

WCBC Committee Meeting
Sunday, 5 February, 2017

In attendance:

Jessica Dunham, Laura Depner, Kirstin Anderson, Eric Hoff, Andrew Balin, Jessica Hoff, Lucian Purvis, Klaus Weichinger, Jasper Barth, Christian Coester, Joshua Combs, Daina Sadurska

Not present:

Kevin Schlegel, Abigail Killen, Sofia Hauck, Michael Plant, Clifford Sofield, Claudia Vadeboncoeur

Presidential business

- New Secretary
 - o Daina Sadurska has started as the new secretary, replacing Sabine Parrish
- Race updates
 - o Quintin Head: Men's crew scratched; Women's crew finished top 5 in IM2
 - o IWL D: Good results by all teams, women's crews tied for the 1st and for the 3rd third place, beating several men's crews
- OURCs cheques
 - o OURCs have failed to cash numerous cheques and only recently have discovered this. Treasurer in contact with OURCs Treasurer.
 - o Does affect WCBC, but not as much as some other clubs, as most payments have been made in other forms. People who now owe WCBC due to these uncashed cheques to be contacted by President/Treasurer.
- Investec Contingency
 - o Reminder to Captains that WCBC has Investec contingency funds, total of 1000GBP (500GBP per side), last year for example women used for Dorney etc. Can be used if needed.

Women's captains' reports

- Training Budget Updates
 - o Were 100GBP under budget for Michaelmas, on track for Hilary. Going to Dorney on training budget next week. Will be forwarding the current budget overview to Treasurer.
 - o Looking for another person to help out coaching W3. Will be posting on Facebook and other relevant messaging boards.
- Crew Selection for Torpids
 - o Provisional crew selection email to be sent out tonight [05/02/17].
- Red Flag contingencies
 - o Have talked with Jim (boatman) about trailering to Dorney, but hopefully water level will be dropping. If blue flag by Tuesday, might stay in Oxford, otherwise going to Dorney on 12/02/17
 - o Have secured extra erg slots in Univ Erg Room in mornings.

Men's captains' reports

- Training Budget Updates
 - o Massively underspent. In HT had only 4 coached sessions for M1, Nanda who has been coaching M1 instead is not accepting payment. Currently under 2000 pounds spent from the total 7000 pound training budget. Will be forwarding the current budget overview to Treasurer.
 - o Considering doing mini-training camps with the unspent budget, but currently undecided as currently Isis water-time seems to be just as useful for the crews. Will bring any unspent training budget over to Trinity term and use for summer VIIIs training.

- Coach unavailability has been an issue during MT, but expected to no longer be an issue.
- Crew Selection
 - Men have been emailed the crew lists.
- Red Flag contingencies
 - Couple tank session arranged on 10/02/17, but may change. Unless flag changes, also plans for Dorney in the works, need to secure trailering.

Treasury report

- Club Budget update
 - Awaiting training budget figures from Captain.
 - Currently predominantly expenditure on equipment. Approx. 1000 pounds spent on equipment from 9/06/16 (discounting boat purchases)
- SCC allocation 2017-18
 - Sent the allocation for the year, almost the same as last year. Money has gone down on insurance and repairs. Training 10000 pounds, Trophy blades- allocated 750 pounds.
 - Unlike Wolfson, StX does not require specific allocation, instead provides a lump payment.

Equipment update

- Overall Update
 - 4some still waiting for foot stretcher, had to be custom made. Expected to arrive soon.
 - Cox box has been repaired, ready to be sent back, waiting on Tracy Fuzzard doing the payment.
 - W1 grips have been changed; have spare grips for another two full sets blades when any need changing.
 - Buoyancy bags for Resolute: online vote was in favour, will be bought on Monday 06/02/17.
 - Sculling blades. Had votes for two sets, only one set bought so far, monitoring market for the second set but currently nothing up yet. Will continue monitoring.
- Pre-Torpids Equipment Day
 - Suggested WCBC does a pre-Torpids equipment day: boats washed, bolts/screws checked, Empacher buoyancy chamber lids checked (currently can't be opened)
 - Best time: Weekend before Torpids. Sunday may be rowing-on, therefore Saturday 25/02/17 suggested. Shall be organised together for men's and women's sides, captains in charge of organising around outings, together with Equipment officer.
- Replacement shoes for Tara and the double. Info for shoes on women's side?
 - Tara and the double needs shoes replaced. For Tara need at least 4, both in the double, and two spare pairs. In total 8 or 9 shoe pairs, approx. 400-450£ if 'Janousek'.
 - Vote on spending approx. 400-450£ on new shoes: unanimous in favour
 - Linda: some shoes are new-ish, old ones need to be replaced. Women's captains will check shoes in Linda, and give a list which ones to replace.
 - Women's captains to provide the women's shoe sizes to Equipment officer.
 - Note: The shoes in Resolute are very good, adjustable.
 - Note: Linda is now a shared boat, needs to be taken into account when ordering shoes.
- Ordering additional lights from the US
 - The new lights we bought: from the original 6 one has broken casing and is taped up, another has a broken-off bottom (where it slits into the holder).
 - Each light approx. 50 dollars. It is possible to order replacement parts.
 - In fog these lights are not great. Also in temperature of below zero, they easily break. Not great on bowloader either. We can look into different lights, possibly ones that do not need a slot.
 - Will look into putting a slot on the new M1 boat.
 - Will look for the replacement parts, and research into new lights.

Secretarial update

- Blades update
 - o Jim was under the impression that we were not interested in gating the blades (said no one had contacted him about it in a long time) and has not sourced the blades. Has put Secretary in touch with LMH boatman who had recently received a shipment of old blades in, may be able to source them from there, Daina needs to contact him.
 - o The painter (Andy) had told us that Jim was acquiring blades.
- LCR Photos
 - o Sabine did not order these, as she was still missing info. Daina missing information from Sabine, chasing Sabine down.
- Marshalling volunteer system overhaul
 - o Klaus has suggested a shared spread sheet based system with approximate numbers of slots for races known ahead of time to allow easier planning and volunteering. This system will be set up.
 - o Daina to send email to captains to ask for lists of active members.

Webmaster report

- Further issues?
 - o President has received reports of some emails having gone missing. Not sure whether that is a mistake. Cliff did not get some emails, same Kevin and Eric.
 - o Christian received two email sending errors last week, but other than that nothing else seems amiss.
- Race Reports
 - o Race reports from Women need to go to Webmaster.
 - o Good racing pictures to be sent to Webmaster.
 - o President will collate a major race report from the entire year, can be used for promotion, fundraising, sending to Investec and colleges.

Development update

- Update on StX archives
 - o Daina: contacted Archivist, no response so far, will phone instead of email. Website indicates Archive likely to be receptive to boat club material.
- ChCh Endowment
 - o Development officer has sent a document on ChCh endowment to President.
 - o The document in question: ChCh sent out a nice very professional looking PDF about the boat club history, achievements, day to day running and future plans, etc., and how they benefit from the boat club endowment.
 - o Endowment: large amount of funds that are earning interest. Only the interest is being used.
 - o This ChCh endowment document can inform WCBC about ChCh budgeting, and may be a source for new ideas for WCBC.
 - o Endowment idea itself not feasible for Wolfson, but idea proposed of establishing an old members society: all leaving members would sign up, donate approx. £20 a year, receive boat club news on a mailing list etc. Good source of funds, plus allows to maintain a good alumni support base.
 - o Lucian to write up ideas.
- Sponsor a bump
 - o Need to send out soon. Captains to write a small blurb on each crew to be sent out.
 - o Suggestion: to get pre-Torpids crew photos to put on the website for sponsor a bump.

General

- Torpids:
 - Rowing on on 24th (26th) February
 - Racing on 1st-4th March
 - Dinner set for Saturday 4th March (President has booked, will ask Social Sec to arrange)
 - Captains to email the club about the dinner.
 - Investec Invite for Saturday and for dinner: Elliot, our former point of contact, has left; Lucian to get in touch with Investec.
 - For future: should arrange a WCBC-Investec meet and greet event, but not enough time before torpids

- Boat Naming
 - Filippi: Cliff wants some variation of his name, but yet to decide precisely.
 - Should postpone boat naming to when it is warmer. Saturday BBQ kind of thing, inviting alumni etc. Would like to do it before Summer Vllls, Jess to look into arranging times.

- Proposed Constitutional Changes about College Reps and Social Sec responsibilities.
 - StX rep
 - Jess D suggestion: we should have a StX Rep or a Wolfson Rep, depending on who is the current president. Complicated to implement however.
 - Jess H suggestion: WV BV should have one from StX and one from Wolfson at all times. Duties to be promotion of the club in the college. That would be their main job. And could reword their role description in the constitution.
 - President to draft the changes.
 - Social secretary:
 - Current system is not working, complaints from members about social aspects of the club. It is hard for Social Sec to organise events for the other side of the club.
 - Suggestion: introducing separate men's and women's social sec positions. But would lead to further increase of the committee, suggestion not favoured by committee.
 - Alternative suggestion: Could redefine the role of the Social Sec to be responsible for WCBC internal social affairs only (dinners, WCBC socials etc). Remove external crew-dates from Social sec responsibilities. Instead Captains are to designate a person responsible for this within each side of the club.
 - President to draft the proposed changes to Social Sec's responsibilities.

Regatta secretary update:

- Sofia absent, Jess D reading the update:
- Quintin Head entries: entered two crews, one men and one women's. Men scratched (injury). Trailer had been booked (Jim's), originally taking 3 Wolfson crews; then was going to take 2 Wolfson and one GTC. GTC dropped out; women went alone on the trailer. In future: recommend having the set crews and a "spare pair" who can be called up if necessary to race.
 - Response to spare pair suggestion: could not find anyone to dub due to availability.
- IWL entries: Gone okay so far. Jasper has been paying directly. It is possible to set up a "pre-payment" with OURCs.
 - Response to pre-payment system suggestion: College reluctant to do pre-payments, and the current system is working well.

- Women's Head entries: 2 boats entered into the Intermediate University category. Trailering still up in the air, lots of colleges shuffling between trailers and locations. To be sorted this coming week.
- Men's Head: Entries now open, but the race isn't until March.
- Torpids entries: Opening soon, captains should think about the number of and finding coxes
- Foreign training camp: St. Antony's Boat Club going on a training camp to Seville immediately after WEHoRR (after 8th week of term). Cost: £280 including transport but not including food, for two days of rowing and three days of accommodation. Wolfson rowers are invited to join. No idea how the coaching or boat setting etc. will work, should ask SABC for details if interested.
 - SABC after having dropped out from the original plan are opening the door for WCBC for their foreign training camp in WCBC interested, whether as a club or as individual rowers. President to send Sofia's info to Captains to circulate around rowers to see if anyone interested.
- Marshalling briefing pre-Torpids: Sofia: *"need to have a date for the marshal briefing, ideally before Rowing On so novices can be sent to marshal for that too"* Suggestion to do it after CarbFest, and use the projector in the Games Room to avoid problems that we had last year with people being unable to bring warm food to carb fest due to the meeting.

Other issues

- Henley Training Camp set for 0 week TT (April 22-23rd)
 - Captains to let everyone know. Will no longer do a BBQ on Saturday, instead will request the bar to be kept open on Saturday, and then on Sunday will have a dinner. Michael will be asked to book some restaurant for the post-training camp dinner.
- 2nd Boat club blazer design proposed by a member (such as in college where there are different blazers for their W1/M1 and W2/M2 for example) in StX colours.
 - Committees response: damaging to the cohesion of WCBC as one club.
 - If people want to, they may order a blazer with two crests (e.g., overlapping crest design as used on trophy blades.
 - The person who inquired about the 2nd design to be informed about the committee's opinion.
- Website: webmaster to add Laura Depner on the committee webpage, and remove Sabine Parrish, update positions.
- Booking a bus to Boat race or to Henley boat races. Which one? Harder to get to Henley, so that makes more sense to organise that. Now time to think about it.
 - Send out doodle about who wants to go to which race
 - Should advertise for both, and see which one has more interest, get a bus for that one
 - President will send questionnaire, and then decide from there.
- Men's captains: a new rower join the club
 - A visiting PhD, dos have a bodcard but does not have any college on it. But he appears to be a full member of Wolfson, but rowed with Univ last term, probably as associate.
 - Men's captains to check if he was associate with Univ, if that is the case then should have no problem transferring.
- Next committee meeting date: to be organised after Torpids