



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club Committee Meeting
Monday 14 May 2018, 7pm
Fisherrow Yacht Club**

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Georgina Brown, David Lee, Gaynor Allen, Pauline Crerar, Graham Irvine, Helen Greene, Katie Swann.

Apologies: Stewart Page

2. Minutes

Minutes approved: David & Seconded: George

3. Matters arising

Recent event - Social Fun Day. There was some confusion about what this day was for – should have been clearer that it was for current members rather than new rowers. Conditions were challenging, and we need to prepare more for any taster sessions. Could have an event late Sept, early Oct for club only.

Row with Yacht Club – Need a mid-day high tide, but most of these options are already booked for regattas. Watch this space.

4. Election of Office Bearers

Chair – Gaynor

Treasurer – Helen

Secretary – Katie

Club Captain – George

Membership Secretary - Pauline

5. Captain's Report

After Beasts from the East and gales for much of March, the April weather settled down enough for us to manage some lovely still, warm rows and a bit of training.

David got us sorted into teams for the Port Seton regatta and we had a weekend of fast two-minute sprints and imaginary buoy turns. The regatta proper was on Sat 28th April, the first one of the season and the first ever regatta for a number of people in the club. A fun day as ever, jam packed with races with some good performances from team Eskmuthe.

The coxes had a get together on 1st May for a catch up and discussion and plans will be made soon to get new people who are keen to learn to cox out on the water.

Eastern had a fantastic evening for the launch of their new skiff Sprite on 7th May. We rowed along to meet up with the Eastern and Porty skiffs, give the new boat a salute and have a bit of chat on the beach.

On 8th May we took the local scouts out for some rowing sessions. We had a good turnout of club members to help, which makes a real difference and the evening went well. The boys seemed to enjoy it and there are definitely a few potential talents in there for the future.

May 13th - After a last-minute invite 7 of us took Steddie down to Lindisfarne to do circumnavigation of the island, or rather an attempted one, with the boats from Amble. It was a bit of an adventure and David has written a fabulous piece about the day to go with Kate's brilliant photographs. See link below.

https://www.eskmutherowingclub.org.uk/uploads/1/0/6/9/106958837/causeway_to_heaven.pdf

Thanks, and well done to Pauline for stepping in to cox both rowing sessions at home that day. So, a good month with lots going on and a few new members joining us as well. Let's hope the rest of the year is as successful.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Membership update: 38 fully paid, 7 not paid yet but re-joining. 3 honorary members, plus 2 potential new members and 4 not sures.

7. Regattas

South Queensferry – training in hand, everyone who is attending is signed up for a session. Followed by Portobello, Newhaven then Eskmuthe. David to email club members to take on specific tasks. Need to confirm race order, but there will be 8 'normal' races (800m) with all 8 boats, then a longer race and a novelty race.

ACTION: David to email members re specific jobs for Eskmuthe Regatta

ACTION: Graham to check with ELC re access to carpark

ACTION: Pauline/Gaynor to speak to Sizzlers and let them know it's on.

ACTION: Katie/Helen to look for sponsorship and raffle prizes, and compile 'shopping list' of offers for prospective funders.

8. Row up North

Being planned. Currently looking at Findhorn and Loch Ness.

9. Boatshed

The Architect has been injured in a bike accident. Graham, Richard and Rebecca joined the group. Helen has drafted terms of reference and will circulate. Committee agreed in principle to go for pre-planning application. May be impacted by Quay planning permission. Suggestion that Council could build and club could lease back, like cricket pavilion and tennis clubhouse. Sub group to discuss at next meeting.

ACTION: Helen to circulate ToR.

10. ECRC representation – Fisherrow Harbour and Seafront Association

Agreed that George would be the contact.

ACTION: George to be the contact for FHSA.

11. Forward Planning for 2018

Some areas emerging for consideration:

- Cascading the development weekend
- Training events eg regular 'new members' events (open to all)
- Cox's training
- Rowing techniques
- Code of Conduct/Governance

ACTION: Katie to add Code of Conduct to next agenda

12. AOB

Need a list of committee members to be added to website – **ACTION:** Katie to pass to Kate.

Also need to be added to template for register of trustees.

Gaynor and Pauline attend the Water Quality Group and will encourage members and others to report any issues to 24/7 helpline.

Flash rowing – George will keep an eye open for opportunities, mainly in the evening.

13. DONM

Mon 11 June FYC 7pm

Mon 9 July FYC 7pm