Glasgow Coastal Rowing Club Committee Meeting, via Zoom

Thursday 24th February 2022

Present: Fiona MacLeod, Ian Watson, Kate Borland, Gordon McCracken, Liza Downie, Susie Taylor

Agenda

1. Matters arising from previous minutes

FMcL circulated reviewed safety policy to members.

FMcL asked SH to update the committee on the club's attendance at the Worlds.

FMcL to thank AA for update on present unavailability of room in the workshop to work on Kelvin Kelpie, and will now ask when there will be space so the club and CMT can meet the terms of their agreement on KK's upkeep.

FMcL sent report to SCRA on recent incident on the pontoon.

2. Finance Report

Membership renewal is due in April when fees will increase to £35 (£15 concession) as previously agreed (minutes 2 Sept 2021).

3. AGM

It was agreed that the AGM will be held on Wednesday 20th April 2022 (subject to securing a venue) and thereafter take place in January each year so membership fees can be agreed before the beginning of the financial year in April.

IW to approach Hillhead Sports Club for availability and cost.

4. Policy review

The club received details of an incident at a local cycling group involving allegations of sexual harassment. While we are not aware of incidents of this nature within our club it was felt prudent to review our Code of Conduct to ensure robustness for handling any such eventuality.

Currently our Code of Conduct (https://rowglasgow.org.uk/rules/ :General Safety point 4) allows for members to report concerns about the conduct of other member(s) and our Constitution (http://rowglasgow.org.uk/constitution/) allows the Committee to suspend or terminate membership for 'good and sufficient reason'.

It was agreed to reword the Code to make explicit that members should treat others with respect and that inappropriate conduct – e.g. discriminatory or offensive speech or behaviour – may result in membership being suspended or terminated. IW to prepare draft.

It was agreed that skippers be reminded that as 'master of the vessel' they should be alert to any behaviour likely to contravene the Code of Conduct and if necessary report any actual or alleged breaches to the Convenor.

5. AOB

Further to a request from The Sports Council for Glasgow, IW submitted an article about the club for the January Newsletter, as a result of which we won "Club of the Month" and a £100 voucher for Decathlon.

Unfortunately the newsletter is not available online but it's now on our website (rowglasgow.org.uk) along with the unabridged version. FMcL and ST will collect the voucher on behalf of the club.

IW reported that the barge was listing to the other side last weekend so he moved the ballast accordingly. He also reattached a line that had snapped.

It was agreed that we should attach the oars on the pontoon as the wind had moved them recently.

Date of next meeting Thursday 7th April 2022 at 5.30pm in the barge.