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Captains' Meeting Minutes

Monday 2nd week Trinity Term 2016

19:00 2nd May 2016

Harris Lecture Theatre, Oriel College

Chair: Maddy Badcott (OUWBC)

1. **Welcome**

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Available at www.ourcs.org.uk

3. **Matters Arising**

4. **Safety**

a. Bankriders

i. Bankrider briefing

ii. Bankrider bib sign out for The Neptune Summer Eights

No comments.

5. **Captain of Coxes election**

a. **Jameson Lee (Worcester)**

Proposed by Thomas Bladon (OURCs)

Seconded by William Nelson (Magdalen)

Jameson is unanimously elected Captain of Coxes and will start after the end of Trinity Term.

6. **Rowsab election**

a. **Speech by Thomas Coles (Jesus)**

Proposed by Victoria Morris (Jesus)

Seconded by Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

Tom is unanimously elected Rowsab and will start after the end of Trinity Term.

7. **Rules of Racing and Code of Conduct amendments**

a. Bankrider rule changes:

i. Add to Rules of Racing: A3.17.3 "Cyclists shall not use any item or device (such as a mobile telephone or hand-held video camera) that prevents them from paying due care and attention to their cycling. Cyclists shall have both hands available to control their bicycle at all times while cycling during a race. Cyclists shall look where they are going and at the path ahead at all times. *(It is strongly suggested to ride slightly behind your crew, so you can see them and*

what's on the towpath at the same time. Umpires shall use their best endeavors to accurately observe the race while riding safely)"

- ii. Add to Rules of Racing: A3.17.4 "All cyclists shall remember that they are required to abide by rule 2.11 at all times, including during races."
- iii. Add to Rules of Racing: A3.17.1.a "All bank riders shall wear a bib, to be issued at race desk and returned by 30 minutes after the start of the division. They must also have attended a bank riders' briefing during the term of the event, unless given specific exemption by the Event Secretary."
- iv. Add to Code of Conduct: 2.11.3 "Towpath users on rowing business (e.g. coaches, bank riders, those running with crews) are reminded that they must not put other towpath users at risk, whether during training or racing. Cyclists must to give way to pedestrians."

Proposed by Yosiane White (OURCs)

Seconded by Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

Passed unanimously.

- b. Change rule A3.14.2 in Rules of Racing from:

"Crews that stop under the reasonable misapprehension that they have bumped will be considered to have ceased to be part of the race from the moment of the reasonable misapprehension."

to

"Crews that stop under the reasonable misapprehension that they have bumped, or in Eights that they have been bumped, will be considered to have ceased to be part of the race from the moment of the reasonable misapprehension."

Proposed by Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

Seconded by Yosiane White (OURCs)

Passed: 65 for, 1 abstain.

- c. Change rule A3.14.1.b in Rules of Racing from:

"Boats stopping under the reasonable misapprehension that they have bumped, or in Eights, that they have been bumped (otherwise all crews are expected to complete the course)"

to

"Boats stopping under the reasonable misapprehension that they have bumped, or in Eights, that they have been bumped (otherwise all crews are expected to complete the course). 'Reasonable misapprehension' may only be claimed when an apparent 'bump' has occurred under A3.11.1.a or A3.11.1.b that included a non-racing crew."

Proposed by Jonathan Williams (OURCs)

Secoded by Yosiane White (OURCs)

Passed unanimously.

Majority votes cast.

8. Request for one-off exception to eligibility rule A1.1.1.a.i.1:

Lincoln College Boat Club are requesting a one-off exception to the following rule:

1. Members of College Boat Clubs are classified either as:
 1. Student Members
 1. Bona fide students (in accordance with University Statute II) of their respective college(s), until such time as:
 1. they leave or suspend their course of study;

Johanna Rankin would like to row with W1 for the Lincoln College Boat Club. She is a full-time fourth-year DPhil student who has been rowing with Lincoln since her first year and has been a boat club committee member for two years. However, this Trinity she will be on maternity leave for just the one term, as she gave birth to a little boy just a month ago. This means her student status is suspended for the one term, though she is still a member of her MCR and an associate of the boat club.

Johanna was unable to row with Lincoln during Hilary due to her pregnancy. And due to the logistics of having a child, she will be unable to continue to row when she returns as a full-time student this Michaelmas. Trinity would be the last opportunity for her to row with Lincoln. Johanna has aimed to be fit enough to row with W1 this Trinity since the start of her pregnancy. There has been a lot of uncertainty, but she has worked hard (exercising up to the day she gave birth) and was lucky enough to have a speedy recovery after the birth. So after much hard work she has been able to regain enough strength to row with W1. Her entire boat club is helping her to watch the baby to make it possible for her to row with the boat she has managed to qualify for. LCBC would be so grateful if the captains could make this possible, too!

Proposed by Flora Jago (Lincoln)

Secoded by Leah Rand (Lincoln)

It was decided that a one off exception was less preferable to the following rule change:

A1.1 1a) iv. Student members as defined in i-iii above who have temporarily suspended their studies in order to take official maternity/paternity leave. This must be supported by a letter from the Senior Tutor confirming that such leave is the sole reason for their current non-student status.

This rule change was passed with 66 votes for, 1 abstain and none against.

Majority & $\frac{2}{3}$ of votes cast

9. **River closures for Rowing On and The Neptune Summer Eights**

- a. Rowing On: 20th May (or if necessary 22nd May) from 1pm until SU reopens river
- b. The Neptune Summer Eights 25th - 27th May: 11:30am until SU reopens river
- c. The Neptune Summer Eights 28th May: full day

Passed unanimously.

10. **Transfers under A1.2**

These transfers are ordinarily approved, and all documentation has been received and is in order.

Objections can only be made on the following grounds:

- i. The student is not a bona fide student of the college they are transferring from; or*
 - ii. The student has not been a member of College Boat Club B.*
- a. Sam Rowan: Christ Church to LMH (paperwork in order)

Passed unanimously.

11. **Extended student status requests under A1.1.1a.i.3**

- a. Wolfson: Susan Graham (paperwork fine) got leave to supplicate in June. Needed for W4.

Confirmed that this is the last time this request will be made. Passed with 64 for, 1 abstain and 1 against.

Majority of opinions.

12. **Ratification OCMs**

- a. Harriet Bull - Pembroke
- b. Matt Rigby - Keble

Ratified unanimously.

Majority

13. **AOB**

- Formula Rowing presented their new format of rowing races and invited Oxford Colleges to come to their event and try out their new rowing technology.

- Elections for secretary, treasurer and sponsorship officer are coming up so if

interested please let OURCs know.

- Wolfson are looking to conduct a survey among colleges about the running of their boatclubs so as to better understand how things are done at different colleges.**
- GTC are holding an erging competition on May 15th.**
- Captain of Coxes reminds captains that mixed and composite crews are encouraged during Eights.**