

Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club

Committee meeting

Monday 26 March 2018 16:00

Firebird, 1321 Argyle St, G3 8AB

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

Apologies: Christine Morrison, Ian Watson

Agenda

1. Minutes of Meeting 22 February for approval

Approved.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

Covered in subsequent agenda

3. Finance and Membership Report

Club funds presently indicate a projected surplus of £564.

Membership renewals will begin on 1 April. IW will include request for voluntary additional contributions to help to defray cost of imminent improvement and development works.

Boat maintenance materials are now costed in the region of £ 250 per skiff. Barge maintenance and improvement costs to be finalised.

Thanks to IW for keeping on top of membership and finance.

4. Merchandising: Update

Club is currently holding approximately £370 worth of team kit for sale on an ad hoc basis. Going forward we might limit the orders we make to just two per year, at 6-monthly intervals, but we will not make another order until our current stock has sold. We will offer items for sale at our upcoming AGM.

5. Skippering/Rowing

Membership has responded well to the change in role from Cox to Skipper.

Michael Stratigos and Fran Tobin are nearly ready to be signed off as skippers.

SCRA Club development course: six members put their names forward to attend, three delegates were selected by ballot – Fran Tobin, Mac Mackechnie, and Jim Dick. These members have agreed to cascade information to the rest of the membership when they return.

A variety of types of rowing session now being offered: long rows, 40 minutes, and 20 minute introductory.

8/9 members have expressed interest in Castle to Crane 2018, and thanks to SH for offering to skipper dedicated sessions to those who have enrolled, so it may be that we can offer all those members the chance to participate but at this point no teams have been firmed up.

6. Vessels & equipment

Skiffs: 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. Frank Brown from CMT has indicated that staff are going to find

room in the workshop for each skiff so that the maintenance can begin, as the date for craning the lifeboat is as yet still unresolved.

BW has estimated that it will take 15 full days to complete the programme of maintenance on each skiff.

The 4 gunwale wearplates on *Gobhancroit* can all be removed as we have sufficient greenheart, donated by R Edwards, to make replacements.

The Mighty Splash: The club has taken possession of *The Mighty Splash* (TMS), double scull, and she has been out on several rows with our more experienced members. Many thanks to BW and the vessel's other makers for this kind gift.

TMS can accommodate two rowers and a passenger but the passenger must be seated in the bow.

It is essential that TMS is tied off securely when berthed on the pontoon. Members to be shown how to do this.

No member is permitted to take TMS out on the water without a skipper present.

TMS could benefit from collars for the oars. BW suggests leather and copper nails or similar could provide a solution.

For insurance purposes, TMS is valued at £3,000.

Dinky Dory: we have recently been offered another small vessel, a marine ply construction single scull, by Jen O'Brien from Local Energy Action Plan. The club is pleased to accept this offer and is liaising with Jen on moving the boat to Kelvin Harbour. The boat requires to be painted so we will need to address that prior to launch.

7. Pontoon facilities: Barge Update

GCRC now has tenancy of the barge. Big thanks to everyone who helped clean out the barge and set it up.

Repair and maintenance of the barge has yet to be fully costed, but a couple of examples are: Paint for the exterior would cost £ 50. There is a broken double glazed window: cost of replacement approximately £100. Looking ahead, GCRC has to factor in growing list of repair/maintenance areas and costs.

IW attended recent Open Day held by Sports Council for Glasgow; next round of funding is open. It may be possible to apply for funding to contribute towards our improvement of the barge, including installation of electricity, improving the appearance of the barge, pontoon and surroundings. MS to investigate funding applications with IW.

Disposal of waste building up at booms and around slipway:

MS to contact Catherine Sewall of Marine Conservation re: pontoon clean up.

8. Social Events: 2018; forward planning

FM has booked Wee Dram for a club pub night on Friday 4 May from 6pm. FM to get their rules of hire and email to GMcC ahead of event.

9. Skiffing Events Calendar 2018 including C2C

ArranCRC emailed to ask if members would be interested in taking part in regattas with them this year. Circulate to members in the Wednesday mail shot. Nothing further from Royal West re: their spring muster.

On the Sunday after C2C the organisers would like to hold a social row of some kind, possibly a scavenger row. To be confirmed.

This year there will be greater clarity in the communications over volunteering to help on the weekend of 15/16 September: Clydebuilt will organise volunteers. GCRC needs separately to organise enough personnel to cover shifts for our stall on both days.

10. Diary 2018; Committee Meeting: set next date

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

11. AGM Preparation/ Agenda

Intimation of the AGM will be sent via email on Wednesday 28 March, and Agenda noting all aspects to be covered, including Committee Election, will follow. We may hold a 'pin the rudder on the skiff' competition and a couple of Fun Fund-raisers after the business is completed. Agreed to look at possibility of having Clyde/Rowing related quiz and other activity at the Wee Dram night.

AOB

GalGael would like to store Orcuan's rowing kit in the barge. Committee agreed that if only lifevests etc this was feasible and BW would ask Glen (Orcuan skipper) to contact GCRC to formalise the arrangement and agree rules and regulations, as defined in our documentation, particularly with reference to who has responsibility for access and security.

All users of the barge are to be made aware that there is to be no smoking/vaping/ alcohol consumption in the barge or on the pontoon/linkspan at any time. Smokers/Vapers must exit the gate and move to the area nearest a refuse bin before lighting up. We need to advertise our credentials as a Sports Club, promoting health improvement.

David Goodge re: kayaking blog. GCRC to note Link would be inappropriate.