

Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club Committee Meeting

Tuesday 22 October 2019

Clubhouse

Present: Fiona MacLeod, Ian Watson, Kate Borland, Gordon McCracken, Michael Stratigos, Liza Downie, Susie Taylor

Apologies: Floortje Brandsteder

Agenda

1. Minutes of 4 September 2019

Approved.

Matters arising:

Work on existing oars – no further update.

Social Activity – no further update.

Safety Equipment Review – thanks was expressed to Ross Ritchie for taking club members through this and the log book process. Members should report any issues with life vests to keep this record up to date.

RR reminded members that life vests are only of use if worn securely so all straps must be tightened to fit.

Gal Gael equipment – there has been no response to date. FMcL to send December deadline for removal of all equipment except life vests.

2. Finance Report

There has been less expenditure than budgeted and membership fees are on target, therefore there is a surplus of £1200 with some items still to be purchased.

£500 has been received from The Sports Council for Glasgow towards the purchase of one skiff cover. The grant from Arise for two skiff covers is expected shortly.

3. Clydebuilt Festival/Castle to Crane Feedback

Attendance was up on last year and the GCRC stall generated good interest and new members. Whilst it was less financially successful it was more in line with the club's ethos.

A montage of the club's activity was suggested for next year to advertise better what we do.

Thanks was expressed to those members who provided the rowing machines which were a success.

Congratulations were also expressed to both crews on their performance.

4. Fleet Maintenance

Gobhancroit has had its first internal gloss coat following two days of sanding down by an excellent team of volunteers, and a projected date for re-entry into the water will be Friday 1 November, after due consultation with CMT, who have again accommodated our request for workshop facilities.

Work on Lady Danger will start in the new year, after consultation with CMT.

5. Skiff Covers

GMcC has taken measurements and will order a bespoke cover for Gobhancroit.

New tarpaulin will be ordered in the meantime for the oars.

6. Pontoon/Clubhouse

Thanks to a good attendance of volunteers for the skiff maintenance, work has been done on the Clubhouse including a new port hole cover, grille removal from window and improved shelving which will prolong the life of our equipment.

There are holes in the metal along the top of the barge and damp is showing . The detritus will be removed and sealant applied, and on the windows where required.

Small tyres have been placed on the outside as fenders, and spring lines attached at corners, which has ensured less movement.

Once the skiff maintenance has been completed GMcC will arrange the pontoon repair and dock fenders with Andy Aire.

There is now a safe in place for the VHF radios and the hand sanitiser has been reattached to the wall.

7. Rowing Sessions

The trial Sunday Open morning sessions have been successful both in attracting new members and stimulating more engagement by members in club activity.

Skippers need to keep an eye on bookings to ensure safety with the right balance of skippers and rowers.

Skippers are encouraged to look at the Rowing Session Guidelines.

8. Upstream Battle

The latest Litter Survey and Pick was cancelled due to rain. The next event will be on 1 November. KB to send out an Eventbrite event.

9. AOB

FMcL to send investigate a Xmas drinks event at The Dram on Friday 6 December.

FMcL to make enquiries regarding the work being carried out near the far car park.

ST can source more 5 litre dry bags if they have been found suitable.

Date of next meeting Friday 6 December 2019, 5.00pm at The Dram.