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Captain's Meeting Minutes

7pm, Tuesday 8th week Trinity Term 2019

18th June 2019

Mordan Hall, St. Hugh's College

Chair: Charlie Thurston (OUBC)

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45 captains, 15 OURCs = voting body

1. **Welcome**
2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
 - Available at www.ourcs.org.uk
3. **Matters Arising** – Kate/Joe to speak
 - Eights Survey
 - Need more responses
 - OURCs recruitment
 - Losing lots of committee, spaces for OCMs, please join!
 - Autumn Fours medals (at long last!)
 - Wadham not here
 - Gender Equality subcommittee
 - Email secretary@ourcs.co.uk if interested, women's Torpids headship trophy sorted this year
 - Transgender subcommittee
 - As above
4. **Safety/Reminders** – Kate/Joe to speak
 - Rules over Summer/MT
 - i. Circulation, LJ. Still need to make assessments of conditions. Bankriders for novice coxes. City closures, other river closures still apply
 - Open meeting in MT
 - i. Opportunity in MT to have candid feedback from Joe (sec), things explained, bring ideas.
5. **Captain of Coxes Election** – Keir Bowater to speak

Alex Koffman (St. Hilda's/OURCs)

- Proposed Julia Halligan (St. Hilda's)
- Seconded Kate Halcrow (Lincoln/OURCs)

43 in favour, 10 against, 7 abstentions. Motion passes, Alex is new Captain of Coxes

6. Treasurer Election – Keir Bowater to speak

Vivian Leong (St. Hugh's/OURCs)

- Proposed Jo Wharton (St. Hugh's)
- Seconded Thomas Surridge (Mansfield)

57 in favour, 0 against, 3 abstentions. Motion passes, Vivian is new treasurer

7. Blues votes – Keir to speak – MOTION WITHDRAWN

Change Constitution 1.7.h.iii from:

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

...

iii. Members of the University Boat Clubs who have been awarded rowing Blues or Half-Blues in the preceding 12 months.”

to:

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

...

iii. 2 members of each of the University Boat Clubs, normally the President and Vice-President”

Note Constitution 1.11.e:

“Motions to alter the Constitution require a 2:1 majority of those in favour to those against, and an overall majority of those present and eligible to vote.”

Proposed: Keir Bowater (OURCs)

Seconded: Joe Lord (St. Benet's/OURCs)

8. Composite Crews motion – Chloe Nicklin to speak

Remove A3.4a.2iii

‘iii. shall only be permitted in Women's divisions’

Replace A3.4a.2iv

‘iv. must be the lowest Women's boat for both constituent clubs’

with

iv. must be the lowest boat for the given gender for both constituent clubs.

Proposed: Chloe Nicklin (St Hugh's)

Seconded: Jo Wharton (St Hugh's)

Intended to allow more athletes to race: current rules prevented some Hugh's rowers from participating in Eights, which is a shame.

POI: Previous motion was passed as an effort to bring parity between men's and women's participation – currently more men participate than women.

POI: Amendment added to force re-vote beginning every of HT, to see if motion is being successful.

POI: In reality no women's composites entered in Eights.

POI: Extraordinary sub rules normally allow 4th associate in bottom boat, if in Rowing On divisions. Composites currently only allowed in RO divisions.

POI: Tie in Torpids '18, potentially composites rules could allow 4 athletes from each crew to enter.

POI: Bumps is effectively college coppers.

Vote: 10 in favour, 31 against, 19 abstentions. Motion fails

9. Proposed addition of Parks College to Pembroke College Boat Club – Benjie Stimpson to speak

Add Rules of Racing A1.1.b.i.9:

"Pembroke College Boat Club also represents Parks College"

Note Rules of Racing A1.1.d:

"Any motion to amend the above rules must be brought in accordance with the procedural rules associated with a constitutional alteration under 1.11.5"

Constitution 1.11.5:

"Motions to alter the Constitution require a 2:1 majority of those in favour to those against, and an overall majority of those present and eligible to vote."

Proposed: Benjie Stimpson (Pembroke)

Seconded: Lena Depner (Pembroke)

Letter from Lionel Tarassenko (appendix) viewed. Intention for club to exist as merger for perhaps 10 years – eventually Parks to view

POI: Benet's has less than 100 potential rowers. Parks will very soon have more than that – can form its own club.

POI: Already a mechanism to allow members at a college without a boat club to row with a club of their choice (for example, Pembroke)

POI: The above does not bring certainty, which is desirable for those starting at Parks.

POI: Intention is to build from 50 to 200 **per year**, not 50/200 total. Up to 600 totals. Quite large.

Vote: 7 in favour, 33 against, 18 abstentions. Motion fails

10. Ratification of Major Transgression Meetings – Kate to speak

- Hertford - £50

No objections

11. New boat club committee contacts for mailing lists, entries system – Stefan/Keir to speak

- Email webmaster@ourcs.co.uk with new captains and president

12. Farewell

- Kate Halcrow
 - Email to join OURCs.
- Keir Bowater
 - Engage with OURCs. New captains are the ones who can change things! Open a discussion with us. We want to hear feedback. a plea not to expect results from using anonymous forums, as they are not constructive Email sabbatical@ourcs.co.uk or secretary@ourcs.co.uk

13. AOB

- Magdalen: Explanation of intention of changing post-doc research assistants to be able to affiliate with a college. To be brought at the first CM of next year
 - Very similar motion has previously been brought to a CM: PDRAs can be very experienced rowers.
 - Fundamentally: bumps is for students: PDRAs are not students.