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Captains' Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 1st Week Michaelmas Term 2016

19:30, 11 October 2016

T.S. Eliot Room, Merton College

Chair: Isobel Dodds (OUWBC)

1. Welcome

Voting members present: 67. All colleges had at least one captain present.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Available at www.ourcs.org.uk

TC apologised if anyone was frustrated that they went up late, this was an upload error that didn't get noticed over the Long Vac.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Squad Reports

- OUBC

- not received.

- OUWBC

"The squad has had a promising start to the season so far; we have had a good turnout, with a total team count of currently close to 30, including six returners from last year's Osiris and one Blue Boat returner. As usual during this part of the year, we have been training in a variety of different combinations, including some sculling boats. Seven athletes raced in single sculls at the Wallingford Long Distance Sculls; we had some very encouraging times posted, with the top results being 2nd place in both the Elite and IM1 1x as well as a win in the Senior Category and the Elite 2x. The next race will be the British Championships in Nottingham, where we will most likely be sending two 8+s. This will be a great racing opportunity for our crews, particularly for the athletes intending to trial for the GB team this season. "

- OULRC

"The OULRC season is off to a strong start, with a talented group of around 25 athletes coming together over the course of pre-season under the leadership of the new Head coach Samuel Wells. Good initial progress has been made, and there is certainly the potential for a

fast crew come March. A number of Scullers took part in Wallingford Long Distance Sculls, soundly beating the CULRC contingent in the singles, with the top pairing recording the second fastest time of any double on the day. The Club's next competitive outing will be in eights at the National Championships, followed by Fairbairns later in the year."

- OUWLRC

"OUWLRC started the year with 2 pre-season training camps. A 'live-out' sculling camp intended for new joiners, conducted at Wallingford, and a pre-season camp in Switzerland for returning athletes and a selection of Dev Squad. Our first fixtures against LEH school (4x, 4+, 8+) took place on Sunday 9th of October at Dorney Lake. Very exciting results from both of our 8+ and extremely valuable experience gained early in the season. The squad is now composed of 19 rowers and 2 coxes, fairly low numbers in comparison to previous years. We would like to encourage potential triallists (both rowers and coxes) to join our squad for the 2016-17 trialling season. Please email our head coach Chris O'Hara (christopher.ohara@sport.ox.ac.uk) or our president Alba Pellaroque (ouwlrc.president@gmail.com) for more informations."

5. Ratification of Ordinary Committee Members

- Joe Hitchen (Hertford)
- Bernard Tao (formerly St Anne's)
- Alissa Bray (formerly Trinity)

TC and WF explained that all three are former OURCs committee members, but would like to remain involved this year as OCMs.

no objections

6. Names/Colleges of Ordinary Committee Members under 1.8.5.a.i – Will Frost (Secretary) to speak

WF read the list of committee, and TC showed their photos on the OURCs website.

7. Elections

- **COUR College Club representative.**

TC explained the role and asked for a representative from the captains. Henry Shalders (Oriël) volunteered.

Henry Shalders (Oriël) elected as COUR College Club representative.

- **Sponsorship Officer – Sabina Manzini**

Proposer: Alissa Bray (OURCs)

Seconded: Will Frost (OURCs)

Sabina is at St Hilda's and wants to get more involved in university rowing. No objections were made. *Sabina Manzini is hereby elected as the OURCs Sponsorship Officer for 2016-17.*

8. Ratification of Senior Umpires

- Rachel Quarrell
- David Locke
- Pat Lockley
- Laura Dance
- Lynch Mason
- Ian Maconnachie (trained during Eights 2016)
- Tom Baker (IWLs / Rowing On only)

TC explained that there were no real changes from the previous year, and gave the captains the option to vote on them all at once. No objections received. *The above are ratified as Senior Umpires for 2016-17.*

9. River Closures

- **Isis Winter League**
IWL A – Sunday 30th October (4th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing
IWL B – Sunday 27th November (8th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing
Proposed: Will Frost (OURCs)
Seconded: Tom Coles (OURCs)
- **Autumn Fours**
Sunday 23rd October (3rd Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing
Proposed: Will Frost (OURCs)
Seconded: Tom Coles (OURCs)
- **Nephthys Regatta**
Friday 18th November (6th Week) – 12:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing
Saturday 19th November (6th Week) – Opening Time until Closing Time
Proposed: Henry Smith (OULRC)
Seconded: Tom Coles (OURCs)
- **Christ Church Regatta**
Wednesday 23rd November (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing
Thursday 24th November (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing
Friday 25th November (7th Week) – 11:00 until Closing Time or End of Racing
Saturday 26th November (7th Week) – Opening Time until Closing Time or End of Racing

Proposed: Jonathan Diederich (ChCh)

Seconded: Laura Betteridge (ChCh)

All passed without incident.

10. Safety

- lights

TC showed the captains a picture of a crew he had been sent earlier in the day out with very poor lighting, and reminded captains that they should be visible through 360 degrees. Will be contacting that crew individually.

Also showed off the results of his work looking into the tupperware/bike light boxes that had been sent out to the mailing list, that bike lights could be found for £5.50 at Boswell's, tupperware in packs of 3 at Poundland (or individually at Boswell's and Robert Dyas) and velcro "lock tape" was available relatively cheaply online. He also promised to be in his office Thursdays and Fridays if colleges wanted to talk to him further or potentially purchase some, or contactable by e-mail.

- safety audits

TC checked that all colleges had received their audit. A handful of colleges said they hadn't, which TC promised to address individually.

- swim tests

TC reminded the captains that there were two more swim tests, and said that due to issues with colleges booking slots and not showing up, some colleges might be billed for missing slots to recover costs incurred during the booking of the pool and the instructors. Such bills would constitute half the value of any slots booked.

- powerboat safety

TC reminded the captains that powerboats are entitled to the centre of the river, as there had been a complaint from a member of the public. JH added that coxes are entitled to undertake as long as they do so safely.

11. Affiliation Fees

Affiliation fee for this year is **£37.65** per boat entered into Saturday of The Neptune Summer Eights 2016.

12. Extra Slots

New, Wolfson, St Hilda's, University, Worcester, Wadham, Corpus Christi, Pembroke, Linacre, Merton, Jesus, St Peter's and Hertford were entered into the ballot.

Weighted ballot taking into account factors such as:

- number of boats on the Isis

- need (or not) to train senior crews on the Isis

- extra training opportunities e.g. graduate slot

The results are as follows:

MONDAY: **University**

TUESDAY: **Pembroke**

WEDNESDAY: **Linacre**

THURSDAY: **Jesus**

FRIDAY: **St Peter's**

SUNDAY 1-3: **Hertford**

SUNDAY 3-5: **Merton**

Apologies to **Wadham, Corpus, Worcester, Wolfson, St Hilda's** and **New**.

Successful colleges are welcome to swap amongst themselves but should email sabbatical@ourcs.co.uk if they choose to do so.

St Hilda's asked why they weren't listed under apologies. TC said they were in the ballot, but unsuccessful; apologised to them as well and promised to correct that in the minutes.

13. **Transfers under A1.2**

Objections may only be made on the grounds that:

- *Athlete is not a member of the college they are transferring from*
- *Athlete has never been a member of the college they are transferring to*

Emily Hinson - St Hugh's to St John's

Did her undergraduate degree at St John's, finished in 2014. Now doing a DPhil at Hugh's. Supported by both Hugh's and John's captains.

No objections received

Henrik Hannemann – Merton to Keble

Did his MSc at Keble, now doing a DPhil at Merton. Supported by both Merton and Keble captains.

No objections received

Roman Rothaermel – Balliol to Lincoln

Did his Masters at Lincoln, now at Balliol doing a DPhil. Paperwork shown to TC at the meeting.

No objections received

14. **AOB**

- Sunday

WF spoke about granting Pembroke permission to have 2 boats on the afternoon of Sunday 9th, apologised for overstepping the bounds of his position and for not letting the rest of the colleges know. Promised to take greater care in future.

- Fog

AB discussed conditions on the morning of the 11th, saying that while it was still legitimate conditions for an outing, crews needed to take greater care with lights and avoiding collisions.

- Quiet Zones

TC reminded the captains of the rules and positions of the Quiet Zones, particularly around Longbridges House, and asked them to pass this onto their members.