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Community Rowing Club

Committee Meeting

Monday 10 Feb 2020, 7pm Fisherrow Yacht Club

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Gaynor Allen (Chair), Pauline Crerar, David Lee, Sharon McFeely (from item 6), Stewart Page, Katie Swann (Minutes).

Apologies for Absence: Georgina Brown.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved: David Seconded: Pauline

3. Action Update

- David added to TA re booking rows one a weekend
- Pauline and Gaynor asked Wendy to help with constitution, this is now underway.
- Pauline to continue with work on Gift Aid.
- Gaynor circulated Durisol information
- Vision and Values rolled over to next month.

4. Correspondence

N/A

5. Boatshed

Wendy has taken on chasing ELC about lease and can confirm that they have approved lease terms although we don't know exactly what has been agreed yet. It's being passed to legal team there. She will also line up solicitors to take this further and wrote to 3 solicitors. Got a response from Paris Steele who are also recommended by SP and connected to club members. Wendy will go back to her to let her know when we're ready to proceed.

Gaynor and Pauline reported back on their training day with Durisol, which is recycled pallets made into blocks which can be partly filled with cement. It would mean we can self-build, like Lego, and is approaching carbon neutral. It could be very quick – potentially under 2 days for that part of the build. It has all the correct accreditation for Building Standards. Would potentially be warmer than a traditional build, so a heat pump probably wouldn't be necessary. We could also stick with Blueprint to amend designs so that would stop any additional costs.

In terms of cost, they've seen the plans that we have and their quantity surveyor would check amounts, and a very small % for breakage. According to company it's 30% cheaper than breezeblocks etc.

Gaynor demonstrated roof tiles (Envirotile) that are 90% recycled plastic and 100% recyclable.

Committee agreed on use to Durisol and Envirotile.

Next stage is for Blueprint to prepare plans and get in to ELC Planning. Once we get the drawings we can price up and apply for funding.

6. Club Report (David)

It's been a stop-start month with a few cancellations, but plenty of rowing between the winds.

On the weekend of February 8th/9th, we were only able to have one and a bit sessions out of the 8 planned - which would have seen 32 different rowers in the boat! This is pretty amazing and shows the huge level of interest in rowing.

We managed to squeeze in a row on Friday 7th, which was a gorgeous day and the calm before the storm, with Sandra scrambling a crew together very quickly. We will try to post more Friday rows as lots of people seem to be potentially available that day.

Two enthusiastic new rowers have been out for the first time and we have a lesser-spotted 40-plus man keen to start. He would have rowed if it hadn't been for Ciara (the storm, not the rower). We are still being contacted by new people all the time who want to row.

The calendar for 2020 was published by George, with the Row Party regatta added - it's on 6th June. We are still waiting for the Boatie Blest date, but it looks likely to be 25th April.

As the days stretch out, we'll continue to post as much rowing as we can, taking advantage of beach launches where possible.

7. Treasurer's Report

See the website.

Pauline still has to do some work on Gift Aid – retrospective up to 4 years. Some discussion about what can and can't be counted as Gift Aid, Pauline will bring some forms to the AGM.

ACTION: Pauline to add info about Gift Aid to Team App when confirmed

8. FHSA/FWG Update

Access to Harbour Office is now changed to FHSA trustees only and toilet is padlocked. Planning is coming on well for the Festival.

Flood Protection Scheme has been discussed and members are invited to the meeting to talk to the project management team.

ACTION: Pauline to add to Team App when we know when Project Team is coming to the Members meeting.

9. Boat repairs (Gaynor)

The situation with the Arch Store has become worse with the leak in the middle of the building returning. This means there is lots of water and the floor and some on the boat.

We turned Honesty on Saturday and started painting the outside of the boat on Sunday.

I have asked if we can get back into the building as the electrics are in conduits, but they are not for moving. However, uptake for a Sunday session has been good, so we are only down one session. Graham and Gaynor have been in during the day to keep things moving.

We hope to have Honesty out by the end of February and we hope to do a very quick turnaround for Steedie.

I will keep communicating with ELC and let everyone know.

10. AGM

27 April 2020 – In the bar, Fisherrow Yacht Club. 7pm for 7.30pm.

Agenda items – Gift Aid, Constitution, Boatshed update, new trustees, resume of the year from David, slideshow by Kate

Also – Sharon re merchandise

ACTION: Katie to book bar

11. Constitution

Wendy reviewed and agreed that when the club started this was the right constitution but we should move from one tier (all members are trustees) to two tier constitution (trustees and members are separate). There are some questions for the committee:

- Application for member – written & signed application form
- Withdrawal – just change to notice, doesn't need to be written
- Quorum of members for an AGM – 20%
- Chair should act as Chair of each meeting
- Take out Chair signing minutes
- Keep up to 10 trustees, minimum 5, 2 as co-opted
- At each AGM trustees stand down
- If there is a vote Chair has casting vote.
- Membership 16+

Purposes have all be kept the same. Wendy will draft a simple motion for the AGM.

ACTION: Wendy to make changes and pass to Pauline to check, who will pass to Katie for AGM circulation.

12. AOB

- Next social – potentially 28 March. David is checking with the Rugby Club to see if they have availability.
- Kari-Ann asked if we could take the Musselburgh Champs out. We can apply for funding so that they can go sailing and kayaking as well. Kari-Ann is working on the application with Gaynor.

13. DONM 9 March 2020 7pm