



Eskmuthe Committee Meeting on Monday, August 8, at 7.00pm at Fisherrow Yacht Club

Minutes

1, Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Stewart, George, Sandra, Gaynor, Veronica, David and Irene.
Apologies from Charly

2, Minutes and Matters Arising (Regattas left to do)

Dunbar, Tyne Row, Queensferry, (not on Big Tent) September 10; freshwater sprints at Loch Tummel, October 29; Exciseman's chase.

Action: Stewart to put on Big Tent.

3, Correspondence (RoM2016 letter of thanks, email about the Quay to be discussed under boat shed, general correspondence matter)

Gaynor received a letter thanking everyone for our part in the Riding of the Marches Exhibition. We played a full and active role in RoM2016 and this has really increased our visibility in the town.

Portobello asked to share the boat shed and also if they can use PG. Veronica said we still needed to use it for our boats.

Gaynor suggested the Secretary deals with the emails as some are left unanswered as so many people opening them. Gaynor will answer or send to relevant person.

4, Treasurer's report

Eskmuthe Rowing Club funds 7th August 2016

Club money	£573.36
Fund raised money	£841.96
Lottery money	£617.74
Current total is	£2,033.06

We recently paid out the £570.33 for the Insurance for 2016-2017 which has taken a large chunk out of our club money. There is still £170 to come in from T shirt sales, and £40 to be collected for Tyne Row T shirts. This should bring the Club money up to approx. £780.

So far this year we have taken in £758.80 in rowing money and £750 in membership money.

Council PG electricity readings not sent at the end of the session. Gaynor sent them to Katherine when we left the first time, so the last 10 days are missing but won't be too different. **Action George to send final reading.**

Trailer light board needs to be ordered. **Action George to order**

Prize money £40 for the RoM2016 parade to give to the yarn bombers. **Action Gaynor to organise**

5, Membership Secretary's report and increasing membership

David's report - MEMBERSHIP SITUATION, AUGUST 8th, 2016

Bad news: we only have **29 paid-up members**

- **Good news:** we are picking up new members regularly. Ellie, Katie & Andy are all rowing regularly (as well as Christina & Ruaidhri).
- Also, the figure does not include Sarah Macdonald (I'm not clear if she has paid), Elspeth Edwards (who has exceeded her three rows, but hasn't paid) or Callum Patterson (who has rowed twice and seems keen to join)
- We have **several people who have expressed an interest in joining** – three sisters Kate, Angie & Laura, plus Renee (who came to the taster session) and Trudie, who rowed on Saturday and really enjoyed it (and was good)
- We also have **much greater visibility in the community** and several emails/mobile numbers from the taster sessions and RoM week which I still have to follow up fully
- **Members who have not re-joined this year (for interest):** Kate Allan; Shirley Banks (could be persuaded?); Johnny Brown; Beth Johnson (seemed keen but then disappeared); Fiona Kelly; Jamie & Linda Souter; Dennis Walton; Stuart Whitaker; David Wilkie

Protocol for signing up new members

Names to be passed to David, who sends out membership form and new members' sheet (produced by Stewart – David to update); David to pass details to George who gets in the cash and then gives them access to Big Tent. We need to discuss if we give them access to Big Tent before they are a paid-up member?

Recruiting members

Get friends and colleagues along (follow Pauline's lead!)

Regular taster sessions

Taking part in community events/publicising what we do

Get email/mobile number of possible members and keep in touch with those who don't want to commit straight away

Summary

Bottom line number doesn't look great but we have a greater proportion of active members, we are assimilating new members well and we have a higher profile than ever – and the prospect of increasing membership is good. So more good news than bad, I'd say.

Sarah has paid. Elspeth needs to pay.

Should people join before joining BT? Ask Ellie to keep Callum up to date. Pauline to keep Trudie informed. Big tent. Should we sign people up to BT before they pay? Buddying, three sisters David will respond.

Action: David to respond to all new members. Stewart to look into temporary membership of BT.

6, Boat shed

Gaynor received an email to say the Quay was applying for planning permission to turn swimming pools into rooms in a new hotel, which could impact on our planning application for the boat shed.

Gaynor contacted the council for more information.

Veronica asked for feedback from preplanning application. **(to add from Veronica's email)** - Concern over loss of parking. Need to wait until get back from parking.

Action: Gaynor to ask the council what the timescale is for the Quay and for more details. Stewart will pursue lease application. Veronica will chase up parking/planning

7, Training

Stewart asked what we wanted out of training.

1, Safety – making sure people are competent and happy. 2, Fulfilling our responsibility to keep people safe.

Need Coxes training

Decided we needed a club captain and that George should do this but needs to give up treasurer. Look for treasurer.

Action: Gaynor to ask qualified people if they will be treasurer.

Radio training – Gaynor to look into training £60 per person for the exam.

Stewart to draw up roles and responsibilities for Club Captain and Bosun.

Gaynor to ask David Banks to give us advice about anchors –

George to post Harbour rules under files. George to look at organising land-based training sessions.

8, Dates of next meetings

Tuesday, September 13, 7.30pm

Monday, October 17. 7pm

Monday, November 14. 7pm

November 26 – possible social night looking for ideas.