

**WCBC Committee Meeting
Sunday, 13 November, 2016**

In attendance:

Jessica Hoff, Eric Hoff, Joshua Combs, Lucian Purvis, Klaus Weichinger, Kirstin Anderson, Daina Sadurska, Jasper Barth, Sabine Parrish, Andrew Balin, Kevin Schlegel, Christian Coester, Jessica Dunham, Sofia Hauck, Clifford Sofield

Not present: Abigail Killen, Michael Plant

Treasurer's Update

In contact with Tracy re: Wolfson's proposed budget. Budget has been sent to Jess (factoring in changes to men's budget: racing expenditures higher than expected, adjusting to reflect that). Good job Klaus for keeping track of everything!

Captains, please send training expenses to Jasper so we have record.

Kirstin to send the training expenditures from last year to Jasper for women's side record.

--Sofia arrives and saves the day with kitchen towels!--

Presidential Biz

Bonfire Night update:

- 160 apples, £2/apple. £310 profit. Huge success! THANK YOU FOR EVERYONE who's helped us.

race reports:

- Novice women and senior men won the indoor regattas!
- UTAH: same 8 twice, 2x.
- IWLA: men's novices, second to Antony's (Antony's and New are the ones to watch out for)
- 4s Head: Yay ladies!!

Would love to see senior support for novice day of Nephys and ChCh, so encourage seniors to come down to the river and cheer.

Women's Captains Report

novice training:

- Novice training going well, but alas five didn't do swim tests. As a result, only one boat for ChCh & Nephys.

Seniors:

- Senior girls doing really well. External racing aplenty. Lots of race training.

Proposal for women's captaincy:

- add Laura Depner as a formal captain (Abigail is trailing with OUWBC and doing very well; Kirstin in need of formalized help for novice training).

- No objections. Kirstin and Jess to speak to Laura.
- Per constitutional rules, Sabine to send club-wide email opening a two-week period where others can contest this action or nominate alternatives.

Men's Captains Report

novice training:

- Men's novices are going well. Two boats going in next regattas.

Senior training:

- Senior training going well. Entering Nephys Friday and also 2 crews for IWLB. 8+ Wallingford head. Spent more than last year, probably because a couple coached weights sessions.

Christ Church

- ChCh rules changed imposed: A-boat coxes must be N-status.
- Who are our N-coxes? Need to encourage some of our non-active coxes to come back.
- Rules changed so late in the day, would have loved to know sooner.
- Apparently will be official from next year, so we'll want to encourage heavy coxing recruitment next year.

Equipment Update

discussion of naming ceremony for boats:

- Filippi being named after Cliff
- Resolute: Keeping The Formidable
- When to have the ceremony? A Sunday around noon so no other college crews are around.
 - A bit more notice so we can invite important college people. Jessica to think on dates early Hilary.
 - Talk to the development office at Wolfson.
- All boats have been fixed, all holes patched.
- new W2 boat being delivered Wednesday.

Secretarial Biz

blades updates:

- All finally out of erg room. Sorry for the delay and congestion in there and thank you so much for your patience! You may now erg in peace!
- Torpids 2016/Summer Eights 2016 blades on order and due to arrive to us within a couple weeks. Will then go to the painter.
 - Sabine to contact painter to give him an update on when blades are coming.

associate members:

- vote for two associate member. PASSED.
 - Georgie's Sister.

- Dan Padilla.
- What to do with 'old' associate members/renewal of old associates?
 - Ideas: better record-keeping of associates; review associates on a yearly basis. Will have to change constitution. Automatic end date? Ask at the start of each year? Then make the constitution say what we want it to say. Academic year term option for continuation (committee can still veto). Reapproval every year.
 - Sabine to come up with some sort of scheme to integrate this. What does it look like administratively? How is it reflected in the constitution? Re-vote everyone in each year? Subject to vote by committee.
 - Task force on reviewing our associate members scheme to be set up, possible solutions presented at next committee meeting.

Social Secretary Report (delivered by Secretary)

I've organised one Wolfson-Wolfson social and arrange some crew dates. The men will have had crew date by the time of the meeting, and there are a bunch more being organised or arranged for both men and women. Christ Church Dinner seems to be in hand. I'll need to gather the captains and maybe the prez for a lunch to discuss seating arrangements, but basically Karl Davies takes care of the hard work and we just charge people via battels for the £29 cost. I'll have sent around info about carb fest by the end of Thursday (currently trying to space out my emails to people to 1/day). I think that's it. If people have suggestions, questions, comments or complaints I'd be delighted to hear them.

Reminder to captains: You can subsidize from your own budget coaches for dinner, but not partners/guests of coaches.

Development Officer

St Cross Archives:

- Archive about day-to-day life in St Cross seeking photos and interesting things to be saved. Let's submit some stuff yearly (photos and a report). Can submit as much as we want.
- Daina ask what formats of what they take (video? Only printed material?)
- PDF all the race reports, Sofia suggestion.
- Yearly deposit.

Web Update

mailing list woes:

- Previous server problem all sorted...but wait, there's more!
- Some IP addresses were rejecting, but solved now.
- Only 188 emails per hour through this list. CC receives error message when it happens. Google Group separate system. Judicious use of the lists.
- Alternative possibilities: through Google Groups. Using university mailing lists @ox.ac.uk
- All club-wide emails to only go through the Google list.
- Make sure novices/new seniors are on the Google list.

Updating website:

- Jess to contact Aarholt about Summer Eights 2016 reports. Laura Depner for CORR.

Kit Update

Kit arriving soon:

- Awesome stuff, thanks to Jess and Sofia! Novice tops should be done on Wednesday, will organize with captains to distribute.
- Stitch order for new seniors should be in before Wallingford, again after ChCh for continuing novices.

Foreign Training Camp Idea Revisitation

- what have we decided? What's the plan?
- Place in Portugal, 6 days of rowing, free food, laundry, accommodation, transport to 25km river or 2k Dorney-style lake. Rent boats from them or trailer our boats (roughly same price for either one). Wifi. Sauna. £340/person (not including flights).
- Would supplement Henley camp, not replace as it's an important cohesion point. To take place in March or early April (after The Boat Race). In between both HoRRs.
- Men's coaches can't go. Is coachless rowing or rowing with other coaches worth it to us?
- Part of our success has been our accessibility; this programme may undermine that a bit. People who might otherwise pay subs and racing fees (~£150/year) might not want to do this.
- Not a requirement or influence on selection.
- Men: would find training camps pre-Torpids more useful for M1 (due to Blues returnees for Eights).
- Women: probably could bring a coach. But really don't want it to influence selection. Would feel okay having any random group of people on the camp, benefitting from extra training.
- Join up with a few colleges, because most cost-effective point is have around 50 people.

General sentiment that we'd be okay doing this as a more fun thing, but as long as everyone knows that if they know it won't impact final selection. A chance to intensively improve your rowing.

- Poll general interest within the club. ASAP. Who would, in principle, be willing to go. We're going to need to get deposits super early to get people to commit.
- Many emails forthcoming from Sofia. Through the Google Group!

General

- proposed confidential captains/coaches review or open meeting at end of term
 - a way to give feedback to the club.
 - Very anonymous survey.
 - What formal complaints structure exists already? We need to make club members aware.

- Let's ask specific questions about club operation and solicit feedback and then let people know about complaints structures so they can avail themselves of this if need be.

AOB

Small boats/mixed crews:

- if a non-Wolfson person has rowed 3 or more times in the boat then they should be paying subs and made an associate.
- Wolfson person must always be in a boat and should be steering for the first couple of outings.
- Must be approved by president as normal. This is not in the Small Boats Rules, but should be known by the President.
- Should we formally add to Small Boats Rules?

Claudia note to captains to let all the novices know about subs and racing fees

- Yes!

Ice on the rafts

- safety measures needed (Daina).
- Conversation we need to have with Jim (will know what is and isn't allowed). We don't currently have anything in place.
- Can we get them to sit a little bit higher? Sand? Who owns the rafts and how much can we modify them? Owned by Univ?
- Klaus to talk with Jim. Kevin to email coxes as ask them to be vigilant.

Hardship fund:

- Instituted last year to help those cover subs and up to 70% of some racing fees, maximum of £80/year/person.
- Jess re-drafting for a vote so we have an updated version.
- Funds leftover roll into the following year.
- Captains to let everyone they know when they send the subs and fees email. Renewed on termly basis. Can't retroactively cover past races, etc.
- Make it clear that it doesn't impact selection, etc. Confidential between captains and president.