

Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club Committee Meeting

Wednesday 24 July 2019

Clubhouse

Present: Fiona MacLeod, Ian Watson, Kate Borland, Gordon McCracken, Floortje Brandsteder, Liza Downie, Susie Taylor

Apologies: Michael Stratigos

Agenda

1. Minutes of 5 June 2019

Approved.

Matters arising:

First Aid Kits have been purchased.

No reply from Clydeside Distillery about sponsorship.

Seat cushions purchased.

Dredging completed and pontoon back in action.

2. Finance Report

Membership is now standing at 87.

Income is below budget by £683 but there is £300 in merchandise stock which should sell and the membership should increase.

Cash flow is £1200 but the club will have to prioritise expenditure and think about fundraising.

Grant applications for 3 covers have been made to the Arise Fund and Sports Council for Glasgow.

3. Cox Training/ Trailer Training

Some members have shown reticence about taking the skiffs out of the pontoon.

FB is going to consider arranging a Boat Handling session to encourage people to consider coxing.

There are a lot of consideration when preparing and hooking up the skiff for towing

FB to contact Ross Ritchie re organising a Boat/Trailer Preparation session.

FB to investigate an alternative location for trailer storage.

4. Skiffie Worlds

The GCRC attendance was a great success and the teams represented the club well.

FB to send feedback to members.

Thanks were expressed as follows:

- to Jen Stout for recording pieces for The Nine and Reporter's Notebook
- to FB for organising the trip
- to IW and GMcC for their support
- to Adam Sinclair and Alan (Shona's brother) for towing
- to Bob Beetham and Peter Armstrong for last minute adjustments

- to Ewan Strachan for the caravan HQ!

Some research on racing oars was done and is ongoing.

5. Fleet Condition/Maintenance

Gobhancroit and Lady Danger are in need of attention. GMcC to approach Andy Aire at CMT re space in the workshop after Castle 2 Crane. Refurbishment of boats will be staggered, starting with Gobhancroit.

6. Clubhouse Tidy Up/ Shelving

IW to cost shelving for the skiffs' equipment and then invite volunteers to assist with tidy up.

7. Troon Regatta

There are 14 members who have expressed interest in going, however, someone to tow the boat is needed. FB to contact members who can tow.

On other outings – FMcL to let Barra and Vatersay Rowing Club know that GCRC will not be represented at their Regatta further to their kind invitation.

FB also mentioned that Monster Loch is taking place on 28 September on Loch Ness if anyone wants to attend.

8. Suggested Social Activity

This is a subject for possible fundraising in the future as venues can be expensive.

FMcL to ask Bob Beetham re Willowbank Bowling Club as an affordable and adaptable venue.

9. Security on Barge and Pontoon

The padlock was recently replaced as the old one had seized up and there is no reason to suspect foul play. However, Orcuan had a rigging rope cut recently so members should stay aware and always shut the gate.

GMcC to contact Andy Aire re the floats under the pontoon still requiring attention.

10. Castle 2 Crane arrangements

The event on 21 September will be smaller this year but there is good interest from the club to participate. IW to register a second boat and a third may be entered. There are 12 oars for the three skiffs but no spares.

11. Clydebuilt Festival

The club will be represented again and rather than a tombola other ideas were explored.

The idea of placing a skiff at our stall so people could sit in the boat and practice rowing technique was discussed.

GMcC to approach club members re borrowing a rowing machine to be used for letting people practice rowing technique.

GMcC to approach Kat and Emma about a card making workshop.

ST to cost a mugs – an idea of a carabiner handle was proposed.

12. Approach from Fablevision

Fablevision is an arts festival who have approached the club to ask if they could bring artists down to the pontoon to share our experiences on the water.

IW to meet with them to discuss.

13. Club Kit

A member has asked if it is possible to offer warm and weather proof jackets for coxes with club logo for sale. IW to reply.

The club would welcome any member to come forward who would be interest in coordinating club merchandise.

AOB

The club are looking for volunteers who would be interested in joining the Committee as an Assistant Treasurer, with the long term intention of taking over as Treasurer.

Lachlan from Clyde Maritime Trust has requested volunteers to help finish the skiff build for Kilchrenan Rowing Club. IW has sent a message to members.

Kilchrenan will be inviting the club to an event in Loch Awe in April 2020.

A letter was received from Richard Anderson offering to tow the club's trailer. FMCL to reply.

The next Litter Pick will be on Sunday 11 August. KB to send out a request for volunteers.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 4th September 2019, 5.30pm at the Clubhouse.