

## **Eskmuthe Rowing Club Committee Meeting, August 10th, 2020, 730pm**

**Zoomers in attendance:** George, Stewart, Jude, Kari-Ann, Felicity, Gaynor, David.

**Apologists:** Pauline

**Minutes from June 2020 meeting:** Approved by David, seconded by George

**Actions** - all covered elsewhere on agenda

### **Correspondence (not covered elsewhere on agenda)**

Virtual Row-Around - With the real Row-Around impossible, clubs are asked to re-create their sections of the row virtually. George has written a description of our row to Port Seton and will submit it, with pictures, to the Row-Around website: <https://www.rowaround.scot/>

As some clubs are doing more visual recreations of their rowing legs, Eskmuthe's lunatic fringe has decided to create a watery backdrop, complete with sea creatures and collapsing towers, to club members slogging away on the rowing machine. This will happen on the deck at Gaynor and David's house (15 Maitland Avenue) on Saturday August 15th from 1pm. There is a chat on TeamApp and Gaynor will post an event too.

### **Office-bearers**

Gaynor welcomed new committee members Felicity, Jude and Kari-Ann and explained the committee roles. The following new office-bearers were elected:

Chair: Gaynor

Club Captain: George

Secretary: Jude

Treasurer: Pauline

Membership Sec: David

Gaynor said there were lots of other jobs to be done and encouraged all committee members to share the load. Stewart and Kari-Ann were both happy to support David as Mem Sec and David said he would continue (when rowing was on) to support George with planning training and regattas.

### **Membership**

David said he expected membership to settle back at around 55 from a high of almost 65 as we lose people who haven't rowed for ages - but that this will start picking back up when we are back on the water.

43 people have paid their 2020 fees and David has sent out another reminder. He will also re-send membership and Gift Aid forms to those who have paid but not filled in the forms. If everyone fills in Gift Aid forms, we can make historic claims and bring quite a bit of money into the club.

### **Boatshed**

Gaynor explained that she hoped the hold-up with the building control application will be resolved by the estates department at East Lothian Council speaking to the officer who is interpreting the building control rules in their strictest sense. She said she hoped for positive news soon and would report back asap. Gaynor is also ready to submit a funding application (for a significant sum of money) to Musselburgh Common Good Fund. We have also been told that we can submit a funding bid to Sport Scotland, which we were previously told we could not apply to.

### **Club report**

Members have continued to get involved in fitness sessions and various water-based activities, although the quizzes have stopped. David will put out a newsletter this week and Gaynor urged all members to post suggestions for activities as TeamApp chats. Jude suggested swims (this has already happened a few times and there is a comment stream on TeamApp chat) and cycling.

### **Treasurer's report**

Pauline sent information *in absentia*, saying we have just over £8500 in the Bank, with just under £2000 designated for various projects. Annual Insurance has been paid, £50 has been raised by Pauline getting more golf flags from work and Stew-Fit has generated an extra £52.

### **Harbour news**

Eskmuthe has made a contribution to new CCTV cameras at the harbour. This is effectively cost-neutral as berthing fees have been reduced while we are off the water. The CCTV project is coordinated by Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association. We will ask for further info about when they will be installed. One camera is pointing towards the boatshed site, which should offer extra security.

**Boat repairs**

Gaynor said Steedie was getting a quick spruce-up, with sanding and painting in progress. As Prestongrange is not in a great state, we are keen to get Steedie back to the harbour soon - and as there is doubt about the future of Prestongange, the boatshed project has taken on greater urgency.

**Covid-19 update**

There is still no clear guidance of when we might get back on the water. Stewart agreed to look at guidance from the SCRA and other rowing organisations and draw up a health and safety plan for getting back in the water - so we are well-prepared and can give clear information to members when we are able to row again. George will look at whether we should buy new life-jackets and we will consider offering members the chance to buy their own as sharing of life-jackets is likely to be prohibited/discouraged when we row again.

**Any other business**

Gaynor encouraged new committee members to come forward with any ideas for the club, as we might be completely missing things that we should be doing. There are no silly questions and no bad ideas.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday, September 14th, 730pm, via Zoom.