

Teign Scullers  
Thursday 15th January 2008  
at The Wild Goose, Combeinteignhead 7.30 pm  
Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike Cullen (Chair), Mark Eastman (Captain), Becca Eastman (Secretary), Brian Cort (Safety), Jason Hinrich (Development), Nic Bourne (Head Coach). Kim Taylor (Membership), Barbara Gregory, Jacinta Jackson, David Jackson, Sally Livett

**Apologies** from Youlie Giovanovits, Rie Annal, Denise Walker, Chris Turner-Robson, Julia Warner, Alan Gillespie

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed, but with the addition of Jacinta's apologies

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| i.    | Trailer for the inflatable not yet sold. Nic will try to do so   | NB        |
| ii.   | No progress on request for boats and blades. Nic to chase up   | NB        |
| iii.  | Alan has 2 quotes for boat racks but these are more than expected. Mark knows someone who may be able to put up shelving – he will follow-up | ME        |
| iv.   | More space is required in the clubhouse so it needs to be decided which wooden skulls to keep. Nic and Mark will discuss.                    | ME/<br>NB |
| v.    | Cox training for Kim, Jacinta and Sally still to be done.  | ME        |
| vi.   | Photos are desperately needed for the website – please can members email any photos to Mark who will be updating the homepage                | All       |
| vii.  | Kim confirmed she is happy to continue as Membership Secretary with the extra duties   |           |
| viii. | Jason is investigating correct warm-up techniques. Members will need to arrive 15 minutes before the outing to allow time to warm up         | JH        |
| ix.   | Mark and Nic emailed Trinity School but no response. Mark to follow-up   | ME        |

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

- i. The club has a balance of £586.36. £400 of this is funding money that needs to be spent. Mark has spent approximately £60 on a new seat for the quad which has not yet been included in the budget. Jacinta's coaching training is still to be paid for.

**DRAFT CLUB STRATEGY**

- i. There was a long discussion about Mike's draft strategy (which it was agreed was very good), particularly with regard to desired membership numbers/fee level/type and seeking active partnerships with other clubs. Mike will incorporate the comments into the strategy and will present at next meeting **MC**

## **ROW SAFE**

- i. Brian has spoken to the harbourmaster, who is going to ensure that the submerged poles are altered so they are visible at high tide.
- ii. All members should read Row Safe guide – a copy is kept in the boathouse. All
- iii. Everyone should do a swimming test and capsize drill, which does not have to include boat re-entry and should increase people's confidence. It was suggested that this could be done with Exeter RC to cut costs, but a local swimming pool would be more convenient. Brian to investigate further. BC
- iv. All members should also be able to use a throw-line so that they can do recue-boat duty once the club has a suitable boat.
- v. Need to further investigate buoyancy requirements – will hopefully be covered at the conference that Nic, Mark, and Jason are attending – they will report back. If a swamp-test is required this can be done on 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June. NB, ME, JH
- vi. Brian has researched safety boat requirements and advised that, since the Teignmouth lifeboat can help in the event of capsize, a safety boat is not essential. But mobile phones and waterproof bags are needed and will cost approximately £150 for 5. It was agreed that Brian should go ahead and buy these. If members do need to call 999 it is helpful to advise what colour clothing is worn to make them easier to find. BC
- vii. An induction programme for new members is required. Jacinta, Youlie, Nic and Jason are all trained first aiders. New members will need to complete a form detailing next-of-kin and emergency contact details. Kim to produce a revised form accordingly. KT

## **Funding and development update**

- i. Jason asked for 6–8 volunteers for a working party to investigate the new boathouse site on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January
- ii. New sculling blades are needed now that we have Red Herring. It was agreed these should be bought and paid for with anything left from the £400 after the phones have been bought. Nic and Mark will buy some. NC, ME

## **Rowing Kit**

- i. Jacinta showed the group some rowing kit samples. Colours and designs were agreed. Jacinta will arrange and circulate an order form. JY

### Boat Identification

- i. Brian has 2 quotes for boat ID signs, both working out at approx £4 per boat. Mark will also get a quote. It was agreed that Brian/Mark have permission to spend the necessary money on this. ME

### Membership subscription

- i. It was agreed that membership fees should be raised by £10 next year (from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009). Concessions to stay proportionately the same
- ii. For people joining later in the year, it was agreed that they should pay 50% membership fee after the 1<sup>st</sup> October and 25% after 1<sup>st</sup> January
- iii. Cut-off date for the ARA capitation fee needs to be investigated

### Any other business

- i. Nic suggested that members are given the option of donating £5 to Alan's charity in Zambia when paying their membership. This was agreed. Kim to add to membership form. KT
- ii. Mike also suggested supporting the RNLI in some way since we are relying on them for safety – could charge £1 donation at open days. He will investigate whether they have any membership schemes MC
- iii. Sponsorship is to be discussed next meeting, particularly the levels of sponsorship that we should be asking for different items.
- iv. Becca is resigning from her position as Club Secretary, but is willing to continue until the post is filled (AGM at the latest). Sally expressed a possible interest in filling the role – Becca will discuss this with her. BE

Next Meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 at The Wild Goose

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Agenda

- 1. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising**
- 2. Financial report**
- 3. Draft club strategy - Mike**
- 4. Row Safe – Brian**
  - Capsize drill, swimming tests and throwline practice
  - Buoyancy requirements
  - Safety boat
  - Induction programme for beginners
- 5. Funding and development update**
  - i. Results of funding bids
  - ii. New boathouse progress
  - iii. New sculling blades for Red Herring?
- 6. Rowing kit - Jacinta**
- 7. Boat identification requirements**
- 8. Membership subscription**
  - Should the membership level be changed next year?
  - Should the fee be lowered for late joiners?
- 9. Any Other Business**