



**Eskmuthe Community Rowing Club
Committee Meeting
Monday, May 10, 2021, 8pm on Zoom**

- 1. Welcome and apologies**
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting**
- 3. Actions update**
- 4. Correspondence – Dunbar (seats),**
- 5. Club report/Covid-19 response and planning/getting back on the water**
- 6. Eskmuthe Regatta**
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
- 8. Boatshed - builder, lease, money**
- 9. Boat maintenance - seats, padlocks, moving the boat, planters**
- 10. AGM**
- 11. Membership renewal**
- 12. AOB**
- 13. DONM**

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies

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

Apologies for Absence: Jude Durnan, Stewart Page

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved. Proposed by David, seconded by Pauline.

3. Actions update

All actions are covered in the minutes.

4. Correspondence

Dunbar have taken one of our Smartie seats to template it.

5. Club report

Barring an unexpected turn of events, we should be back on the water on Monday May 17th. A group of coxes will go out on the evening high tide on the 17th to re-acquaint themselves with what needs to be done to comply with Covid-19 guidance - and see if they can still row and cox!

Wendy Barber has taken over from George as the club's Covid-19 officer and has reviewed all guidance.

Her advice is that we resume rowing very much as we did last year, with our own guidance slightly simplified. This means taking relevant precautions in line with SCRA guidance to limit the risk of spreading the virus - such as wearing masks and maintaining social distance before we enter (and after we leave) the 'field of play bubble', and cleaning the boat after each session.

The coxes met on May 3rd to discuss returning to rowing and agreed the following specific points:

- * There is nothing in any guidance to stop coxes rowing in one session and coxing another on the same day - so we will allow this;
 - * A rower can stay on for a second session if another rower drops out late or fails to turn up;
 - * Coxes should still wear a mask. The stroke rower can remove their mask if both the stroke and cox agree;
 - * Coxes will continue to keep a record of rows, so we have full details available in the event of a Covid case;
 - * We will only take out one boat for now as we think a 'soft' start will be better and we have limited numbers of life jackets, as they need to be quarantined after one use for several days. It will be social rowing for now too;
 - * Non-coxes should still only put down for one session in a weekend;
- All the above will be kept under regular review, based on any updated SCRA guidance. The revised guidance will be shared with club members by David.

8 sessions have already been posted for the first week back and more will follow. All are full.

We have had another 3 or 4 people asking to go on the waiting list since the last meeting, so after bedding back in, we will have to consider carefully how to balance our role as an open, inclusive club - and bringing in new members safely and sensibly.

Gaynor thanked George for her brilliant work as Club Captain and Covid-19 officer, as she has indicated she would like to stand down - but will remain on the committee.

6. Eskmuthe regatta

We have decided to cancel the Eskmuthe regatta planned for July 24th. It's a huge undertaking and feels like too much of a risk, especially as we need

to focus on getting back to rowing, and on the boatshed - and time is tight. We will think about doing a club-only event/fun day in the summer.

7. Treasurer's report

We have £10,699.84 in the bank;

We need to have a specific sum of money in the bank designated to the boatshed to meet funding requirements, so it was agreed to move over £5,000.

Gaynor will ask Kate if its OK not to have the Twitter feed on the website as it seems like an unnecessary £50 to spend.

The £130 originally given to Resilient Musselburgh, then returned, has been re-allocated to East Lothian Foodbank, as agreed at the last meeting.

It was agreed to buy two new sets of 4 life-jackets. 3 club members have asked for a personal one, including Michelle, but it was agreed that the club would pay for it, to thank her for running row fit sessions every Saturday for many months).

8. Boatshed

Gaynor said that with funding in place, we were now concentrating on finalising the lease and building warrant - and appointing a builder. We hope to get a quote very soon from the builder who is happy to allow club members to build with the Durisol blocks.

There is an issue over the dimensions given on the lease not quite matching the space. Our solicitor has asked East Lothian Council for a site visit.

On the building warrant, Chris (architect) should be able to provide all the information needed by Gordon (structural engineer) so he can do ground investigations;

Diarmid has drawn up a very helpful schedule to illustrate what needs to happen when.

9. Boat maintenance

All but one of the new seats are in the boats, we have two new padlocks and the boats need to be moved slightly to get on a bigger dinghy ring;

Gaynor will email the Fisherrow Harbour & Seafront Association to ask for a planter to be moved so we can get the boat out and on to the slipway.

10. AGM

The AGM will be held in October so the new committee can reflect on the season and plan for 2022 - including....

SkiffieWorlds

We have booked enough accommodation for 24 club members, which will allow space for new people.

We will set up a sub-committee to do all the planning.

RowAround

Our section of the delayed RowAround Scotland is on Thursday 26th August. There is a plan for a RowAround micro-plastics trawl but the 2 nets need to be moved around the clubs, so the date we can do it is unknown.

Five Miles from Home is an opportunity to take part in big events like Castle to Crane in home waters - David will check it out and feed back.

11. Membership

We will ask members to pay their fees from the return to rowing day (17th May), to run for a year. They will stay at £30, £20 unwaged.

David will send out membership forms this week.

12. AOB

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 15th June (provisional) - both Gaynor and Pauline are unavailable on Monday 14th.