



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 10 May, 7.30pm
Fisherrow Yacht Club**

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Kate, Pauline, David, Gaynor (Chair), Sandra, Helen, Katie (Minutes), George

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

Sandra proposed, George seconded

[All other matters arising covered in agenda]

Radio course – FYC becoming RYA registered, so they will deliver course and this will open to ERC.

Helen had initial meeting with Sported – they're suggesting we develop a long-term strategy

Committee members who are PVG checked – 6 have, 1 pending, 1 not.

Yarn bombing didn't go ahead due to vandalism of previous display. Might be considered using boat for Musselburgh Festival instead.

Agreed – code of conduct, will be circulated to members for comments.

ACTION: Helen to buy tent & check whether taster sessions for young people covered by insurance

ACTION: (carry forward) Helen to draft documents for Code of Conduct/health and safety/child protection/financial procedures

ACTION: (carry forward) Katie to merge AGM documents and add as a DRAFT to Big Tent

ACTION: Gaynor to follow up with Norman re inventory

ACTION: Katie to add CoC to BT as draft in discussion and files, ask for comments (pass at next meeting)

ACTION: David to add to new rowers' guide and circulate

3. Correspondence

Sported – regular updates with with Veronica by phone and email

ACTION: Gaynor and Helen to complete OSCR annual review

4. Treasurer's report

The club still has residual funds from Awards for All. As we have a healthy overall balance, Helen suggests we look at general funds and start to plan ahead.

5. Membership Secretary's report

After the recent surge, with 7 members joining in 2 weeks, we are now sitting at 50 members - the highest membership since Eskmuthe was founded in 2013. This is largely down to the Audacious Women event and the taster session, as well as social media and visibility at the harbour due to regular rowing sessions.

As always, we have members who have 'disappeared' and are not rowing any more. We have probably 10-12 people who currently fit into this category.

Committee considered whether, given the number of new members recently, we should be actively recruiting more members now. **AGREED** - Put on hold for now given current levels and retain profile,

but no specific recruitment drive. Focus on training current members. There are still taster sessions to come at Fisherrow Family Fun Day, so that may bring some interest.

6. Club Captain's report

Another month with lots of rowing and the two boats getting out together for some sessions which is always good to see. Notable events this month were the "On the water" Coxes training which was a useful day. One boat practicing the "Man overboard" procedure, using a buoy until the water gets a bit warmer, and also deploying the anchor. The second boat took some new coxes out and gave them the chance to practice commands and steering the boat. Thanks to everyone who came along. We'll rerun these sessions every six weeks or so and also try to give as many people as possible coxing experience when we're out on normal rowing sessions.

The second event of note was the morning of taster sessions. This went well with a mixture of newbies and a few people from the Audacious women event coming along to have a go at rowing on the sea. Quite a few people joined after the morning so it was a real success.

The taster sessions for Musselburgh Grammar didn't go ahead for a number of reasons but are going to be rescheduled for the beginning of the autumn term.

Right on cue at the end of April the wind switched round to the east so we'll have some rolling waves to row over and some big surf on the beaches for the new few weeks.

Really need more coxes who are happy to take boat out. Could buddy up. Skills audit can help with this.

ACTION: George to plan another cox's session, and to consider the best way to identify, train, develop coxes

ACTION: ALL to consider best approach to training coxes/what criteria needed, & bring to meeting

7. Sub Committees

Boat Shed update – Helen got in touch with ELC to ask about lease, at this point no further action possible as they want to hold off until implications of feasibility study are clear. Seeking a face to face meeting.

Other potential committees should include wider club members - **AGREED**

Fundraising: small scale so far, but may get bigger with Boat Shed. Bring back to committee after summer.

8. Survey

16 responses so far, it will be left open for a bit longer, and we can action at next meeting.

ACTION: David to mention in his next newsletter to members

ACTION: Pauline to put on BT

9. Regattas

All dates and links for other regattas on BT.

George asked for advice from North Berwick about community event. Ask for teams, max 8, each 3 training sessions with their cox. Run races, handicap system.

AGREED: Community event not practical for ERC in 2017, but plan to do in 2018. Could still hold regatta but more relaxed, and hold at lagoons. Event at lagoons this Sunday would give indication if this is possible. .

ACTION: Those at lagoons to consider whether this would work for a regatta and discuss by email.

10. Merchandise

Tent and flags can be ordered and logos added.

Merchandise website - prices have been agreed with Helen, Charley to go back to them to confirm. We'll stick with current type of things you can buy to trial it for now.
Pauline suggested water bottles/car stickers for future which can be kept in storage. **Agreed:** To be added as stage 2.

ACTION: Helen to follow up on merchandising website

11. Data Protection

Steps need to be taken to ensure data protection

ACTION: David to remove people who are no longer members from BT

ACTION: George to check if all details can be hidden from members on BT

ACTION: George/David/Gaynor to meet and check membership info is up to date

12. Website

All very keen to have website.

ACTION: Kate/Katie to meet and look at content.

ACTION: All to send ideas to Kate/Katie

13. AOB

Kate interested in making a video about the club **AGREED**

Rotas for cleaning boat, testing life jackets etc **AGREED**

Rota for coxing?

ACTION: All to discuss at next meeting.

ACTION: David discuss on BT

Gaynor to do safety boat training

Discussed having longer period between meetings? Keep monthly, miss July. **AGREED**

ACTION: Pauline to circulate skills matrix.

ACTION: Membership Sec/Captain joint: keep monthly. Change to 1/4ly Finance reports

14. DONM:

Monday 5 June 7pm Fisherrow Yacht Club