



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club
Committee Meeting
Monday, June 14th, 2021, 7.45pm on Zoom**

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Club report and new members
4. Boatshed - builder, lease, money
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Boat maintenance - back in PG and trailer maintenance
7. AOB
8. DONM

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Gaynor Allen (Chair), David Lee, Pauline Crerar, Kari-Ann Johnston, Felicity Cameron, Georgina Brown

Apologies for Absence: Jude Durnan, Stewart Page

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved by Kari-Ann, seconded by Felicity

Correspondence: We have had some replies to the cancellation of our regatta, which does now look like the right decision.

3. Club report

We re-started rowing on Monday May 17th. Since then, we have had 27 sessions (by Saturday 12th) with 9 cancellations due to poor weather. We have also taken a family out to sea to scatter a loved one's ashes.

A total of 43 different club members (now 44) have already been out on the boat, most of them more than once. Everyone has been very enthusiastic and there has been a really good response from less experienced rowers to

being given clear instructions on technique. The standard of rowing has been very good.

Also, everyone has followed the Covid-19 guidelines well - although I think we all hope we will be able to ease them soon. Wendy has been very clear in her guidance as Covid officer and will continue to monitor the latest guidance closely and provide advice to the committee and wider club.

We will start offering some training sessions, alongside social rows.

We have had yet more inquiries about joining the club (now 20+ in total) and will start bringing new people in, as we have a responsibility as a community club to give everyone a chance to row if they want to. All the potential new members will get an email asking if they are still interested and offering them a chance to row in a session in June/July.

We will initially have one new rower' session per weekend on each of these weekends, split into 2 x 40-45 minute sessions, with 5-10 minutes of chat at the start and 30-35 minutes' rowing (which is enough for new starts). Two experienced club rowers would row in stroke and No 3 for the whole session, with 2 new rowers swapping over in bow and 2 in each 'half-session' when the boat returns to the harbour mid-session to be cleaned down. New rowers would be told about Covid protocols before going out.

This would give us a chance to assess quite a number of new rowers pretty quickly (4 per weekend) and figure out which ones are enthusiastic about rowing - while only taking 2 seats out of the boat per week. We will give all new rowers a chance before inviting anyone back. David will lead on this and come up with a simple check-list of what we should tell new rowers, so there is consistency. It would be good if the first set of sessions are middle sessions so there is an opportunity to concentrate on the new rowers and not have to go through the whole malarkey of getting the boat in or out.

Ciara has been added to the coxes' list. Fox is a cox in training, Jane will do more, and Andy is keen.

Life jackets: With life jackets now only needed to be quarantined for 24 hours (on Wendy's advice), David will take care of the life jackets and bags in the near future.

Covid-19 guidelines

Wendy advises that:

- there is no requirement for coxes to wear a mask, but this needs to be in agreement with the stroke rower;
- there is no need to wear a mask once we are on the slipway because that is in the 'field of play bubble';

- we only need to quarantine club lifejackets for 24 hours after they have been worn.

However, she has advised against large club gatherings until restrictions are eased.

Regattas

We are signed up for Queensferry (August 22nd) & North Berwick (August 28th) but there is still uncertainty over whether they will take place.

4. Boatshed/boat repairs

We have the opportunity to take Honesty into Prestongrange for a short period, to repair the gouges on her underside - and look at what to do with the oars after one bow side oar broke and another one cracked.

Boatshed

Another builder says he cannot do it until next year, but Graham has found a builder to give us a quote;

The 'Durisol builder' is still too expensive - but is having a look at his costs. If it's not him, we are unlikely to be able to have an element of self-build.

With all the additional expenses, we are likely to need an additional £40,000-£50,000 for any builder). We will apply to East Lothian Council's Community Fund for Capital Spend

(and could also apply to Musselburgh Area Partnership).

Gaynor & Felicity to chat about new funding applications.

Lease: George did loads of work to clarify the measurements and lease was agreed. We have a date of June 25th for signing the lease, but need to look at the insurance first. When we have that, we can do the site investigations. [The lease has now been signed but we are still waiting for final clarity on the insurance]

5. Treasurer's report

We had £11,833 in the bank at the end of May, and it is now over 12k; David will catch up with Pauline on memberships and chase people up - and chase up people who don't have a card and are not paying £3 for rows/rowfit.

Gaynor & Pauline will check on life jacket payments (this is now done)

6. Trailer maintenance

Stewart has agreed to look after the trailers, and they will be regularly applied with WD40 and grease (by Claire). The underside of Honesty has been damaged because the boat is getting in the gap either side of the back roller. Stewart is suggesting that we remove that roller.

George suggested we could switch the trailers so the boat we are using is on Steedie's trailer, which is better for launching.

Gaynor will speak to Ed about covering the seats in canvas.

Pauline will order 2 of the original wheel-locks, which will be regularly looked after. [now done]

7. AOB

8. DONM Monday 12th July 2021