



Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club

Committee Meeting

Monday 9 Dec 2019, 7pm Fisherrow Yacht Club

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Georgina Brown, Gaynor Allen (Chair), Pauline Crerar, David Lee, Katie Swann (Minutes).

Apologies for Absence: Sharon McFeely, Stewart Page.

2. Minutes

Minutes approved: George & Seconded: David

3. Matters arising

- OSCR sorted ☺
- Pauline and Gaynor attended training – useful and practical.
- No update on bathing status yet.
- Photo shoot organised to great success
- Wendy hasn't written for quotes yet as still waiting to hear back from Estates team at Council.
- Paperwork sent to register for Gift Aid and VAT
- Still need to reiterate the importance of keeping attendance at Prestongrange updated
- Still chasing electricity costs at Prestongrange for past 4 years
- Boat cover hasn't gone in yet

ACTION: Katie to remind folk on Chat/TeamApp about keeping attendance updated for Prestongrange

ACTION: George to send Gaynor electricity photo from Prestongrange

4. Correspondence

Row Around Scotland update – pilots all currently putting in ideas for route. It's starting in Annan in April – they are keen to get as many folk/skiffs there as possible. Anstruther – Queensferry – North Berwick is in small sections. To arrive in NB just before their regatta. Next section leaves the day after their regatta (Sun 30th August), and this is the only definite bit so far. G&G to go to a meeting in January.

ACTION: George to add RAS to TeamApp, plus a summary for part of a newsletter via David early 2020.

5. Club Report

It's been a month of difficult tides, short days and variable weather. We've tried to make the best of it, with a couple of beach launches to extend rowing times and some decent rowing within the harbour.

The beach launches were challenging as we had to navigate the leaf mulch mountains, which on one occasion were hiding three feet of water. However, on that day, November 30, it was glorious when we got out on the water - a beautiful still, cold, sunny day.

The month has seen a mixture of social rowing, a handful of training sessions and the first 'introduction to racing' session, which was a real success. The idea is for an experienced cox and stroke to guide three new rowers through everything needed for racing - including starts, turns and sprints - so that we have a decent number of new rowers better-prepared to take part in regattas next season. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the second session due to poor weather.

We have seen quite a few new rowers in the boat, with some appearing very keen - and likely to join. We have also seen a few more established rowers back in the boat, including David Lewis and Rachel (plus twins). We will continue to use beach launches where necessary to maximise rowing times, especially now that we just have one boat available as Honesty gets her winter facelift.

Questions for committee:

- Should we limit how often people row when the options are limited at this time of year? Agreed that no, we'll just monitor for now.
- We're very busy so no more new members until after new year- Agreed.
- Double check who's on TeamApp and remove lapsed members

ACTION: Pauline to update Team App

6. Treasurer's Report

See the website.

7. Boatshed

Gaynor visited an architect (Sue Manning @ Ecological Architecture) with a Hempcrete building who will be able to give us another quote for taking the plans forward. Gaynor will ring the Duty Building Officer to check about Flood reports.

8. Boat repairs

Prestongrange going well, Honesty is in and being measured for spacers in the gunnels. Oars should be back out this weekend. It's been great attendance so thanks to everyone. Plastic on plates for oars seems to be progressing well. Steddie will just need a bit of TLC.

9. Updating ERC vision, values and strategy

This came up from Funding seminar that Pauline and Gaynor attended. We looked at it last year but definitely worth looking at again as the club is changing. Gaynor put on TA asking for volunteers to help to get a wide range of people. Kate is going to help. So we'll have a session after New Year with everyone who'd interested and bring back to a committee meeting.

10. Updating ECR constitution

Pauline noticed that there was a gap in the constitution. She phoned OSCR and asked if there was another version but they had the same one. Wendy suggested we move to a two tier constitution so we need to change so that the trustees are just the committee members. We will work on this over the next few months and pass at next AGM.

ACTION: Pauline to bring to next meeting

ACTION: Gaynor and Pauline to update and bring back to committee

11. Review of application form and info for new rowers

Discussion about whether this needs to be updated.

ACTION: Pauline to add info to form asking for people to let the club know about changes to health

ACTION: David to review info for new rowers and update for 2020

12. AOB

- George checked the SCRA calendar and the date we earmarked for the regatta is already on there for Eastern events. Would have been nice to have our own but given the tides and all the other events that are on, it's just not looking very possible. So we'll ask to join Eastern at Loch Lomond for their event instead.
- Club get-together on the 4th January and David and Gaynor will host.
- Maybe a Festive mid-week row up to Loch Tay, maybe at Kenmore, potentially in early January?
- Life jacket testing is done on the Isle of Wight – there is no longer a pickup in Scotland so George will look at other options.

13. DONM 13 January 2020 7pm