

**TEIGN SCULLERS AGM**  
**THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2011**  
**AT THE WILD GOOSE, COMBEINTEIGNHEAD 7.30 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike Cullen (Chair), Mark Eastman (Captain), Barbara Gregory (Treasurer), Brian Cort (Safety), Denise Walker (Secretary), Patrick Gaskins(Boat Captain), Sally Livett, Andy Darkin, Claire Hopkins, Bill Powell, Ian Matthews, Mark Treais

**Apologies** from Nic Bourne (Head Coach), Adam Livett (Communications), Guy Langworthy, Jules Warner, Mick Crawford, Morag van Niekerk

**MINUTES OF LAST AGM AND EGMS**

Minutes of the last AGM and the 2 EGMS were accepted as true and accurate records.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- i. Mike presented the Chairman's report for 2010–2011. A copy of which can be found in Appendix 1.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- i. Barbara presented the Treasurer's report for 2010–2011. A copy of which can be found in Appendix 2.
- ii. The committee agreed to adopt the accounts.
- iii. Barbara to circulate to the committee Rupert Holliday's email address BG

**CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

- i. Mark presented the Captain's report for 2010–2011. A copy of which can be found in Appendix 3.

**HEAD COACH'S REPORT**

- i. A copy of Nic's Head Coach report for 2010–2011 was presented. A copy of which can be found in Appendix 4.
- ii. Members thanked Nic for all his hard work as Head Coach over the past few years.

## **SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT**

- i. Brian presented the Safety Officer's report for 2010–2011. A copy of which can be found in Appendix 5.

## **BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

- i. Patrick presented the Boat Captain's report for 2010–2011. A copy of which can be found in Appendix 6.
- ii. A boathouse maintenance day is planned for 29<sup>th</sup> April. Patrick to email members about the date PG

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- i. It was agreed that the sculling section will not need a President. Mike is to put Alan forward to become an honorary member to RTRC committee MC
- ii. Mike is to continue in his role as Chairman. This role now entails being the sculler section representative on RTRC committee.
- iii. It was agreed for Mark to continue in the role of Captain
- iv. It was decided that the role of head coach was no longer required
- v. Barbara felt there was no longer a role as treasurer since the merger but she is happy to help out when required.
- vi. Brian is to continue as Safety officer and also seat on RTRC safety committee
- vii. It was agreed for Denise to continue in the role of secretary
- viii. The development officer role was decided no longer needed
- ix. Patrick is to continue as Boat Captain
- x. The communication officer role is no longer needed, however members may be required to help Mark Brett
- xi. The welfare officer is no longer required by the sculling section because this is now covered centrally

## **LOCATION OF COXED BOATS**

- i. This item was deferred.

## **ROWING AND RACING ETHOS OF THE CLUB**

- i. Mark's paper was discussed at the meeting and it was agreed for Mark and Barbara to work on producing guidelines on this item which they will present at the next meeting ME/BG
- ii. It was agreed that the club would enter crews which are competent to race and so not bring discredit to the club. There are no problems if crews come last.

## **TRANSITION**

- i. Barbara to tidy the google group membership to reflect the active club membership BG
- ii. The public liability insurance cover to be cleared up and transferred BG
- iii. Barbara to email members about their boat rental fees BG

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- i. RTRC is wishing to encourage junior rowing and was wondering if sliding seat can be offered. Mike to work with Sarah Free and feedback at next meeting MC
- ii. There have been a few occasions when boats have been used outside of club outings and not booked. Although the club is pleased members are using boats outside of outings, the boats do need to be booked and if anyone is experiencing any problems this needs to be highlighted to the committee. Denise to send an email to members reminding them to book boats DW

Next Meeting Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 Wild Goose Inn 7.30pm

**TEIGN SCULLERS**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
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**AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of last AGM**
- 3. Chairman's report**
- 4. Treasurer's report**
- 5. Captain's report**
- 6. Head Coach's report**
- 7. Safety Officer's report**
- 8. Boat Captain's report**
- 9. Election of Officers**
  - i. President
  - ii. Chairman
  - iii. Captain
  - iv. Head Coach
  - v. Treasurer
  - vi. Safety Officer
  - vii. Secretary
  - viii. Development Officer
  - ix. Boat Captain
  - x. Communications
  - xi. Welfare officer
- 10. Location of coxed boats**
- 11. Rowing and racing ethos of the club**
- 12. Transition**
- 13. Any Other Business**

## APPENDIX 1

### Teign Scullers Rowing Club Chairman's report 2011

The main event in the past year has been the merging of Teign Scullers with the River Teign Rowing Club as from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011. This establishes a one-stop shop for all forms of rowing on the Teign, and has a large enough membership to attract grant income.

The administrative aspect of the merger has gone very smoothly, thanks in particular to Barbara Gregory for negotiating the financial aspects and the transfer of the membership information. Also thanks to Rupert Holliday and Sharon Sanger who handled the transfers from the RTRC end. Mark Brett has been starting work with Mark Eastman on linking and merging the websites.

The effect of the merger has also been noticeable in rowing activities. We opened our indoor sessions at Dawlish to the rest of RTRC, giving a few extra people. We held an open day on 26<sup>th</sup> March for the rest of RTRC to try out sculling. Though the response was a bit limited, a number of those who came say they intend to join the sculling section. Andy Darkin and Guy Langworthy have also become very active in the sculling section, supporting the boat maintenance and making their boats available for others to use. The coming season is a big opportunity to get people from the rest of RTRC to try sculling and enjoy rowing fast. To this end, Nic Bourne has made a proposal which will be considered later on the agenda which would create a lot more opportunity for this to happen.

I would also like to thank the other club officers. Nic Bourne has been particularly active in building contacts with RTRC as well as taking the initiative in getting crews to Turkey for the World Coastal Rowing Championships. I can repeat last year's sentence by saying that Mark Eastman has been a very effective Club Captain in a time of rapid change and somewhat variable support in training and availability for races. Jacinta has unfortunately been unwell for much of the year, We hope she will be back soon. Lee Waller has moved back into the area and has been helping with coaching. Alan has continued his efforts to raise funds and we have great hopes of his current grant application. Denise has been an exemplary secretary and photographer. David Nelson has put a lot of effort into maintaining the boats and improving the storage facilities. Brian has been a very effective Safety Officer.

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### **2010-11**

The Club has supported itself within an income of £2808 for the year.

The Club has broken even in effect for 2010-11 with members funds being reduced by only £20.77

The membership numbers for the year have remained relatively stable overall rising from 42 in 2009-10 to 44 by the end of 2010-11

As in 2009-10, there was a fair degree of turnover within the overall numbers

The members funds and cash balance stood at £344.63 and this is the balance which has been transferred to RTRC

The committee is asked to adopt the accounts for the year

#### **2011-12**

A series of budget lines have now been established in the books of the River Teign Rowing Club

Attached is a summary of the transfer budget which has now been agreed with the treasurer of RTRC

The summary shows a full annual value and the actual value which will be in place for the remainder of the RTRC financial year to 31 October 2011

Some of the amounts will not be visible as separate budget lines but others will be as indicated on the summary.

The position is based on 40 members

The budget will be reviewed annually as part of the RTRC budget setting process.

The budget includes a non recurrent sum which it has been agreed that the sculling division has available, being the TS accumulated fund from 2010-11

## APPENDIX 3.

# Captain's Report March 2011

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The highlight of this year has been, for me, the real progress in the technical development of many members – racing or not. It is noticeable that poor conditions don't phase us as much as they used to and our regatta experience was of not always being last – by no means actually.

The secondment of Sallie Malt from British Rowing gave us a real kick start in the technical coaching that she gave both the coaches and individual members. Her course in July benefitted many of us. Unlike many other clubs we easily exceeded our target for new members of British Rowing.

On the racing side we had entries in the Head of the Dart (Nic & Patrick 4<sup>th</sup>), Thatcher Rock (Ladies 4 win, Men's double – win) (!), Exeter, Paignton (Nick & Patrick win), Dartmouth, Totnes mini Head, Head of Plym and Gloucester Head. The wins apart, everyone who did get to race in the regattas ended the day with a large grin – the atmosphere at the events and the sheer fun of rowing catches us all.

For many of the regattas we ended up, despite best intentions, with fairly scratch crews who performed well considering the lack of training together – the technical improvement across the club helps although we are still a little open mouthed at being left at the start by other clubs.

Teign Scullers also had a Men's and Ladies four entered the World Coastal Championships in Istanbul – extremely enterprising of the eight who went. They were up against Olympians giants so did well enough! Endyminion has proved a real asset for the club proving a really useful training boat, rough weather boat (fun!) and superb for Thatcher Rock and World Championship training. Just last Saturday, at the Open Day for RTRC, it proved what a great half-way house it is as an introduction to the delights of sliding seat rowing.

Our boat acquisition was a little quiet due to lack of funds this year; we did buy Derrymore, a single from a house clearer, which is being given some TLC at the moment. However, the boathouse has seen some dramatic improvement in racking of boats, which are now more space efficient and secure – there are some further racks planned in the next few weeks. Thank you Patrick and David in particular.

Charity fund raising was impressive. Brian and Jenny organised a Sport Relief Marathon in Endyminion raising over £1,000! Brian also arranged a successful ergo challenge in aid of the RNLI.

We continue to run the tightrope act of training up crews to race in regattas both to win and for fun and also to give recreational rowers good boat time and technical advice – all with only a few boats.

As well as a racing programme planned for this summer we are hoping to have a social trip to Ireland and a coastal row to Babbacombe, which had to postponed recently due to the weather forecast.

We are hoping that Alan can wave another magic wand with the Lottery grant agency to help us establish a core of boats in good repair with less pressure on a small number of club boats.

Last but by no means least, our decision to merge with TCRC gives us a great opportunity to widen the club. It will be very rewarding to introduce more people to the wonderful feeling of speed, connection with the water, rhythm and that very special feeling of a crew working together.

Mark Eastman

## APPENDIX 4

### HEAD COACH REPORT MARCH 2011

2010-2011 has been a year of consolidation on the coaching front with considerable steps forward being made in preparation of racing crews as well as an increasing number of members rowing independently outside club sessions.

The purchase of Endymion had an immediate impact during 2010 with many crews able to get on the water in conditions that would otherwise have been unrowable and this led to greater participation in the lead up to early season events. The boat continues to be an essential part of the club's offering and it will key to attracting fixed seat rowers across from RTRC who could be engaged at an early stage in high quality competitions in the region.

A high point in the season was Lee joining us as coach. Immediately he brought in a regime of increased technical focus on the water combined with rigorous physical training on the erg which has given many rowers aspirations to race seriously during forthcoming regattas. The club now has a couple of major regattas to aim for, Exeter and Dartmouth, where we will be putting out our best teams. There are additional coastal events where we will be preparing teams for, notably Thatcher Rock, Plymouth Breakwater event and later in October the FISA Coastal Worlds in Bari, southern Italy.

We are keen to form squads for these events and rely on the cooperation of members to self organise practices, boat and cox/coach bookings. In this respect we are looking to detach squad members from the more general club outings which are intended primarily for beginners and recreational rowers. We seek to coach single and double scull sessions as well as squad training as we continue to believe single sculling the cornerstone of club development.

With the club unification comes new challenges to the coaching team, integrating RTRC rowers with high aspirations but intermediate skill sets. The task will be to absorb these (possibly) demanding individuals while maintaining the squad drive and success at regattas. The team will be at full stretch this year and they will need strong administration back up to communicate effectively. We have learnt this year the value of clear and effective communications.

As you know I am standing down as Head Coach. I would like to thank my fellow coaches who have given me fantastic support. We have together achieved a great deal over the last few years and I'd like to think Jacinta will re-engage this year as she was so effective as coach and race cox last year. Mark Eastman has been

absolutely central to the coaching development this year and I have been reliant on his good counsel and sound observations and opinions. Many thanks Mark.

Nic Bourne  
March 2011

## APPENDIX 5.

28<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

### TEIGN SCULLERS ROWING CLUB A.G.M.

#### **WATER SAFETY ADVISOR REPORT FOR YEAR 2010-11**

##### **Incident Reports**

There are two incidents to report for the year, one the capsizing of a single sculler on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010 and the other one that could have been more serious was the capsizing and collision during Dart Totnes Mini-Head.

##### **Water Safety Audit 2010**

The British Rowing Club Gap-Analysis Audit 2010 was submitted on 26<sup>th</sup> December. There are a few items that need addressing:

Have an Emergency Action Plan and communicate the EAP to ALL members.

Have written procedures for all safety aids.

Maintenance Log for Life Jackets.

Copy of trailer insurance to be displayed in the boathouse and in the towing vehicle.

Ensure that information regarding the Maximum Allowed Mass is displayed on the trailer.

##### **Swimming and Capsize Drill**

Currently there are twelve members, of which 5 are active club rowers, who need to be tested. (Andy, Claire, David Guy and Jane) We must also decide which sculling boat to use.

##### **Induction Program**

The booklet was updated in December 2010.

Induction booklets have been handed to all current active club members. There are 12 people who have yet to pass the test, including 4 active rowers. (Ian, Jane, Mick and Morag)

##### **Life Jackets**

There should be 5 manually inflatable lifejackets. One is missing.

##### **Endymion Coastal Boat**

In last years report I said that I will visit Exmouth RC to learn how to deal with a swell when beaching, and how they plan recovery from capsizes. I hope to do that later this year. The battery to the electric pump requires attention.

##### **Fleet Register**

The Fleet Register has been updated and some new boats require boat codes.

## **APPENDIX 6.**

### **BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT FOR THE 2010/11 SEASON**

#### **BOATS**

We have added two boats to the fleet last year. The first is a single scull which is in the course of being repaired and the second is a coastal quad (Endymion) which has been much used.

Ongoing repairs to the lasers have meant that those that are currently in service although we do need to purchase/adapt footplates so that these are more robust. The repairs/adaptions we have made are rather frail and will not stand up to heavy use over the coming season.

Deramore has been repaired although I did notice further damage to the cockpit area which requires further repair before re-rigging and use.

Endymion has been re-painted and sign-written and sponsorship has been received for the last and will be continue this coming season. There is some damage to one of the floatation tanks (stroke side) which requires attention.

The above issues will need to be addressed during the next work day.

#### **WISH LIST**

There has been some discussion between David and the club concerning the wooden double scull. This is something which should be debated and a decision reached. The wooden double scull is comparatively challenging to row and perhaps Nick could comment whether he sees this boat as being viable for general use within the club. I would suggest that we place our energies in obtaining a new or very good second-hand double scull which may be used in races within the club against the swift double. There have been a number of events which we have not been able to fully enjoy because we do not have a second double scull.

#### **BOAT HOUSE**

The boat house has had extensive racking around the walls and the only remaining racking to be installed is the racking to the centre for the crew boats. If we do manage to debate and decide what is to happen in respect of the coxed/crewed boats, then we can finally decide when this racking may be installed. We do require quite extensive works to install this racking including the digging of foundations for the support of the uprights.

The other racking is working well and with high racking for the long term projects, these boats are now out of the way and not being damaged further.

At some point we do need to think about the flooring within the boat house if we are to remain here long term.

We do need to review the arrangements in place in respect of renting the boat house and I am very happy to review the documentation that may be in place in respect of renting this. My concern that if we have no formal documentation in place that our tenure there is vulnerable and we might be removed on short notice. If the owner is very happy for us to remain there long term, then it would seem sensible to formalise that so that all the parties are adequately protected. Short of relocation, we will always have limited time on the water..

31<sup>st</sup> March 2011