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Captain's Meeting Minutes

7pm, Friday 3rd week Hilary Term 2021

5th February 2021

Chair: Alexander Bebb (OUBC President)

1. Register and Welcome

Attendance:

College Clubs: 64

Squads: 2

OURCs Committee: 9

Total Voting Body: 75

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

- Available at: <https://ourcs.co.uk/organisation/meetings/>

3. Matters Arising

Nothing arising

4. Ratification of Ordinary Committee Members – Jack Woodward to speak

- Rachel Laing (New College)
- Amanda Thomas (Trinity)

No objections. All ratified.

5. SU Appointments – Beth Carter to speak

- Pat Lockley

Proposer: Dr Rachel Quarrel (SU)

Seconder: David Seale (OURCs/Linacre)

No objections. Ratified.

6. Transfers under A1.2 – Beth Carter to speak

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*
- Katherine Kowal: Hertford to Green Templeton (papers in order)

- Martin Gazi: Magdalen to Lincoln (papers in order)

No objections. All transfers effective immediately.

7. Summer Eights Discussion– Jack Woodward to speak

OURCs are considering the move of Summer Eights to 7th Week, and the change of some rules to best allow a safe and successful event to go ahead. We would like input from the captains and clubs about how best to support the development and retention of institutional knowledge. We would welcome discussion in this forum, or on the discussion boards on the E-learning site. Please do make a point if you have opinions, or like someone else's comment on the site – we have to assume you don't have opinions on the topics if we don't get responses!

Thus far there has been around 550 responses to the survey. There doesn't seem to be a great difference in availability for 5th vs 7th week Summer Vllls and so it looks as though a move to 7th is the best approach, though this will be voted on at a later meeting. If anyone has any comments/thoughts about any aspect of Summer Eights please do share it on the e-learning website.

8. Swim-tests – Beth Carter to speak

Iffley Sports Centre is still shut, though when this opens OURCs has plenty of pool time booked to ensure that we can get as many swimtests done as possible. The management team have suggested that we should be able to use the pool exclusively for a week before the main reopening (whenever that may be). After that we have access on weekday mornings 9-12 and the regular Friday afternoon and Sunday slots. These slots will be advertised on the booking system as soon as we have confirmed dates.

9. AOB

- Rowing Sabbatical Officer Position – Beth Carter to speak
The job advert for the Sabbatical Officer position should be coming out soon. In the meantime, if anyone has any questions or wants to know more please don't hesitate to get in touch (sabbatical@ourcs.co.uk).
- OURCs Secretary Position – Jack Woodward to speak
The secretary elections will be taking place in Trinity Term so do get in touch if you're thinking about running or have any questions (secretary@ourcs.co.uk). Jack will still be around next year so will be happy to support the next secretary if they wish.
- Request for volunteers for some website features development – Jack Woodward to speak
If anyone has any programming/coding skills and would be willing to work on the OURCs website please get in touch. If Eights can take place then it would be great to have something similar to Racedesk Live as it is highly unlikely that spectators will be allowed.
- Oriel Regatta: Henry Hawkins and Sarah Wisalowski

Oriel are keen to run a modified version of Oriel Regatta to serve as pre-bumps racing experience. The format of this event is up for discussion so any feedback from other captains is welcome. It was suggested that there may be some clashes with 5th week exams, though again they would love to hear about availability from the captains themselves in order to come up with a format that works well for as many people as possible.

It was suggested that focusing the event around novices may be useful as they have no racing experience at all. The sign-ups for this event will open at the start of Trinity term at the latest, so captains will have plenty of notice.

There will be a survey coming out in a couple of weeks so keep an eye out for that.