

Teign Scullers
Monday 14th February 2009
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), Alan Gillespie (President), Jacinta Jackson, Lesley Mawson, Denise Walker

Apologies from Youlie Giovanovits, Chris Turner-Robson, Julia Warner, Kim Taylor, Theresa Goodridge, Jenny Eslick

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

An original action of the last meeting regarding swim-tests was incorrectly assigned to Youlie, but was amended to Brian in the interim. Otherwise, minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

- i. Trailer for the inflatable not yet sold – probably best done at Easter. It will need cleaning up and the rust removing first NB
- ii. £200 has been paid to Totnes for a second-hand double, which needs minor repairs. Totnes is also trying to find some old Macon blades.
- iii. Totnes and Exmouth have also each agreed to donate a Virus (single training scull). Paul has agreed to pick up from Totnes – Alan to coordinate AG
- iv. Mark's friend has agreed to put up shelves for blades (for free) but only when weather improves! ME
- v. Boathouse space – need to get wooden fours repaired. Mike to contact friend who is a boat-builder for his consultation on whether worth repairing (will need to pay him). Boats to be positioned this weekend in preparation MC
- vi. Buoyancy requirements – Following the ARA Conference, Nic and Brian are discussing arrangements to ensure requirements are met. BC / NB
- vii. Jacinta has undergone cox training. Kim and Sally still to do. ME
- viii. Photos are still needed for the website. Alan to ask Chris about using his boat and arranging a specific time to get some photos taken on the water AG
- ix. Still no response from Trinity School, but it was agreed that the club is not ready to work with them quite yet anyway
- x. Jacinta has obtained an updated order form. She will circulate via website. JJ
- xi. It was agreed that Mark should go ahead with getting ID no.s put on boats ME
- xii. Mike did contact RNLI but they do not have a scheme for clubs
- xiii. Secretary role – Denise kindly volunteered to take over from Becca. Members thanked Becca for her time in the role.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- i. Any receipts for money spent need to be sent to Chris. Upcoming expenses are boathouse rent (March), insurance (April) and possible boat repairs. Jason may need a small contribution (£100?) for boathouse development.
- ii. An estimate is needed of unavoidable expenditure and likely membership levels for next financial year for the AGM. Alan will ask Chris to do this. AG
- iii. Thanks were given to Jacinta for kindly tearing up the cheque from the club for her coaching training – she has volunteered to pay this herself.
- iv. A bursary is paying for half of Nic and Jason's Level 2 Coaching course. Jason has kindly offered to pay his other half – thanks were given. The club is committed to paying Nic's half (approx £250).

ROW SAFE

- i. Brian to organise swim-tests and capsize drills. Members will NOT be expected to get back into the scull. The drill will improve confidence for rowing in all type of boats and will therefore help everyone.
- ii. There was some discussion about if swimming should be a mandatory pre-requisite to rowing. It was agreed that currently all MUST be able to swim, although this policy may be reviewed in future.
- iii. Phones are now in place and a list of first-aiders is in the boathouse
- iv. An induction programme is required. Jacinta, Brian and Nic will develop this. All relevant Rowsafe elements to be included. BC/
JJ/NB
- v. A briefing regarding weather conditions and safety will be made by the coach in charge before every outing
- vi. The ARA conference highlighted that the club committee is ultimately responsible in the event of an accident. Alan to enquire about whether club insurance covers personal liability for coaches. Mark recommended people consider ARA individual membership, as this does give personal insurance (NB this is not the same as the club membership included in annual subs) AG

CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES

- i. The club is not in a position to take under 18s until all Rowsafe elements are covered – would need child and vulnerable adult policy, CRB checks etc. The rules are changing in Autumn 09 so it was agreed to review the issue then. Until that point, strictly no under 18s. Harry is the only exception to this but a specific point will need to be made to him. Alan will write a letter regarding authorisation for him to continue rowing. AG

ARA CONFERENCE AND DRAFT CLUB STRATEGY

- i. The new ARA strategy has a strong emphasis on recreational and adaptive rowing, including attracting older and lapsed rowers. This fits in perfectly with the club's ethos and will help to focus the draft strategy.
- ii. The ARA is to be re-branded as British Rowing and plans to enable rowers to row in different locations without having to transport boats. Money is available to facilitate this – clubs are asked to express initial interest detailing aims if wish to bid for this. Jason will do so when strategy agreed. JH
- iii. Mike was thanked for his good updated strategy. Further revision is needed to emphasise its synergies with the new ARA strategy. A sub-group of Mike, Jason, Mark, Nic and Alan was agreed to develop the draft further. Once nearly finalised, it will be sent to Tom for comment. MC & sub-group

AWARDS FOR ALL FUNDING

- i. The club is eligible for Awards for All funding of up to £5000, for equipment or development (e.g. architects fees). Deadline 31st March AG
- ii. Jason will supply estimate of costs needed for pre-planning of boathouse to Alan. Mark and Nic to agree short-term shopping list for equipment etc. for any money left after this. JH, NB, ME

WARM-UP EXERCISES

- i. Warm-up and down is important and fits with RowSafe. Jason has downloaded a Concept 2 warm-up guidance document. He will put a copy in the boathouse and ask Youlie to put a link to it on the website. JH
- ii. There was discussion about whether outing times should be brought forward to allow warm-up time. It was agreed times should remain the same, but warm-up will be included as an essential part of the outing.

Any Other Business

- i. A boat captain is still needed. Mike to email members to ask for volunteers MC
- ii. Concerns were raised about members taking boats out after outings without supervision. Only members 'passed' by Nic are permitted to use the boats outside outing times. If members wish to be included on this list they can apply to Nic, who will consult with Mark. Permitted members must use the booking system, or specifically agree with the coach in charge, so that coaches are aware of who is on the water at any time.
- iii. Jason suggested introducing a social membership, with a nominal fee, so that the club can increase membership to 50 – this will make the club eligible for more funding opportunities.

Next Meeting Monday 16th March 7.30 at The Wild Goose

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Agenda

- 1. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising**
- 2. Financial report**
- 3. ARA Conference**
 - i) Rowsafe
 - ii) Child protection issues
 - ii) Implications of ARA strategy
- 4. Updated draft club strategy - Mike**
- 5. Boat house project update - Jason**
- 6. Awards for All funding application - Alan**
- 7. Warm up exercises - Jason**
- 8. Any Other Business**