Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club

Committee meeting Thursday 26 October 2017 17.15pm Firebird, 1321 Argyle St, G3 8AB

Present: Fiona MacLeod, Gordon McCracken, Christine Morrison Apologies: Eva Bolander, Ana Rotmistrovsky, Ian Watson, Ben Wilde

Agenda

 Minutes of Meeting 14 September 2017 Minutes were approved.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes Addressed in subsequent agenda.

3. Finance and Membership Report

Membership standing at 86 members, a very healthy total.

Finances are looking healthy after the tombola held over the September weekend and as a result of recent merchandising activities. IW thanked for overseeing and up-to-date reporting of Club Finances

4. Clydebuilt Festival 2017: CtoC; Glasgow Cup – Review/Feedback
GM to attend a meeting of the CtoC organising committee to look at feedback from participants.
This should provide opportunity to explore the relationship between ClydeBuilt and GCRC for next year's activities. Issues to address include possibly splitting the C2C and Glasgow Cup regatta days so that they do not fall on the same weekend but are at separate times of the year. It would be useful to survey GCRC members re. their experience of this September weekend's activities.

5. Merchandising: Update; next steps

An email has been circulated to GCRC membership to get numbers for future orders. When the next order is run we will see if it is possible to retrospectively add the GCRC logo to the short sleeve red or graphite T-shirts that do not currently sport the new logo on the back.

6. Coxing/Rowing

VHF Sets: Training/Protocol

It is proposed that we organise sessions in which Coxes will practise the handling of VHF radios so that everyone becomes au fait with their operation.

Coxes will canvass rowers to ascertain the level of interest in a next round of cox training.

Coxes can practice safe coxing procedures with interested rowers to get them comfortable with handling the boats, ahead of a couple of formal sessions with Ben to sign them off.

Coxes will look at the provision of sessions with a view to organising some longer rowing sessions, possibly with crews swapping over at pre-agreed meeting points.

Club officers will liaise with local clubs to see about making club visits to share rowing technique tips and experience and organise social meets and rows with other clubs for 2018.

7. Skiffs & equipment

a. Gobhancroit

Polypropylene material has been acquired to make some pins to replace the wooden ones in the event of wooden pins failing. Wrapping the hardwood pins in latex to secure them in the gunwhale is creating a reservoir in the gunnels and may lead to rot setting into the superstructure of the boat so an alternative method of fixing pins needs to be sought.

b. Lady Danger

As above. Also, hardwood T-piece which secures tiller to rudder missing; coxes are reminded to record such instances in Damage Report to Admin.

c. Chandlery needed now / next

Ideally, canvas covers would help to resolve some of the wear on the boats from inclement weather and constant exposure. We will look to purchase material to enable such covers to

be made and also foster relationship with local sailmakers to see if they can assist with the manufacture of the covers.

Jonny Burke has advised of a delay in his receipt of spruce for the oars however he has agreed to deliver the oars on 16 November 2017.

8. GCRC Members/CMT Volunteer Programme

GCRC members who have volunteered for the CMT's volunteer programme will be classed as CMT volunteers for the duration of the of their involvement in CMT/ Tall Ship work and therefore will be covered under CMT health and safety protocols.

9. GCRC possible involvement in documentary film

Peter McGowan Kemp has been nominated by the club to represent us in this documentary and he is liaising with the filmmakers. The working title is 'Strangers on the Shore'.

10. Festive Season Social Event

FMcL to check out Wee Dram in Woodlands Road and Tennents Downstairs with a view to arranging an informal Christmas drinks session for the club sometime in December.

GMcC to investigate other venues for Club Social/Fund-Raising Events

Club members will be emailed to ascertain the most suitable night for this event.

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- A) Committee Meeting: set next date Thursday 7 December 2017 at GalGael.
- B) Other important dates/activities
 BW or FMcL to represent the Club at the SCRA AGM in Loch Tummel on 28 October.

12. AOB

Eva Bolander has offered to resign from the committee and instead take up a voluntary role as patron of the club. Eva's suggestion welcomed by the committee. FMcL to arrange an informal meeting with EB, GMcC and IW to discuss the details of such a patron role.