



Captains' Meeting Minutes

Monday 12th June, 8th Week Trinity Term 2017

Pichette Auditorium, Pembroke College

Chair: Katherine Erickson (OUWBC)

OURCs

1. **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all those present.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

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Ratified.

3. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

4. **Women's Torpids Trophy**

Harriet Bull (OURCs) explained that David Locke (OURCs Senior Treasurer) has volunteered to cost up the trophy options but wanted to confirm that the captains did not simply want to take the path of least resistance and buy a cheap trophy. There was a vote in favour of David costing up the "proper" options and presenting these at the first meeting of next term.

Vote passes unanimously.

5. **Safety**

The meeting was reminded of the importance of the Wednesday city closure.

6. **Ratification of OURCs Committee Meeting 06/06/17**

Minutes were distributed to RCML. Will Frost (OURCs Secretary) briefly explained it further.

Ratified unanimously.

7. **Major Transgression Meetings**

8. Magdalen, SEH, Oriel – attached

Minutes were distributed to RCML. Will Frost again explained it for the benefit of those who hadn't seen them.

Ratified unanimously

9. **Isis Winter League Victor Ludorum Trophy**

The RowSab has mumps, so couldn't present it, but he'll sort it before his term ends.

10. **Ratification of OURCs Committee Members**

Emma Sadler (alum, was St Hugh's)

Alex Wilson (St Hugh's)

Emma and Alex have both been helping out on Racedesk during Summer Eights and this will bring them further into the OURCs fold.

No objections

11. Missing OURCs Positions

- **Captain of Coxes**

- **Treasurer**

- **Sponsorship Officer**

The Secretary stressed the importance of these positions being fulfilled before the start of term. Coxing upgrades were understood to cease as soon as the current CoC fulfils his duty at the end of term, and racing would cease indefinitely until a new Treasurer was found; sponsorship would dry up shortly were a new Sponsorship Officer not found.

The Captains agreed with the Secretary's concern, and offered to assist him in recruiting suitable candidates for the job. All three incumbents offered to send around job descriptions, which the Captains were keen to pass on to their various colleges.

12. Financial Rules Changes - Constitution

Add rule 1.5.6: **All affiliated clubs are required to pay invoices to OURCs within the 30 day credit terms as issued. Any invoice unpaid by Sunday of 5th Week of a given term may be subject to additional levies at the discretion of the OURCs Treasurer and Secretary. College Boat Clubs with any unpaid invoices beyond this date may not enter or compete in OURCs events, except in cases of bona fide financial hardship agreed prior to that date with the OURCs Senior Treasurer.**

Renumber existing 1.5.6 to 1.5.7

New rule 1.5.7: All College Boat Clubs are required to pay an affiliation fee to OURCs, which will be used solely to fund the OURCs Sabbatical Officer. College Boat Club affiliations will be based on the number of boats competing in the Eights competition preceding the year of affiliation (excluding boats that fail to row on). The fee per crew must be confirmed in the first Captains' Meeting in Michaelmas Term. *[Note that the last sentence of this rule is removed - TC]*

Add to 1.6.2 c.ii: [The Treasurer, whose duties are to] issue invoices **which shall fall due for payment 30 days after issue**, receipts and payments as authorised."

Constitutional changes require 2/3rds majority and majority of those present

The only discussion was minor clarification, which the Treasurer quickly dealt with.

Motion passes unanimously

13. Financial Rules Changes – Rules of Racing

Add to rule A1.4.1g [Duties of the Event Committee]: Impose fines on Boat Clubs for not complying with the above rules, such fines to be confirmed by the Race Secretary, **who (or another member of Committee, typically the OURCs Treasurer) shall notify the Colleges involved by midnight of that day's racing. Where**

finer are incurred on the Saturday of a bumps regatta, the clubs must be notified by midnight of the following Saturday."

Remove A1.8.3 [the rule that says racing fines must be paid overnight]

Introduce rule A1.10.3: Appeals against racing fines must be registered with the OURCs Treasurer within 24 hours of being issued. No appeal will be considered after this point.

Proposed: Tom Coles (OURCs)

Seconded: Harriet Bull (OURCs)

Changes to Rules of Racing require simple majority

The only discussion was minor clarification, which the Treasurer quickly dealt *with*.

Passed unanimously.

14. Fine Appeals Process

Add to rule 2.12.8 [Breaches of the Code of Conduct]:

- i. Appeals against fines must be registered with the OURCs Treasurer within one week of their issue.
- ii. The OURCs Treasurer shall take evidence from the college concerned and the OURCs Committee Member(s) who were involved in the original fine.
- iii. The OURCs Treasurer must report the result of the appeal to the college concerned within one week of the appeal being received. In the event of the OURCs Treasurer being unable to do this, or if they are not neutral in an appeal, they may nominate another member of the OURCs Committee to handle the appeal.
- iv. If a club wishes to appeal to the OURCs Senior Member, they must state this in writing to the Senior Member, with supporting evidence, within 48 hours of the original appeal result. Such appeals will only be considered on the grounds that OURCs rules have been mis-applied and must state the rule mis-applied.
- v. The OURCs Senior Member will notify the club and OURCs Treasurer of the result within seven days of such an escalation, and will have the final say in such matters.

Proposed: Tom Coles (OURCs)

Seconded: Harriet Bull (OURCs)

Requires simple majority

Passed unanimously.

15. IWL Rules

Create new subsection of the Rules of Racing A5 and renumber accordingly:

A5: Rules of the Isis Winter League

A5.1 Events

1. It is expected that there will be five IWL races in each academic year: two in Michaelmas Term and three in Hilary Term, the dates of which are at the discretion of the OURCs Committee.
2. The exception to this is in years where Torpids is held in 6th week, in which case there should be two in Hilary Term.
3. In years with low water time (e.g. IWLs and/or Torpids are cancelled), the OURCs Committee may elect to hold an "Isis Spring League" in Trinity Term, to which all of the below rules also apply but for which no points will be awarded.

A5.2 Entries

1. Entries shall open at least 10 days before the scheduled date of the event, superceding A1.3.1b. A maximum number of entries will be stated when entries open.
2. Entries will close at noon on the Tuesday preceding the event.
3. The scratch deadline shall be 23:59 on the Wednesday preceding the event.
4. In the event of there being more entries than places available the Race Secretary will remove crews in order to maximise the number of different competitors who get to compete.
5. Crews must alert the Race Secretary to significant speed differentials.

A5.3 Categories

1. Each IWL shall include the following categories:
 1. Men's Coxed Eights
 2. Women's Coxed Eights
 3. Men's Coxed Fours
 4. Women's Coxed Fours
2. Other categories may be offered at the discretion of the Race Secretary.
3. Any category may be dropped at any point if safety dictates.

A5.4 Eligibility

1. Each crew is permitted two associate seats in an eight and one associate seat in all other boats.
2. Coxes may be exempted from this restriction at the discretion of the OURCs Captain of Coxes.
3. Crews with additional associates may enter and race but will not be eligible for points.
4. A person may only row for 1 crew in each category for points, or cox for 1 crew in each category for points. Where multiple crews have been entered with the same rower or cox, then only the fastest of these eligible for points will receive points.

A5.5 Conduct of the Race

1. The start and finish of each race will be timed by the bows.

2. Except in the Gut, crews who are being overtaken must make all reasonable effort not to impede other crews, or be subject to a time penalty at the discretion of the Event Committee.
3. In the event of a klaxon sounding during a race:
 - A. All boats shall immediately cease rowing and hold the boat up until at a standstill.
 - B. Times will stand for crews across the finish line.
 - C. Crews who have not completed the course may be permitted to re-row in a later division, entirely at the discretion of the Race Secretary and the Senior Umpire.

A5.6 Results

1. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Race Secretary will publish results both by e-mail and on the OURCs website by 23:59 of the day following the event.
2. Complaints against another crew e.g. obstruction will follow the Disputes Procedure except that the deadline to register a complaint will be before the river is reopened at the end of racing.
3. Appeals against results will follow the Disputes Procedure except that the deadline to register a complaint be will 12 hours after the initial publication of the result.
4. Results will be finalised immediately after any outstanding appeals are resolved. In the event there are no appeals the results will be finalised 12 hours after initial publication.

Due to the RowSab's mumps this motion was withdrawn and will be re-presented at the first Captains' Meeting of Michaelmas term.

16. External Regatta Underwriting

1. Upon written request from two or more clubs attending an external regatta, the OURCs Treasurer can pay for a coach organised by one of the athletes involved for the purposes of communal transport.
2. After the regatta, OURCs will invoice the clubs involved for their share of the transport, as agreed with the organiser before the event.
3. Clubs may join the arrangement at any point provided space on the transport is still available.
4. Clubs who leave the arrangement will still be liable to pay their share if OURCs funds have already been committed and the seats are not later fill by another club.
5. In exceptional circumstances, such as extended periods of red flag, this policy can be extended to include training on external waters.
6. These arrangements will always be cost-neutral for OURCs.
7. The OURCs Senior Treasurer retains final discretion over the application of this policy.

Proposed: Joe Hitchen (OURCs)

Seconded: Tom Coles (OURCs)

Due to absences this motion was withdrawn. It will be presented at the first Captains' Meeting of next term as the first rule of a planned Appendix B – Other OURCs Services.

Meeting adjourned.