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Captains' Meeting Minutes

Monday 6th week Trinity Term 2022

7pm, 16th May 2022

Doctorow Hall, St Edmund Hall

Chair: Amelia Standing (OUWBC)

Attendance (voting members):

College boat clubs – 48

OURCs – 9

Absences: Brasenose, LMH, Pembroke, Trinity, Wadham

1. Welcome

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Available at www.ourcs.co.uk

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising

4. Resolution for Elections to take effect at the end of term – Ty Rallens to speak

It was resolved that the elections for Treasurer and Captain of Coxes should take effect at the end of Trinity term.

5. Treasurer's Election – James Lucas to speak

- Q Sun (St Edmund Hall)

Proposed: Will Loosley (St Edmund Hall)

Seconded: Rachel Laing (New)

Q elected unanimously.

6. Captain of Coxes' Election – James Lucas to speak

- Rebecca Hore (Somerville)

Proposed: Jamie Atkinson (Somerville)

Seconded: Ruby Harrison (OURCs)

Rebecca elected unanimously.

7. **Transfers under A1.2** – James Lucas to speak

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- Athlete has never been a member of the college they are transferring to
 - Johann Perera: Oriel to Queen's (papers in order)

No objections. Ratified.

8. **Extension of Student Status** – James Lucas to speak

Simple majority to pass

- a. **Romy Minko (Wolfson):** Romy has just submitted her thesis corrections and may receive leave to supplicate later this term. We would like to request an extension of her student status, to expire on the final day on Summer Eights (28/05/22) so that she may race as a full student member if she receives leave to supplicate before Summer Eights.

Proposed: Aimee Ruffle (Wolfson)

Seconded: Samuel Wiese (Wolfson)

Voting:

For: 52

Against: 0

Abstaining: 5

Extension of student status granted.

9. **COUR Report** – James Lucas to speak

At the last meeting of COUR it was decided that anyone who wishes to row in small boats should provide a statement to OURCs, signed by a suitably qualified coach, which confirms that they have taken a capsized drill. The coach running the capsized drill should, as a minimum, have taken the British Rowing Capsized and Recovery course and be in good standing with British Rowing. The Captains' Representative from Jesus introduced a discussion on removing the prohibition on Vortex Edge blades. COUR resolved to review the safety of this style of blades, noting that their concern was mostly with the risk of the glue attaching the strip wearing out, and the gap between the blade and the plastic acting as a slice, but needed more data. Discussion of this topic will continue in COUR meetings in future terms.

10. **Amendment to the Code of Conduct** – James Lucas to speak

Simple majority to pass

Changing the requirements of capsized drills. This is a change requested by COUR, who would like to ensure that there is a consistent standard of capsized drill training across all OURCs members. A "suitably qualified coach" should be one who has been trained by British Rowing to run a capsized drill, and is in good standing with BR.

Change:

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- ii. ensuring that only those rowers who have taken an OURCs capsized drill, or can prove that they have taken a similar one elsewhere, may use singles, pairs or doubles.

To (changes in red):

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- ii. ensuring that only those rowers who have taken an OURCs capsized drill, or can prove that they have taken a similar one elsewhere, may use singles, pairs or doubles. **A statement, signed by a suitably qualified coach, must be provided to the Sabbatical Officer as proof of a capsized drill taken elsewhere.**

Proposed: James Lucas (OURCs)

Seconded: Charlie Kniebe-Evans (Univ)

It was clarified that it had been resolved by COUR that coaches had to be qualified to give capsized drills under *British Rowing*.

Voting:

For: 56

Against: 1

Abstaining: 0

Motion passes.

11. Ratification of Club Safety Reviews – James Lucas to speak

- Trinity - £0
- Exeter - £100
- St Anne's - £50
- Oriel - £150

No questions or comments.

No objections. Ratified.

12. AOB

- a. **Summer Eights** – Ty Rallens to speak
 - i. Thunderstorms

Possible thunderstorms are forecast during Summer Eights. The 30/30 rule will be followed; the event will not be resumed until 30 minutes after the last occasion of lightning within 30s of thunder (lightning within 5 miles). If boats are at the bunghines when a storm starts, racing is the fastest way to get home, so the race will be started; this practice of 'racing home' is also followed at Henley Regatta. After this point, divisions will be cancelled until it is safe to get back on the water.

It was asked whether boats would be taken off at Falcon in the case of a storm. It was explained that if Falcon was closed people would have to stand outside in the open, so instead the aim is to get people back to safe places (home boathouses) where they can get inside asap. It was asked whether boats would be left on the water after landing; the answer to this question was delayed until a later briefing.

ii. No cyclists on Saturday

There are thousands of spectators on the Saturday of Summer Eights. Because of this there will be no bikes along the towpath: not to get to the boathouse (so plan your journey accordingly), nor to follow crews. Novice coxes are exempt on Saturday for the bank rider requirement.

Static umpires will be used instead of cycling umpires. These are not in shifts through the day, like other marshalling or umpiring slots, but one position will be covered by a college for the whole day. Colleges can organise hand over times, but a decent hand off should be arranged, with umpires overlapping through a race to learn how it works.

iii. How many new bank riders will need to be briefed?

About 20 bank riders were estimated by the captains to need a bank rider briefing. On the day briefings will be held at Race Desk, with times to be published.

iv. Marshalling/umpire briefing

It was asked when the marshalling and umpiring briefings will be. Three briefings will be held online at various times (both morning and evening) to allow people to come to the time that works for them.

v. Division sizes and Rowing On expectations

Divisions will be 7x 12+1 for men, and 7x 12+1 for women. At least one bungline in WDiv7 will be empty, as the slowest crew in Rowing On will be eliminated. Other crews may be eliminated in Rowing On if they are judged to be unsafe, or finish over 30s after the next-slowest crew, under rule A3.7.k.

Rowing On starts at 13:15 on Saturday, with divisions at :15 and :45 to mimic the division times of Eights. During Rowing On crews are expected to marshal expeditiously and get ready to race. This is the first year that Summer Eights have run with 30 minute divisions. Crews did a good job of staying on time in 30 minute divisions in Torpids, but river traffic makes things harder in Eights. Crews should expect that things take longer in Eights, and plan a flexible warm up accordingly.

vi. Sunken boat outside Longbridges

It was asked whether the boat outside of Longbridges would be moved before Summer Eights. The Sabbatical Officer reported that the EA had been asked, and that they would ask again.

b. **Transfers under A1.2** – James Lucas to speak

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i. Marin Vuksic: St Hugh's to Christ Church (papers in order)

ii. Alice Evans: Keble to Univ (papers in order)

No objections. Ratified.