter for club members, to take the form of a night in the pub. GMcC proposed a members' variety evening, at a venue/date in the future. Members thoughts on this to be canvassed.

11. Skiffing Events: 2018; including CtoC; and kind invitation from Arran CRC

BW is happy to take on the role of organising regatta-going for GCRC.

CtoC teams: 10 participants will be selected 1 month prior to the event on September 15 from a pool of members who must have successfully completed some long rows prior to selection. Priority will be given to members meeting these criteria who did not participate in CtoC 2017.

GCRC members were canvassed over the weekend of 20/21 January to see if anyone was willing to take a skiff to Arran but no-body volunteered, so with reluctance FMcL declined the opportunity on the club's behalf.

12. Diary 2018

A) Committee Meeting: set next date:

Thursday 22 February 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) AGM; preparation, venue

AGM will take place on 19 April at 6pm – venue TBC

C) Other important dates/activities

Ewan has been in touch to see if anyone would like to go to Seil for some rowing. A day trip is proposed when the weather is better. BW to progress.

13. AOB

31 March–1 April 2018 Anstruther: SCRA development weekend – BW is going separately, but FMcL has indicated willingness to attend. Canvass members to see who may wish to go.

Art Installation by Robert Thomas James Mills as part of Gi 2018 – plan to take the artist out on the water to see how feasible his proposed artwork is. GMcC to progress.