

**WCBC Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, 10 April, 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, Kevin Schlegel, Michael Plant, Clifford Sofield

**Not present:**

Claudia Vadeboncoeur, Sofia Hauck, Abigail Killen

**Presidential business**

- Race updates
  - o Good racing in Torpids, since then only WEHARR has taken place, both crews did really well, 2<sup>nd</sup> boat beat three oxford colleges. HARR cancelled. Possibly one regatta before Summer Vllls: Wallingford.
- Training Camp 22-23<sup>rd</sup> April
  - o Everything is set with Henley, still looking for busses. On Saturday doing picnic instead of BBQ; bar may be open.
  - o Sunday: time moved back by one hour, arriving at 8:15, packing up at 5pm. Jess D to check with Jim if the planned timing is OK regarding trailering (Previous years Jim has wanted to leave Henley at 3pm on Sunday.
  - o We are working again with Henley rowing club, invoice to come in soon. Estimated 10 GBP per person per day (trailering + bus), everything else from training camp budget
  - o Jess D and Michael to arrange picnic food (within approx. 150 GBP) for 45-50 people.
  - o Would like to have a dinner afterwards on Sunday. Wig and Pen was booked last time. Restaurant/pub should be reserved for approx. 2/3 of people participating in training camp.
  - o Captains are preparing outing schedules for Saturday and Sunday.
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- Boat Naming
  - o Boat naming set to take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of May, with a fun little BBQ (?). Lucian to invite alumni. Also people from colleges' admin should be invited. Filippi set to be named 'C.M. Sofield'. Suggestion: add "Cliff" on the other side of the boat.
- Summer Eights 19<sup>th</sup> May, 24-27<sup>th</sup> May
  - o Now WCBC first boats are named after two main supporters of the club.
- Summer Eights Dinner Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June
  - o Dinner to take place on Friday, not Saturday. Drinks at 7, dinner 7:30. Michael to arrange.

**Women's captains' reports**

- Report:
  - o Good racing in WEHARR
  - o Budget: are a bit under budget. Spent more on coaching, and did not have to use anything for red flag contingencies.
  - o Hired a new coach: Aly from Brookes.
- Associates:

- Henrike Puchta: works in the University, wants to start rowing, has chosen WCBC.
- Crystal Chan: Sabin's wife, wants to start rowing.
- Vote for both: unanimous YES.
- Kirstin Anderson is withdrawing from her programme at Oxford University and stepping down as Women's captain. Kirstin may not be around for Summer Vllls.
- Abigail Killen is coming back to WCBC from the OUWBC and will be resuming her duties as women's captain.
- Jill Betts, Ellie Watts, Leila Hill all are returning to active rowing with WCBC.
- Leila Hill: needs to transfer from Queens. According to OURCs rules anyone who has been a member of a college can transfer to row with that college. Transfer needs to be arranged. .

### **Men's captains' reports**

- Report:
  - Men did not compete in external regattas, as HERR was cancelled. HERR organisers may be able to reimburse some of the expenses.
  - Eric Hoff is quitting active rowing as per supervisor's orders, but continues as men's captain and will be doing admin. Christian is becoming the M1 crew captain.
  - Budget: Mens' side are within budget.
- Associates:
  - Leonard Wossnig, visiting student from ETH, wants to row with us in the lowest boat.
  - Edward Haigh: Sophie's partner
  - Raphael Bradenbirk. Verena's partner (check surname)
  - Vote for all three: unanimous YES.
- Training update: Lowest boats currently in outings in a four. Will have two boats training in Henley.

### **Treasury:**

- Report:
  - Jasper to send report to Jess D.
  - WCBC is within budget. Women a bit under budget, men close to 50% budget. Note: captains can choose to pay for bus to Henley from training budget if they wish to do so.
  - Equipment: have reached 3000 pounds, estimate was 3.5-3.7k for the year.
  - Trophy budget: Torpids'16, Summer Vllls'16 and Torpids'17 blades for Wolfson bar to be paid for by budget for trophies from Wolfson SCC (allocation 500GBP). 3x Torpids 2016 (3xGBP20), 1x Summer Vllls 2016(GBP 170), 1x Torpids 2017 (GBP 170). Daina to contact Tracy Fuzzard. Carl has agreed during Summer Vllls dinner that he will pay for paining of Torpids '17 bar blade. Daina to contact Carl.
  - StX bar blades. StX allocates some money for trophies, Daina to contact StX to arrange purchase.

### **Equipment:**

- Report:
  - A lot of new shoes ordered, should be good for a year.
  - Note to captains: If new defects noticed, please report to Klaus, and CC Jess D. If replacement is under GBP100, no need for a vote.
  - Resolute footplates: need to be fixed, otherwise shoes keep coming off.
- Klaus will do an inventory of spare parts: things we may need in case of equipment trouble.
- New stroke coach purchase: M1 wants a stroke coach

- The yellow one does not work, only one functional. Useful to have one that shows the rate. Decision: not to purchase one currently, but have a lookout for used ones people may be selling. Would need to be one that does not need to be wired to a magnet/impeller. Also possible to download app that displays rate on phone, worth considering.
- Sculling blades update:
  - Previously committee had voted to buy 2 more pairs of blades for 800. Bought one pair. Could have been able to get two pairs for 300 (Concept 2 blades). But currently we have enough sets. Will only buy one more pair.
- Cox box issues: In resolute never have rate from cox-box. Sabin repaired Tara rate measurement, will ask whether he can have a look at what's going on in Resolute. 4some also does not show rate, needs to be fixed.

### **Secretary update**

- Marshalling/Umpiring rota system.
  - Proposed: Instead of people volunteering for slots WCBC gets assigned (which we know very late), everyone will be asked to fill out their availability for all possible slots (which we know already, 4 slots per day). Availability sheet will be sent out during week 2/3 TT (when everyone should know their schedules). Then as soon as the rota is out, secretary will assign people to slots.
  - Problems: expect some people to say they can't do any slots. Therefore will have to still stick to assigning slots, and make sure everyone knows that they will be personally responsible for paying the fine if they do not show up to a marshalling slot. Not secretary's duties to find replacements.
  - Need captains to send secretary a list of ALL rowers who: a) were actively rowing in Hilary term; b) are actively rowing in TT (and therefore subject to marshalling/umpiring), c) who are associates/full members, d) everyone's email addresses
- Trophy blades:
  - blades from Torpids/Eights 2016 and Torpids 2017 have been ordered (not from Jim but from Mark (LMH boatman)). Price went up GBP20, everyone agreed to pay it and have been battled for it. We managed to get blades that were already in Oxford before Torpids, therefore these blades have been already prepared for painting. They have or are just about to be sent to painter by Mark (he had not handed them over to painter last Monday, but promised to do it last week, secretary will follow up. Painter is expecting the blades. Last we heard we were number 6 in the queue for painting, expect to be done in late summer, but will be following that up with painter.
- Bar blades:
  - Secretary to tell Tracy which account should be charged for the blades.
- LCR Photos:
  - Have obtained info from previous secretary, but waiting for full resolution photos. Previous Secretary is looking for them.
  - Sec will be paying for printing personally, and needs to know which account should be used to get reimbursed for printing. Treasurer? There should be a position for miscellaneous expenses, will notify Tracy.

### **Development update**

- Report:
  - Trying to form a cohesive group of alumni. Possibly a society, good way to raise money and to keep in touch. Everyone encouraged to send ideas to Lucian

## Proposed Constitutional Changes:

### 1) Proposed amendment to **Section 7.A, duties of the Club President:**

- Current Wording: "Write WCBC year overview for the college record and website"
- Proposed Wording: "Write WCBC year overview for the Wolfson and St. Cross college records and website"
- Vote: **unanimous YES**

### 2) Proposed amendment to **Section 7.B, duties of the Club Captains**

- Current Wording: "Make entries to intercollegiate regattas and races"
- Proposed Wording: "Liaise with Regatta Secretary to make entries to intercollegiate regattas and races."
- Vote: **unanimous YES**

### 3) Proposed amendment to **Section 7.C, duties of the Club Secretary**

Changes listed in blue:

- Responsible for issuing *[deleted]* and maintaining lists for Wolfson erg use.
- Maintain a list of associate and honorary members.
- Organise orders of blades after Torpids and Vllls. This includes gathering orders from rowers, ordering blades from Jim Ronaldson, club boatman, or other sources as needed, and arranging painting from Cummings Signs or other sources.
- Vote: **unanimous YES**

### 4) Proposed amendment to **Section 7.D, duties of the Club Social Secretary**

Current Wording:

- Organise boat club social events, including the termly boat club dinners.
- Aid the integration of all parts of the boat club.
- Organise representation of The Club at the Wolfson Fresher's Fair and Aid the captains in recruitment of members from St Cross college.

Proposed Wording:

- Organise full boat club social events, including:
  - Termly boat club dinners
  - Training camp-related social events
  - Internal club events
    - Excluding individual crew events such as crew dates
- Aid the integration of ALL parts of the boat club.
- Work with College Reps to organise representation of The Club at both Wolfson and St. Cross Fresher's Fairs and aid the captains in recruitment of members from both colleges.
- Vote: **unanimous YES**

### 5) *Proposed amendment to Section 7.J, duties of the Club Regatta Secretary*

Changes listed in blue:

- Serve as an administrator on British Rowing online entry system.
  - Liaise with captains regarding which external regattas shall be entered.
  - [Help the captains make entries and arrange payments to regattas and head races, on the Isis and externally.](#)
  - Help the captains arrange trailering to external regattas.
  - Liaise with treasurer to ensure individuals are battled any costs incurred during regattas
- Vote: **unanimous YES**

### 6) *Proposed amendment to Section 7.E, duties of the College Representative(s)*

(Note: will have to change 6.xi as well to college representatives)

- Changes to the role of St Cross Rep, and introduction of a new committee role:
    - [E.A – St Cross Representative](#)
      - [Must be member of St Cross college](#)
      - [Represent WCBC boat club to and liaise with St. Cross Sports Committee](#)
      - [Assist Social Secretary in Fresher’s Fair](#)
      - [Provide a point of contact between President and St Cross administration regarding relations between WCBC and the college \(e.g. awards/bar blades, representation in college, etc.\)](#)
      - [Help promote boat club and boat club events within college](#)
    - [E.B – Wolfson Representative](#)
      - [Must be member of Wolfson college](#)
      - [Attend SCC and Wolfson general meetings with or in place of President](#)
      - [Assist Social Secretary in Fresher’s fair](#)
      - [Provide a point of contact between President and Wolfson Administration regarding relations between WCBC and the college \(e.g. awards/bar blades, representation in college, etc.\)](#)
      - [Help promote boat club and boat club events within college](#)
- Vote: **unanimous YES.**

### 7) *Proposed amendment to Section 7.K, duties of the Club Webmaster*

Changes listed in blue:

- Maintain the WCBC website with up-to-date information on committee members, racing results, sponsors, upcoming events and donation possibilities.
- Maintain The Club’s ownership of its domain ([wolfsonrowing.org](http://wolfsonrowing.org)).
- Administrate the other internet resources of WCBC (e.g. Facebook group, [Twitter](#)).
- Maintain The Club’s mailing lists [and DropBox Archive](#).

- Vote: **unanimous YES**

### **8) Proposed amendment to Section 4.B.ii, definitions of Associate Membership**

Changes listed in blue:

- By majority vote, the Committee may adopt as an associate member any person over the age of 18, who is not a full member as defined above. Individual's participation in inter-collegiate bumps races as an Associate Member is constrained by the rules of OURCs, but in all other respects the individual is a full member of the Wolfson College Boat Club and entitled to all benefits and facilities pertaining thereto. Typical candidates include partners of Wolfson and St. Cross college members and previous members of the boat club. The Secretary shall maintain an official list of associate members.
  - Existing associate members will be asked by the Secretary to confirm interest in the position and will be voted in by the committee in the first committee meeting of Michaelmas term each academic year.
  - If no response is received, the member will automatically be dropped from associate status and will no longer have access to boat club equipment. They may however reapply at any time.
  - The committee may vote provisionally not to renew the associate membership of an individual.
    - If the committee decides provisionally not to renew membership of an associate, the individual will be notified and informed as to the reasoning, and will be invited to present a case to the committee, who will then make a final decision.
  - If a final decision is made by the committee not to renew their membership, they may not reapply within that term.

- Vote: **unanimous YES**

### **9) Proposed amendment to Section 14: AWARDING BLADES**

Crews competing in Oxford University Torpids or Summer Eights bumps races may be awarded blades under the following circumstances. A crew [deleted] shall be awarded blades when all of the following conditions are met:

- Crew achieves a bump on each of the **four days** of competition.
- Crew achieves a bump at every opportunity to bump.
- Crew is not bumped during the course of competition.

- Discussion:

- Good idea not to have any "may", "can" and similar phrases in the wording as that make the wording ambiguous.
- Blades should not be awarded in case a day of racing gets cancelled.

- Vote: **unanimous YES**

### **Other issues and general matters**

- AGM is set to take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May
  - o Jess D will send out information and committee position descriptions ASAP
- Next kit order window to take place in week before Easter
- Boathouse keys:
  - o Small boats key: should ask whether we can keep the key in a locked box inside UNIV erg room.
  - o Or could we have an extra set of keys because Wolfson demand to have a set of keys in the Lodge at all times
  - o M1 key is missing, will need to ask UNIV for a replacement.
  - o Note: it is illegal to have keys copied without permission.
  - o Jess D to contact UNIV to ask about replacement set and about small boat keys.
- Next committee meeting:
  - o Needs to take place before AGM. Therefore set to take place before Summer Vllls.