

Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club Committee meeting

Wednesday 6 March 2019

Firebird

Present: Fiona MacLeod, Ian Watson, Kate Borland, Gordon McCracken

Apologies: Michael Stratigos

Agenda

1. Minutes of 21 January 2018

Approved

2. Finance Report

The club is projecting a surplus of £350. We have secured a further Glasgow Area Partnership grant to cover the cost of the paint for the skiff and a pressure washer. The CMT registered Chartered Accountant has kindly agreed to review our accounts with no charge. The Committee thank members and others who offered to help in this area. It has been decided that the most prudent course of action is to invite scrutiny by an outside party.

Membership continues to grow, now standing at 100.

3. Development Strategy

The [proposed strategy is finalised](#). IW to circulate amongst the members for comment before the AGM.

4. Fundraising: Card Pricing/Sales

Kat and Emma's hard work and organisation made for friendly and fun card making sessions. An initial limited edition run of 98 unique cards are ready for sale to members. Kat and Emma are happy to organise future sessions once demand is assessed - there are materials for a total of 200 cards. As a result of the artists volunteering to accept only material costs as reimbursement, it was agreed that the selling price would be £3 per card or 4 for £10.

IW to send out details for purchase.

Thanks was expressed to CMT for the use of the classroom and to Kat and Emma – this was a great example of member participation in the development of the club.

5. Skiff Building Update

The skiff is largely built, only the chandlery and the painting remain to be completed. GCRC previously agreed to buy the paint (for which we have secured a grant). IW to arrange to meet with CMT to discuss chandlery and workshop availability, supervision issues etc.

Subsequently a rota for the painting will be organised. It is hoped that the shorter shifts will offer more opportunities for involvement to members who cannot commit to 6 hours sessions.

6. Rowing Sessions: Review

IW to refer skippers to new approved [Guidelines for Rowing Sessions & Skiff Booking](#) to ensure best practice.

There is a lack of regular open sessions. With 100+ members the club might become unsustainable unless we find a way of running regular club meetings, e.g. on Saturdays and/or Sundays. This might require a duty rota of skippers to take charge. This issue will be an agenda item for AGM.

7. Skippering: Roles and Responsibilities

The increased number of skippers has not been matched by an increase in the opportunities being offered to members to access rowing sessions. Members who aspire to become skippers need to make the time, but more importantly have the inclination, to organise sessions and help develop the club.

It was also suggested that skippers communicate when booking with a view to coordinating sessions.

If any skippers are uncomfortable using Eventbrite, please let the Committee know and someone will be happy to set up sessions for you.

7. VHF: Policy and Practice

The club policy for contacting emergency services will remain unchanged, i.e. to carry a mobile phone. When the clubhouse has an electricity supply, our VHF radios will be kept in a locked storage unit in the clubhouse for use at regattas. Policy and procedure for use will follow once the radios are in place.

9. Mailchimp Mailing

Committee members were encouraged to send campaigns from Mailchimp.

10. AGM

The accounts will be closed at the end of March and the audit will take place before the AGM on Wednesday 24 April 2019, at Hillhead Sports Club at 6.30pm (tbc).

All members are welcome and information will be emailed to members shortly and nominations invited for the Committee.

Remaining cards will be on sale to raise funds for the club.

AOB

1. IW will email members regarding membership renewal.
2. Interest in acquiring The Mighty Splash has been expressed by a 3rd party.
3. CMT have requested that we share the barge with Paisley Sea Cadets. A spring clean of the barge will take place soon after the electricity installation has been completed. A kettle and oil heater will be purchased and PAT tested.

FMCL to create "No trace" (i.e. take your litter with you) signage.

Date of next meeting 17 April 2019, 5pm at the Clubhouse.