



O U R C s

Captains' Meeting Minutes

Monday 5th week Hilary Term 2018

19:00, 12 February 2018

Harris Lecture Theatre

Chair: Katherine Erickson

1. Welcome

63 in attendance.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Available at www.ourcs.org.uk

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Election

OURCs Secretary

No candidate.

5. Transfers under A1.2.1

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

- a. Sean Kelly from St. Hilda's to LMH. He did a DPhil at LMH, but has since moved to Hilda's as a junior dean.
- b. Tom Kirk from Magdalen to Trinity. Tom is a PhD student at Magdalen College but was an undergraduate/masters student at Trinity last year.
- c. Megan Carter from Lincoln to S.E.H. She started her DPhil at Lincoln this year, but did her undergrad at Teddy hall and would like to transfer back to SEHBC in order to row for them.

No objections

6. Staff Honorary membership under A1.1.1.c

Requires a 2/3rds majority to pass.

- a. For Cate Hall, a permanent member of Queen's College Staff, to row as a Staff honorary Member, until the end of Michaelmas 2018.

5 abstentions, no-one opposed, membership granted.

- b. On the proviso that motion 6.a. passes, For Cate Hall, now a staff honorary member of Queen's College Boat Club, to row in the college first boat (rule A1.1.1.c.i.4). Queen's only have one women's boat in fixed division (division 3) and is very unlikely to enter a second boat as a rowing on crew.

6 abstentions, no-one opposed, permission granted.

- c. For Kimberley Oakes, a permanent member of Jesus College Staff to row as a Staff honorary Member, until the end of Michaelmas 2018.

5 abstentions, no-one opposed, membership granted.

7. Associate to row in Senior Divisions under A3.5.1.d

Requires a simple majority to pass

Thees Spreckelsen to row in Linacre's first (and only) boat on Friday and Saturday of Torpids.

'Only two of LCBC's male novice intake have made themselves available to row in Torpids, leaving us with an active squad of only 10 members, including Thees. We believe we can fill the boat for Wednesday and Thursday, but one of our senior rowers will be away for Friday and Saturday at a compulsory teaching course, so would like Thees to row on the Friday and Saturday, and to provide cover for injuries.

Thees has been continuously associated with Linacre-Nuffield College Boat Club since 2006, and has not rowed with any other clubs. He has been a member of the University of Oxford for that entire period, and a member of Nuffield College from 2006-2012. He currently holds a Post-Doctoral position at the Department of Social Policy, and is not officially affiliated to any college. We therefore believe that he is in spirit more than an associate member, and if he had a college affiliation we would have long ago applied for a transfer to Linacre-Nuffield.'

Proposer: Julian Ashwin (Linacre)

Seconder: Derek Xu (Linacre)

10 abstentions, no-one opposed. Motion passes.

8. Transfers under 1.2.2

Objections may only be based upon one of the following:

-The student is not a bona fide or visiting student of his/her original college; or

-The student has previously competed in an OURCs event for any College Boat Club previously.

Slate of St Stephen's House students:

Samuel Maginnis

Sam Aldred

Blair Radford

All are fully matriculated students of St Stephen's House who wish to row with St Benet's Hall.

No objections, motion passes.

9. Towpath Closure

In light of the towpath works, the captains are asked to permit the RowSab (as OURCs Safety Adviser) to suspend the Code of Conduct 2.5.6 requirement for novice coxes to be accompanied by a coach, in only the area from Univ Boathouse to Folly Bridge, and during only the period of the 2018 towpath Phase C works. The following points to be applied:

- No restriction in this area for novice coxes of more than one term's experience (typically approx. 25+ outings).
- Newly-registered N coxes and those with less than one term's experience may during the Phase C 2018 towpath works may only cox crews without any novice rowers in. Novice rower is defined as anyone who has not raced in an external regatta, an IWL or bumps, not including rowing on. OR is not a senior rower.
- With the proviso that if any novice cox causes a safety or rules incident while unaccompanied, their college boat club will be subject to an MTM.
- All novice coxes must remain accompanied by coaches on the rest of the towpath outside the closed section.

The Phase C works are expected to last between 16th April 2018 and 20th May 2018.

This does not apply to the Phase B works, which will close the area from Donnington Bridge to Longbridges during the Easter vacation, and during which period no novice coxes will be able to steer college crews because they cannot be accompanied by a coach in the middle area of the river, including the whole Gut.

If passed, the proposal will be taken to COUR.

Unfriendly Amendment: Add those who rowed in Christ Church Regatta to the definition of non-novice rowers.

For: 4 Absentions: 18 Against: 41. Amendment failed.

Proposer: Rachel Quarrell (Senior Umpire)

Seconder: Oliver Hedges (OURCs)

3 Abstentions, No opposed. Motion passes.

Additional Motion (proposed by RQ and OH): During the period of the above motion, the Head spinning area is extended down to the first mooring post.

3 in favour. 17 abstentions. Motion fails.

10. Oxbump Support Proposal

As many of you already know, the members of Wolfson College Boat Club have been doing our best over the past few years to provide live bumps updates during Torpids and Summer Eights through use of OxBump, a free app created and previously maintained by two of our former members, Susan Graham and John McManigle. Although various appeals have been made over the years to receive sponsorship

for this app, or to sell it to OURCs so that they might run it centrally, it has always fallen back to us as a club to run it without external support. We have done so happily, as we are aware that many Oxford colleges and their boat clubs now use and promote this app to check historic bumps charts, flag statuses, river conditions, and of course live bumps feeds; and we feel it is a worthy service to provide.

Now, with the app creators no longer in Oxford and fewer non-racing supporters available to take charge of the live updates, we have taken it upon ourselves to create 'OxBump Marshal' slots within our club, and have begun to train all of our members in how to use and update the app so that we might continue to provide this service to our fellow clubs. However, this does come at a cost to us.

Last Torpids, we required 15 'OxBump Marshal' slots to be filled in order to keep OxBump running and provide as close to 'live' results as possible. In addition, we were rightly assigned the standard 19 marshalling slots and 13 umpire slots, corresponding to the six crews we entered into our Torpids campaign. However, if we broke this down to one slot per rower, it would have required 47 people to fill the necessary slots, of the 54 people we had rowing and coxing throughout the week. Understandably this was quite difficult to fill, and many members were asked to take double shifts on top of their rowing, coxing, and academic commitments. This is where my request to you, the captains and representing officials of Oxford college rowing, come in.

With your understanding and consent, Wolfson BC would like to request an allowance on our assigned marshalling and umpire slots to accommodate for the running and maintenance of OxBump. We will likely need around 15 OxBump marshals throughout the week, and would therefore like to request that our OURCs marshalling/umpire assignments for this Eights campaign be cut in half. As we intend to enter the same number of crews for Torpids as we did last year, this would ultimately alleviating a great deal of pressure off of us as club at minimal cost to your respective clubs.

While we are fully aware that it is our own choice to continue to ensure OxBump is run and kept as close to 'live' as possible, we are also aware that many if not most of your clubs and corresponding colleges have come to enjoy and rely on this app as well; it would therefore be a shame if we were unable to run OxBump to its full potential this Torpids due to a simple lack of manpower. It is for this reason that I beg your consideration and support today.

Friendly amendment: to change the discount requested to the equivalent to one race desk helper a day.

Proposer: Allison Byron (Wolfson)

Seconder: Sophie Diarra (Wolfson)

4 abstentions, no opposition. Motion passes.

11. Change to Code of Conduct

Rule 2.12.4.b.iii:

"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."

Is unenforceable and confusing. I'd like to replace it with:

'All affiliated clubs are required to pay invoices to OURCs within the 30 day credit terms as issued. Any invoice unpaid 30 days after the due date will cause the corresponding club to disaffiliate from OURCs at a date within 44 days of the original due date. This date shall be fixed by the OURCs treasurer and OURCs Senior Treasurer 30 days after the original due date. Exceptions in cases of bona fide financial hardship may be agreed prior to that date with the OURCS senior treasurer.'

Proposer: Lukas Koch

Secunder; David Lock

Motion passes unanimously.

Action Point: Sabbatical to write list of outstanding invoices at each CM.

12. 'Rolling' River Closure

Henley Boat Race Challenge – Wednesday 7th March, 7.30am until 8.30am or End of Racing.

Proposer: Oliver Hedges (OURCs)

Secunder: Scott Houghton (OURCs)

Passed unanimously.

13. Major Transgression Meetings

Christ Church – No bankrider. £30 fine.

St Edmund Hall – No Lifejacket. £50 fine.

St Anne's – No Lifejacket. £50 fine.

University – No Lifejacket. £50 fine.

University – No Lifejacket, £100 fine.

Ratified

14. AOB

- a) SU's Torpids Q&A
- b) Meetings this week.