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Captains' Meeting Agenda

Wednesday 8th week Trinity Term 2022

7pm, 15th June 2022

SNSC Auditorium, Worcester

Chair: James Forward (OUBC)

1. **Welcome**
 - a. **Resolution for James Forward to Chair** – Ty Rallens to speak
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
Available at www.ourcs.co.uk
3. **Matters Arising**
No matters arising
4. **Amendment to the Constitution** – Ty Rallens to speak
Two thirds majority to pass

There are 36 college boat clubs, yielding a voting bloc of 72 club captains in Captains' Meetings. The OURCs committee is constitutionally limited to 20 members, but usually operates below this threshold. Additionally, there are currently 9 ratified Senior Umpires who may vote but rarely attend meetings.

The intention of this motion is to bring the voting power of the University squads in the Captains' Meetings more into alignment with their relationship to OURCs. Under the current rules, the University squads account for up to 36 votes in a CM. This change reduces that number to a total of 8, which is seen as more commensurate with the squads' relationship to the matters being voted on in Captain's meetings, e.g., rules in the Code of Conduct for all member clubs, matters pertaining to intercollegiate racing, and elections of OURCs officers.

Change:

- 1.7.h. *Only the following may propose, second or vote on motions:*
- i. *Captains or designated representatives of College Boat Clubs, with each college limited to two votes.*
 - ii. *Members of the OURCs Committee.*
 - iii. *Members of the University Boat Clubs who have been awarded rowing Blues or Half-Blues in the preceding 12 months.*
 - iv. *Senior Umpires who have been ratified by a Captains' Meeting in the preceding academic year.*

To (changes in red):

1.7.h. Only the following may propose, second or vote on motions:

- i. Captains or designated representatives of College Boat Clubs, with each college limited to two votes.
- ii. Members of the OURCs Committee.
- iii. **Presidents or designated members** of the University Boat Clubs, **with each club limited to two votes.**
- iv. Senior Umpires who have been ratified by a Captains' Meeting in the preceding academic year.

Proposed: Ty Rallens (OURCs)

Seconded: Miranda Connolley (Magdalen)

5. **Amendment to the Rules of Racing** – Markus Baumgartner to speak
Simple majority to pass

Addition of 'exam substitution' rules to govern direct clashes with Exams/Vivas. The motion will provide much needed flexibility around exam time and will stop a situation where a rower is only able to row for a few days of Eights as they are not allowed to return to their original boat.

Add (additions in red):

A3.5.f. Where a competitor for any day (excluding Rowing On) has a race time which clashes with a university examination or viva, an 'exam substitution' will automatically be permitted under the extraordinary substitution rules, under the following conditions:

- i. a clashing exam is defined as an exam or viva which finishes within an hour of the expected start time or starts within an hour and a half of the expected start time, of the affected competitor's division.
- ii. a copy of the affected competitor's timetable must be submitted to the race committee by 12:00 on the day before the exam clash, along with a cover note explaining the timings of the clash.
- iii. This may be performed at most twice for any individual competitor, and no more than four times in total for any crew during the event.
- iv. Unless there is a very good reason to refuse, the Event Committee will be expected to exercise their discretion under (A3.5.e.ix) to return the substituting rower to their original crew on later race days.

Proposed: Markus Baumgartner (Balliol)

Seconded: Rachel Laing (New College)

6. **Election for Interim OURCs Secretary** – Ty Rallens to speak

- **Ty Rallens (Merton)**
Proposer: Evan Roberts (OURCs)
Secunder: Ruby Harrison (OURCs)

7. **Ratification of Club Safety Reviews** – James Lucas to speak

- Brasenose - £50
- St Edmund Hall - £0
- Osler House - £0
- Oriel - £200

8. **AOB**

- a. **Discussion point: serious collisions and bank rider responsibilities** – Ruby Harrison to speak
- b. **Discussion point: Appeals Process** – Jennifer Holmes to speak
- c. **Academicals BR Head Race** – Scott Houghton to speak