



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club Committee Meeting  
Monday 11 February 2019, 7.15pm  
Fisherrow Yacht Club**

**Minutes**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

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

Apologies for Absence: Helen Greene

Apologies for Lateness: Graham Irvine

**2. Minutes**

Minutes approved: David & Seconded: George

**3. Matters arising**

- First aid kits have been checked
- George has added dates to Gmail calendar – Katie to add committee meetings
- Katie to follow up on Helen's actions
- Katie to confirm if bar booked for AGM

**ACTION:** Katie to add committee dates and circulate calendar to committee, check if Helen has completed actions and confirm if bar is booked.

**4. Correspondence**

- Canal (Forth Clyde) Flotilla – George has expressed our interest.
- Confirmation of Boatie Blest Regatta 20 April

**ACTION:** George to check when Canal Flotilla meeting is.

**5. Club Report**

It's been another busy month, even with one boat out of the water.

We have had two very well-attended training weekends, with the new oars generally well-received, although the No 2 seat is challenging because of the angle the oar goes into the water. We will get a better idea of how it works when we are able to use the new oars with Steddie, hopefully in early March.

All the rowers who are going to Skiffieworlds have rowed on at least one training weekend and the majority in both. We are using the metal marker (Eiffel Tower) to the Portobello buoy as a racing course of 1.6km and have already recorded some good times. We will add an extra 200 metres to the start and finish at a later date to replicate the 2km Skiffieworlds course. We have 28 people rowing in the training sessions on February 16/17 and there will be another training weekend on March 2/3 - hopefully in Steddie.

The regatta season is taking shape too, with our attendance confirmed at Boatie Blest (April 20th), Broughty Ferry (May 18th) and Queensferry (June 1st). We already have 17 definite rowers for Boatie and will probably get 20+, and 22 definite rowers for both Broughty Ferry and Queensferry. We are also hoping to take part in a Forth & Clyde Flotilla towards the end of May.

The amount of training and a couple of bad weather cancellations have meant less social rowing - so we have addressed this by experimenting with Happy Monday and Flexi Friday rows. These have been extremely successful, with a combination of self-employment, retirement, shift work and half days helping us to fill the boat. We will continue to post Monday and Friday rows whenever a cox is available.

## 6. Membership update

Membership update: 54 members, 11 people who haven't signed up to Team App. Pauline to email everyone not on TA to remind them about AGM and encourage to sign up.

**ACTION:** Pauline to email folk not signed up to TA

## 7. Treasurer's Report

No report. Pauline spoke to Image Scotland, who said they'd sent a cheque. Helen is going to double check the account.

## 8. AGM Planning

We're going to talk about boatshed and the Worlds. If anyone has questions, Pauline will hold a Team App surgery. Committee agreed that would be good to have some snacks.

**ACTION:** Gaynor to buy some savoury nibbles.

**ACTION:** Katie to email committee and ask who would like to stay/go.

## 9. Boatshed

Subcommittee and committee agreed to speak to another architect and clarified that money to A449 was for a concept design NOT plans. Now looking at a new design, asked everyone for ideas, and Blueprint Designs in Dunbar will take this forward. Planning first, if that goes through, then they'll do all the detailed work to get building control approval. We'll have a meeting to take it forward.

Gaynor has spoken to Estates at East Lothian Council about what footprint they would agree to. They stated this is up to Planning rather than Estates, but likely to go back to boundary.

## 10. Prestongrange

Buy a new board for Regatta planning – agreed.

## 11. Website/Team App

Issue with use of 'maybe' on Team App, when this is changed to 'yes' other folk are getting bumped off. Agreed that this option should NOT be used for rowing or row fit sessions. George to post something on Team App to clarify.

**ACTION:** George to post about use of 'maybe' option on team App.

## 12. Skiffie Worlds

About 30 people going. Gaynor, David and George starting to discuss teams, and maximise the number of crews entered. Should include Under 40 Women/Men. Plan to find an under 40s man! Mixed open races may need to be all female.

Pauline to put a post on TeamApp reminding folk to sort their accommodation. Gaynor was going to look at charges. Agreed that £15pp would cover costs of towing boat and lost rowing income for being away over two weekends.

**ACTION:** Pauline to contact all going to Skiffieworlds and remind them to make sure they get accommodation sorted.

## 13. AOB

- Float of £25 for Prestongrange? Agreed that this would be a good idea.
- Gaynor taking second cover for repairs – by end of next week both should be repaired.
- Graham to make a structure to hold the cover up
- Lifejackets back from service now. All been done in last year.

**ACTION:** Katie to ask Helen to arrange float for PG.

## 7. DONM

Mon 11 March 7pm FYC