

GCRC Committee Meeting - 1st September 2022

The Barge

Present - Fiona Macleod, Ross Ritchie, Gordon McCracken, Sally Nicholson, Tom Malone, Susie Taylor, Ian Watson.

1. Matters Arising

FMcL noted that the contact to Castle to Crane was unsuccessful, but that news emerged this past week of the cancellation of the race.

2. Finance & Membership

RR reported that membership remains at 66, the cash reserves are reasonable and expenditure is on target according to agreed planned work. Accounts are attached.

3. Maintenance

TM reported that all the carpentry has been completed on Kelvin Kelpie, painting is scheduled, and the skiff should be finished in 2-3 weeks. Thanks expressed to all the volunteers who have worked on the skiff, and to Richard Smith who has built a new cox's seat.

Lachlan had found some epoxy resin which will provide added protection of the hull. This is being tested. After that, more painting followed by anti-fouling will be required. A third coat of interior paint is planned.

4. Castle to Crane & Shanty Festival

FMcL expressed concern whether cancellation of C2C has been sufficiently well publicised. TM gave a detailed outline of the weekend's Shanty Festival on the Tall Ship and in the Riverside Museum.

GCRC has a stall on Tall Ship to publicise our activities. Discussion about auctioning a voucher. SN and FMcL offer to man stall.

5. Club Management System

IW explained that Spond will be rolled out as a possible replacement to Eventbrite. One advantage is it has an inter member communication system, and may be simpler for coxes to set up rowing events. If trial of Spond is successful, a transition day from Eventbrite will be arranged.

6. Any other Business

FMcL updated the committee about discussions and possible day of rowing dories at West Boat Club.

Thanks expressed to Bob Jardine who donated a rudder. Exploration of what can be used or salvaged from the rudder.

IW asking if there are any members who have experience of 'Wordpress' to help support and build the GCRC website

RR intimated there is a need to schedule to do another life jacket check, as some of the 'firing heads' for inflation are beyond their use by date. An event will be intimated to update life jackets.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 20th October at the Sparkle Horse, on Dowanhill Street at 5.30pm