



COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY 16 JUNE 2014

1 Attendees and apologies

Attendees: Shaun Innes SI, Norman Rodger NR, Georgina Brown GB, Jennifer Fairnie JF, Freya Liddle FL

Apologies: Graham Bennett

2 Finance

Finance Update

JF provided an update on the club finances. It was noted that there were significant outgoings due soon, with insurance and harbour fees, however there was no concern regarding the finances.

Bank Account

JF confirmed that she now has the necessary authority for the bank account, although not yet receiving statements. JF will continue to follow this up.

Insurance

Insurance is due to be renewed in July 2014. SI confirmed that he has requested quotes from a number of insurers and researched insurance with other clubs. Current insurance cover is in line with other clubs, includes £3m liability.

3 Constitution and Committee

Constitution

The constitution was discussed. Everyone present agreed that as the constitution currently stands, parts are confusing and somewhat open to interpretation. It was decided that we would initiate contact with Benjay Barsanti, a Development Officer for the Community Sports Hub, East Lothian Council, who may be able to provide some independent advice as well as support the club.

Action: Freya contact Benjay and feedback to committee.

Committee

Having considered the constitution, it was agreed that we were within the constitution (section g) to co-opt one additional member. It was agreed that Committee members were content to continue without an official Chair until the AGM in November.

Action: Shaun to contact relevant member requesting them to join the committee until AGM.

Honorary Members

The Committee considered use of honorary membership. No decision was made.

4 Membership

Membership Cost

Discussion took place on membership prices/cost per row, including whether there should be any variation on price if member is a junior/concession/unemployed. It was generally thought that current prices were reasonable, however this would be explored further.

Action: All – speak to other clubs about their charges to members (considering comparability in terms of outgoings) and report back at next committee meeting.

Loyalty cards

There was discussion on whether the idea of a loyalty card may be helpful for members to purchase rowing 'credit' instead of remembering £2. It was agreed that a £20 loyalty card would be made, buy 10 rows get one free.

Action: Freya create loyalty cards and advertise to members

Juniors

SI confirmed that there was nothing in the insurance which specifies a minimum or maximum age for cover. It was noted that there had been interest from a number of young people in trying rowing/joining the club.

It was agreed that young people between the age of 12 years of age and 18 would be permitted to join the club. It was noted that other clubs had mentioned problems of becoming a crèche and also that no one had PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups scheme) certification. Under 18s would only be allowed to row under the direct supervision of their parent/guardian.

Action: All – speak to other clubs about their Junior 'policy' and clarify stance on Disclosure/PVG.

Temporary membership

As stated in the constitution, potential members are entitled to 3 taster rows, during which time they become a temporary member. It was decided that anyone who was a temporary member must complete a shortened membership form to ensure that full name, details of any medical conditions and emergency contact details are obtained.

Action: Shaun to amend membership form to create a Temporary Membership form and circulate to Committee.

Membership forms

It was noted that there were some paid up members where there is no trace of membership forms.

Action: Shaun (and delegation to other Committee members) to look at reconciling, creating database and a NOK detail sheet which should be kept with the lifejackets.

5 Regatta

SI provided update on attendees - Portobello, Boatie Blest confirmed attending. Anstruther and Pitenweem have also been invited.

Action: Freya to post event on Big Tent for Regatta meeting in 7 days and ask for ideas.

6 Safety

SI updated on Row Porty offer of help. Ali and Calum have offered to coach on technique, coxing, safety etc. GB noted that Row Porty website was a great source of information about coxing, etc etc

Action: Georgina to arrange with Row Porty.

7 AOCB

Honesty's First birthday – 17 August

It was decided that we would hold an event to mark Honesty's first birthday. Given its close proximity to the regatta it was agreed that only club members would be invited. Invite all historic people (boat builders etc). Details to be discussed further.

8 Date of next meeting

Next meeting is set for 21 July. FL confirmed that meetings had been set for the third Monday of every month and were in the Big Tent calendar.