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Captains' Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 5th Week Michaelmas Term 2016

20:00, 9 November 2016

Blue Boar Lecture Theatre, Christ Church College

Chair: Will Frost (OURCs)

1. **Welcome**

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Available at www.ourcs.org.uk

3. **Matters Arising**

None.

4. **Safety**

- **swim tests**

TC reminded captains that the last swim test of term has passed, and that exceptions to take the test after this point are extremely rare, but to contact him.

- **safety audits**

They're in, but need to be accepted by the end of the month. TC to contact clubs individually about this.

- **Incident Reports**

TC explained the British Rowing incident reporting system and encouraged the captains to use it.

5. **COUR Meeting 25.10.16**

TC explained what had happened at the recent COUR meeting. There was not much, but a decision was made to update the OURCs website to reflect new guidance on under-18s. He also explained that this was relevant because there are a handful of cases of this every few years, typically juniors from City rowing as associates.

6. **Major Transgression Meetings**

New - cox spotted with a lifejacket on his knees. **£50 fine**

Benet's – pushed off, realised they didn't have it, pulled in quickly. Commended for quick thought, but should be checking these things before pushing off. **£25 fine - reduced fine due to action taken.**

Magdalen – cox spotted with no lifejacket on. **£50 fine (cox already novice)**

Merton – cox spotted with no lifejacket. **£50 fine (cox already novice)**

LMH – cox spotted with no lifejacket. **£50 fine and downgraded to N for 4 weeks**

Somerville – cox spotted with no lifejacket. **£50 fine (cox already novice)**

All ratified.

TC pointed out that there were six meetings pending and that three no lifejacket meetings had been called since the last e-mail (and the publication of the agenda), which is deeply concerning.

7. **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*

Rowan Arthur - LMH to Queen's

Chris Nicholls - Lincoln to Hertford

Sabine Parrish – Peter's to Wolfson

Rachel Anderson – St. Cross to Wadham

Jennifer Allan – St Catherine's to Somerville

All approved.

8. **Changes to the Rules of Racing (Autumn Fours)** requires simple majority

Change A2.1 from:

Unless resolved otherwise at a captains' meeting, Autumn Fours shall be held during Michaelmas term and shall not be held on the same weekend as the Fours' Head of the River Race.

To:

Autumn Fours shall be held on Sunday of 5th week Michaelmas term. (The Secretary will have the discretion to choose another date if this weekend clashes with Fours Head.)

JH explained that at the moment it is at committee discretion and this year it was too early, this would allow for more entries and make it a more fixed part of the calendar rather than an afterthought.

50 in favour, 1 abstention - passes

Add A2.3.1.b:

Athletes must be full or honorary members.

JH explained that this was to enforce that this was a collegiate competition and stop fraudulent entries.

Some queries about whether this had happened before. JH unsure, but feels it is good to codify.

Some queries about whether this was in the spirit of encouraging more entries for the perennially small competition.

Joe Page (Univ) pointed out that they had no coxes at the start of term, and therefore needed an associate cox to compete in A4s.

TC said OURCs policy was that rowers and coxes were treated equally.

JP proposed an amendment that 1 associate per boat be permitted. Pete Bond (OURCs) suggested 1 associate member per gender, with the wording done as in bumps. Motion amended to:

Each College Boat Club is permitted one seat filled with an associate member in its Men's crews, and one seat filled with an associate member in its Women's crews.

43 in favour, 6 against, 2 abstentions. Motion passes

Add A2.5.6:

Medals or Pots will be presented to the winners.

JH explained this has been policy for the last two years on a discretionary basis, but this would be good to codify, and that everyone likes prizes.

50 in favour, 1 abstention

Proposed: Joe Hitchen (OURCs)

Seconded: Cameron McGarry (OURCs)

9. Constitutional Amendments (require 2/3rds of votes and majority of those present)

Change 1.6.4 and 1.6.5 from:

The following shall be Elected Committee Members, and shall be elected in accordance with 1.8.

i. Secretary

ii. Treasurer

iii. Captain of Coxes

iv. Webmaster

v. Sabbatical Officer

2. The following shall be Non-Elected Committee Members:

i. Ordinary Committee Members, appointed as in 1.8.5.a

ii. The Chair, as in 1.6.2.a

iii. The OURCs Senior Member, appointed as in 1.8.5.b

iv. The OURCS Senior Treasurer, appointed as in 1.8.5c

to:

The following shall be Elected Committee Members, and shall be elected in accordance with 1.8.

Secretary

Treasurer

Captain of Coxes

Sponsorship and Media Officer

Sabbatical Officer

The following shall be Non-Elected Committee Members:

Ordinary Committee Members, appointed as in 1.8.5.a

The Chair, appointed as in 1.6.2.a

The Webmaster, appointed as in 1.8.5.a

The OURCs Senior Member, appointed as in 1.8.5.b

The OURCS Senior Treasurer, appointed as in 1.8.5c

CM explained that this was to make the Sponsorship Officer an officially elected position and that a good Webmaster is hard to come by, so remove the elected element from the constitution.

Passed nem con.

Change 1.8.5a:

Ordinary Committee Members may be appointed by the OURCs Secretary.

To

*Ordinary Committee Members **and the Webmaster** may be appointed by the OURCs Secretary.*

TC explained that this was to make the Webmaster appointable.

50 in favour, 0 against, 1 abstension. Motion passes

Change 1.8.5b from:

Ordinary Committee Member positions are held for a maximum of 4 terms, starting with the term in which they were appointed, unless re-appointed following the procedure set out in 1.8.5.

To:

Positions appointed under 1.8.5.a are held for a maximum of 4 terms, starting with the term in which they were appointed, unless re-appointed following the procedure set out in 1.8.5.

Proposed: Henrik Hannemann (OURCs)

Seconded: Cameron McGarry (OURCs)

48 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstension. Motion passes

10. Constitutional Correction to Ratify:

Constitution 1.6.5.iii

The OURCs Senior Member, appointed as in 1.8.5.b

Should read "as appointed in 1.8.5.c" not "1.8.5.b":

1.8.5b. Ordinary Committee Member positions are held for a maximum of 4 terms, starting with the term in which they were appointed, unless re-appointed following the procedure set out in 1.8.5.

1.8.5c. The OURCs Senior Member and Senior Treasurer shall be elected by the OURCs Committee at a Committee Meeting (1.10), and holds the office until they retire, resign, or a new Senior Member or Senior Treasurer is elected by the OURCs Committee. Such a vote requires a two-thirds majority of the voting OURCs Committee Members to pass.

Ratified.

11. Lifejackets

TC reiterated that the current spate of no lifejacket offences is a serious problem and strongly urged the captains to pass on his recent e-mail about lifejackets to **everyone** involved in their boat clubs, as it is **everyone's** responsibility to follow the national regulation. He added that he is warning people now so that it is not somebody more senior in the future, such as the Senior Umpires, or British Rowing.

JH said that OURCs typically averages 12 no lifejackets a year; the number we have had in the opening weeks of term.

12. **AOB** – captains were invited to leave if they wished, then presentations given by **Tilt** and **Cashew**, two apps offering payment systems with a specific focus on college boat clubs.