Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club Committee meeting

Wednesday 25 July 2018 Barge

Present: Fiona MacLeod, Ian Watson, Kate Borland, Michael Stratigos

Apologies: Gordon McCracken

Agenda

1. Minutes of 6 June 2018

Approved

2. Finance and Membership Report

The Sports Council for Glasgow has awarded the Club a grant of £500 towards Barge improvements. This sum will cover our share of installing an electricity supply. The expected spend on other barge improvements (painting, window replacement etc) is £700, £650 of which was contributed by members to the special Barge Fund. There is the option to go for cheaper windows for the barge, to be discussed.

Spend on skiff maintenance is now at £1000 against the £400 budgeted. We are therefore projecting a much smaller surplus this year than originally budgeted. There is further income to come from membership and the tombola and merchandise sale at Clydebuilt Festival. This level of refurbishment will not be needed again but we should be mindful of the costs of maintaining 4 skiffs in the future.

IW meeting with Frank Brown on Monday 30 July regarding Barge improvements and arrange a date to discuss responsibility and relationship with CMT in respect of the two planned CMT skiffs. FMcL to be involved in this meeting

Currently the membership stands at 80.

Gal Gael have been contacted regarding future arrangements for, and status of, the existing skiffs. They will get back to us.

3. Oars Update

The letter which was sent recorded delivery to the home address of The Boatwright has been returned unopened. IW retrieved the oar from the Gal Gael workshop and is investigating other repair options.

FMcL approached Ben re: making a new oar but this looks unlikely. MS suggested using fibre glass to repair it ourselves.

4. Skiffs Maintenance Update

3 weeks of work completed on Gobhancroit with another 4 weeks to go, with launch due on Saturday 18 August at the earliest.

The situation of the berth will be agreed with CMT.

5. Grant Applications

Sports Council Grant application was successful and an application for Glasgow Area Partnerships funding will be placed 26 July.

A wish list for future spending project to be compiled by the Committee and shared with members for further ideas.

6. Castle to Crane/Clydebuilt Festival

One C2C crew has been entered and if another crew pays the fee the other skiff will be entered. IW to send final reminder.

We were disappointed to learn that the advertised entry fee of £80 per skiff, unlike last year, does not include VAT of £16, which the club will cover.

Donations and volunteers for the tombola will be needed for the stall at Clydebuilt Festival.

7. No Show Policy

It was agreed at the Committee meeting of 17 December 2017 that we should adopt a policy on no-shows, drawing on the practices of other sports clubs, The following wording was agreed:

Rowing is a crew activity. If you book a place and don't show up you are letting down your fellow crew members and denying other members a chance to row.

If you have to cancel please, out of courtesy to fellow members, let the skipper know as soon as possible so that your place can be offered to someone else. The best way is to email admin@rowglasgow.org.uk.

Any Skipper may refuse a booking, giving reasons which will be shared with other Skippers and the Committee. The club reserves the right to suspend temporarily any member who persistently fails to turn up without notification.

8. Litter Pick Update

Marine Conservation Society has suggested Wednesday 5 September for litter pick. Club may need to supply bin bags and MCS will supply other more costly items. A waste protocol for the pontoon could be devised from this and shared with CMT. MS will confirm date with CMT and ask members to assist on the day. Partick Action of Litter will also help. MS and KB to be club contact on the day.

IW to discuss current waste arrangements with CMT.

9. AOB

The Mighty Splash is out of commission as it is taking on water. There are no funds to spend on repair therefore its future to be discussed.

Club member Eva Bollander (currently Glasgow's Lord Provost) is happy to maintain her honorary position on the committee and is planning to meet with Clydeside Distillery to discuss possible sponsorship of the club. FMcL to contact Eva re attending this meeting.