



Eskmuthe Committee Meeting on Monday, April 18, at 7.00pm at Fisherrow Yacht Club

Agenda

1, Welcome and apologies

Present: Veronica, Sandra, David, George, Stewart, Gaynor, Charly

2, Minutes and Matters Arising

February minutes approved by Sandra and George. No minutes were produced for March.

Matters arising - Using a boat for craftbombing/publicity during the Voluntary Arts Week from May 6, was approved. This would include taster sessions on May 8, high tide is around 430pm, allowing rowing between 2.30pm and 6.30pm. David will arrange taster sessions and feed back a plan. We will need flyers and business cards

Actions – George to design business cards, David to organise taster sessions, including forms to collect people’s details.

3, Correspondence

Broughty Ferry has invited us to their regatta on July 2.

4, Treasurer’s report

Club money stands at £888.18, fundraising cash is £541.55, and remaining lottery funding is £637.25. This adds up to £2066.98.

Debbie has done lots of ferrying around and needs to be given diesel money. It was agreed to offer free membership for her and Maureen or £60 cash.

Action: George to contact Debbie and ask what she would like

5, Membership Secretary’s report and increasing membership

The new buddying system is working and David is working on keeping new people. Graham, Beth, Elspeth and Katie Swann have all joined or will join, so we are expanding a core group of newcomers. We are planning more social rows, and members have all been emailed with a mini newsletter, and we are updating the welcome pack. We are making sure we capture people and get their details. David will do another newsletter and organise taster sessions. Also plans to go to other sports clubs to get them to use rowing for team building sessions. All taster sessions will go from the beach..

Stewart pointed out that we need more of a focus on rowing and getting ready for regattas.

6, Boat shed

Veronica filled us in on what has happened so far. She has had pre-planning discussions with planners going back 18 months, when we spoke of a boat shed and not workshop and storage space. Veronica and Gaynor expressed concerns about working with the sea cadets. Sandra said we need to spend time looking at

what we want from the space and not just now, but in five and ten years' time. Sandra said we need a vision of what we want it to be, and what we want it for – to store boats and build boats? There was talk of disabled toilets and water, but also some concerns that we wouldn't have the space.

We spoke of the noise, but thought this would not be at anti-social hours and no worse than boatmen and exercise classes at The Quay,

It was decided it would be good to have plumbing, and we could look at getting the toilets or getting a key to the existing nearby public toilets. The space is 17.4m long x 5 (100sqm)

Veronica said the spirit of conversation with council has always been to share the space with some community user. Sandra said we need to know what we want and how can we share it.

Sea cadets – Veronica has got back to them saying we are keen to press ahead and not to change our constitution, as they asked us to, and will sign the lease ourselves. We have not closed the door to them, but were all agreed that we will do it on our terms.

We need to keep the community aspect open, but this could be more outreach work with groups.

Sandra said we need to write a spec, and that everyone should write what their image is and someone put them together. George said she could do a sort of plan to look at ideas. Then we could take this to the Harbour Users doing a bit of research to the gaps.

Veronica said we need to be realistic about the work involved. Adding a consultation exercise – Who is going to do it? Who do we talk to?

What's the time scale?

David suggested an open meeting on Tuesday, May 3, at 7.30pm to discuss this. Decided that we would proceed to get the lease on our own and not be tied in with the Sea Cadets.

Actions: Gaynor to put the meeting on BT and invite all members. George do a spec, committee to respond, then prepare a favoured option/options for the open meeting.

Sandra will ask a colleague to help us with the lease and the legal side.

7, SCIO application – this has been resubmitted and we are waiting to hear.

Sandra said we have the beginnings of a Development Plan. She said that recording rows in the log book is starting to do monitoring for the club.

8, Quiz and curry night

We have around 30 people with kids, but the feeling was that it should go ahead. We need to keep going with socials as they are good for the club.

9, Eskmuthe Regatta/Rowing of the Marches –

Gaynor/George to lead

Charly to help on the beach

Meeting to discuss this will be on Wednesday, April 20, at 7.30pm FYC.

AOB

For next meeting – rowing and development plan.

The Oars are close to being made.

New rowers intro sessions to be looked at and maybe sessions limited to 20 minutes for first session. Stewart said we need written procedures or a checklist to be left in the boat and used for new rowers.

Sandra asked if we should have flares, but George said we have a radio.

Lifejackets – checks. Charlie asked if they have a lifespan and if we need rearming modules.

**10, Dates of next committee meeting
May 23 – 7.30pm**