

Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club

Committee meeting

Thursday 22 February 2018 17.30
Firebird, 1321 Argyle St, G3 8AB

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

Apologies: N/A

Agenda

1. Minutes of Meeting 18 January for approval

GG/CMT will jointly run ClydeBuilt in 2018. GG will organise CastleToCrane 2018. MS has joined C2C committee and will perform Gordon's role to liaise between GCRC and C2C/ClydeBuilt.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

Covered in subsequent agenda

3. Finance and Membership Report

Members sitting at 92. Barge maintenance will need to be costed for going forward. Thanks to IW for keeping on top of membership and finance.

4. Glasgow Cup/GCRC Regatta 2018? Decision

Nobody from the club came forward to lead on organising the race. The Glasgow Cup will not run in 2018 as a result. Dundrum will hold the trophy until it can be defended. Fiona to let Cameron Hughes at SCRA know the position.

5. Merchandising: Update

Newest batch of club kit has been acquired and the surplus stock is available. Bundling items to be offered together for a small discount was mooted and discussed but decided against as there is no immediate need to sell the merchandise.

6. Coxing/Rowing

Members are clamouring to get out rowing and burden has been mainly falling to GMcC and IW. All rowers should become familiar with coxing as part of the rowing experience. Decided to change our present 'Coxes' title to 'Skippers' in order to encourage rowers to take turns coxing when they go out.

BW is moving to Argyll in April to pursue boatbuilding opportunities. For the present, new Skippers can be signed off by IW or GMcC, after demonstrating their competence satisfactorily.

The significant commitment of Wednesday night open sessions will not be restarted in the spring/summer. If Skippers are keen to continue evening sessions they are encouraged to advertise and deliver sessions that they are interested in, e.g. long rowing, sprint training, boat manoeuvring etc. instead.

7. Skiffs & equipment: Maintenance Programme/Schedule/Organisation

No. 3 new oar from the set we took receipt of in October has developed a serious compression issue which shows no sign of stabilising despite attempt at remediation. IW to draft letter to the boat builder concerned to scope out options for replacement.

Maintenance work on the skiffs is dependent on space being freed up in the CMT workshop, which at the moment is housing a large lifeboat. Once the lifeboat had been craned onto the Tall Shin we will be able to

move the skiffs one at a time into the workshop for a programme of maintenance which has been drafted by GMcC and BW. It is recognised that we should acquire tubs for storing GCRC's boat materials in when using the CMT workshop

8. Pontoon facilities: Barge Update

Sea cadets to empty the barge weekend commencing 24/25 February. GCRC to take possession weekend of 3/4 March. A team of volunteers is required to help clean the barge that weekend. IW to email membership for help. CMT had advised the cost of running power to the barge was £1000. It was agreed that the club would fund 50% of this cost when funds permitted. It was agreed to seek contributions from members at sub renewal time (31 March).

9. Managing Committee & Other structures – Next steps

Thanks to MS for joining the committee. Many thanks to BW for his hugely important contributions past and present, prior to his departure. A cohort of members is needed to help look after the barge. Skippers to talk to members when they are on the boat about who might be interested in that area, and indeed other key organisational structures of our Club. We need to increase active participation to develop our Club.

10. Social Events: 2018; forward planning

FM to canvass Dram to see if there is availability for a social get together on the first bank holiday in May.

11. Skiffing Events Calendar 2018; GCRC involvement?

BW not able to take forward the role of regatta-organiser as he is relocating. Members to be asked if they would be interested in looking in to this for the club.

12. Diary 2018; Committee Meeting: set next date

Next committee meeting - Monday 26 March 2018, 4pm, Firebird.

AGM - Wednesday 18 April at Hillhead Sports Club, 6.30pm.

13. Art Installation by Robert Thomas James Mills as part of Gi 2018 – GCRC collaboration

GCRC will assist with Mr Mills's art installation on the evening of 20 April. Mr Mills will donate a small amount (£175) to the club's coffers in return.

14. Communication from Glasgow Rowing Club: GCRC response

GCRC is happy to welcome any new members from GRC who may wish to join the club as individuals.

AOB

BW is keen to gift a 'flattie' boat to GCRC for use as the club sees fit. The club is delighted to accept this kind offer as soon as the boat is completed. It would require to be insured 3rd party only. Approximate value of the flattie is £1,000.

Easter weekend: SCRA is running a club development training weekend in Anstruther. BW is attending, would SH be interested in attending as well? FM to ask her.

Royal West has invited up to 10 members to take part in their opening muster on 31 March or 1 April (BW to find out which).