

TEIGN SCULLERS
MINUTES OF MEETING
19TH MAY 2007
AT THE WILD GOOSE, COMBEINTEIGNHEAD

PRESENT:

Mike Cullen (Chair), Alan Gillespie, Mark Eastman (Secretary), Kim & John Taylor, Peter Flack, Brian Cort

Apologies: Youlie Giovanovits, Catherine Fox

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE AGREED

MATTERS ARISING

- i. Auditor: Alan would ask Peter Brunt if he would oversee the final accounts
- ii. Open Day: A very successful day following really excellent publicity – thanks to Peter and Youlie
- iii. Safety Boat: Alan will find out when the safety boat courses are available

FINANCE

- i. We had £4,400 in the bank of which £3,500 was clear to buy a new IV. The boat house rent is paid until the June quarter day. The annual insurance premium has been paid.
- ii. We have now spent £550 of the £5,000 Sport for All grant, the balance has to be spent by April 2008.
- iii. So far 16 members had paid their subscription, with more to come.

EXPENDITURE PLANS

- i. Decided to keep the existing safety boat in store (consider deflating) and to buy a lighter boat that could be taken to the river by just two people. Budget £500. This would mean a boat to assist sculls and IVs would be available more often
- ii. There are racing IVs at UMIST and St Ives. Alan will investigate further although it is proving hard to find a boat that meets our criteria and price
- iii. Alan will follow up replies from waste tip operators and suggest that they sponsor the purchase of a brand new IV – worth a try.
- iv. The Quad is very nearly complete with just the slides to be adjusted – this should prove a real asset in learning sculling and an outing can be made with less than four Scullers
- v. The pair that was a gift is really needing a skilled boat builder to help – considered a lower priority as a double scull would be a much more useful boat to acquire

- vi. The Italian Donoratico just needs to be rigged so there is an alternative to Frank
- vii. Four sweep oars have been ordered from Exeter RC @ £50 each

SUMMER ACTIVITY

- i. John Taylor volunteered to take a cox's course to give us another badly needed coxing option
- ii. Our objective is that no one who turns up for an outing should have to wait for a row
- iii. Racing Plans:- Agreed that we should aim for setting up a racing crew/s and obtain a list of suitable regattas
- iv. Agreed that, on balance, it was worth the risk of leaving Erica on the beach (at the end of the bay) to give us a really useful training option for each outing without relying on a tow down to the bay. Alan would investigate mooring option

SCULLING RULES

The rules were agreed they are attached to the minutes and will be posted on Google and Website.

The exact nature of the buoyancy aid was to be investigated and decided at the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Kim will follow up all those who completed a form at the Open Day to find out their intentions. She would also contact lapsed members from last year. One of the questions would be would they be more likely to join if more boats were commissioned.

SCULLERS ON TOUR – IRELAND

September 7th to 9th are confirmed as the dates for the tour with fund raising for Families For Africa (suggested minimum £50 sponsorship).

There are cheap flights from Exeter to Belfast for the Friday with a social with Enniskillen RC, two nights at the Clinton Centre (about £14 pp! built by Bill Clinton). 10.7 mile row in an VIII with Enniskillen and Belfast RC crews plus Police Launch. Minibus back to Clinton with another social and home on the Sunday.

It all sounds great fun. Alan needs to know who is definitely or probably interested please.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 25TH JUNE 7.30 WILD GOOSE