



COMMITTEE MEETING - 14 JANUARY 2014

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jennifer Fairnie, Graham Bennett and Quintin Pink.

2. Matters Arising

a. Membership Update

There are 30 paid up members and 58 people on the distribution list of regular updates. Discussion took place on whether the club is actively seeking new members.

It was agreed that Big Tent would be set up to manage attendance at rowing sessions and the sessions would revert to hour blocks to enable members to benefit from longer rows.

Action: Ronnie, Laura and Shaun

b. Finance Update

There is approximately £1,000 in the bank, with £500 owed to Quintin. It is thought that there will be enough income generated through rowing sessions to float the general running of the club. Ronnie advise that the insurance renewal is due in August 2014 and costs approximately £400.

A fundraiser will be required to raise funds to purchase additional goods such as safety equipment.

Discussion took place on potential fundraiser options and grant applications (Coop, Heritage Fund, Awards for All).

Action: Ronnie to add Jennifer to the bank account.

Action: Ronnie agreed to look into applying to the local Cooperative for funding and it was agreed to concentrate this on safety equipment.

c. Equipment update

Trolley

Thanks to David Banks was noted for his indispensable assistance in building the trolley to launch Honesty. Ronnie advised that there was potential to double up the wheels on one set of wheels if it was decided that further assistance was needed to move it easier on the sand.

Action: Trial the use of the trolley at low tide to inform the time limit of launching and recovering the boat before and after high tide.

Trailer

Discussion took place on immediate use of the trailer required for Foxlake and agreed to carry forward this issue to discuss at future meetings as currently there is sole reliance on one member to tow Honesty.

Safety Equipment

Discussion took place on items of safety equipment which were deemed high priority for the club to obtain, including; vhf radio, flares, anchor, first aid kit float and a re-arming kit for lifejackets.

Action: Shaun to look at costs associated with essential safety items.

Action: Laura to talk to Peter Darling about anchor which has previously been discussed.

Maintenance

It was thought that there were enough willing and able members to assist with maintenance when required but that thought should be given to a proactive maintenance calendar.

d. T-shirts/club branded clothing

Discussion took place on options and quotes received for club branded clothing, also on sail flags which could be placed on the beach when out rowing to help advertise the club.

Action: Ronnie to circulate quotes to all members in due course.

e. Burns Night

Laura advised that 15 members had indicated an interest in getting together for a social for Burns Night. Fisherrow Yacht Club had invited Eskmuthe to join their Burns Night, space dependent. Also discussed whether members would be interested in a social calendar.

Action: Laura to advise interested members of plans for Burns night in due course.

3. AOCB

Members talked about the potential for a second boat to be built. The funding and location for building the boat was discussed.

4. Date of Next meeting

To be arranged.