

CUCBC Captains' Meeting Lent Term 2016 – Minutes

Date: Thursday 14th January 2016

Time: 1805-1835

Location: Audit Room, King's College

Attendees: David Munday (CUCBC Chair), Michael Thornton (CUCBC Hon Sec), Mark Jacobs (CUCBC Safety), Robert Nimmo (CUCBC committee), College Club Captains

1 Apologies

Clare Hall Women

Homerton (Absent)

ARU (Absent)

2 Acceptance of Minutes

DM: Comments on published minutes?

No Comments

DM: Minutes Accepted

3 Early Morning Marshalling Protocol

MT: There is no "kit" anymore. Captains responsible for ensuring relevant sheets printed and handed to their EMMs to fill in. Sheets to be handed in at Trinity Porters' Lodge, for Michael Thornton's pigeon hole (mentioning CUCBC just complicates things).

4 Early Morning Traffic Restrictions

MT: Guidance document has been distributed. Any comments or questions?

No comments

MT: Who has actually read the guidance document?

Show of hands – almost everybody

Wolfson: If you boat some time after lighting down, but within the first 15', can you spin at the bottom of the Reach?

MT: So long as you're not spinning within the first 15'.

Fitzwilliam: Our W1 contains several novices. It's not sensible for them to row off all 8. Could we change the rule to allow rowing in 4s for a few weeks? Any other suggestions?

MJ: Wait until after the first 15'.

St. Catharine's: Trouble pushing off with 8s coming past paddling full crew.

MT: Push off on time. This rule is about getting serious crews down to the lock in time to go over. In previous years had to sit in traffic and then been 5'/10' minutes too late to get over the lock and get back for 9AM commitments.

MJ: Inevitably there will be some issues whilst we adjust. Would be good to see spirit of co-operation – slower crews letting faster crews overtake easily once on to the reach. Main intention is to get traffic moving. Use common sense.

Fitz: Possible change: rowing in 4s until the end of the boathouses.

Magdalene: Probably won't be going all 8 around the boathouses anyway as traffic increases.

MJ: Rule came from the captains; committee not averse to tweaking it as required.

MJ: Whilst training in squads at the start of term, a yellow flag means you can send out as many 8s as yellow flag would otherwise allow e.g. FaT 2 men's boats, 1 women's boat; Emmanuel 1 men's boat, 1 women's boat. Don't send out fours that can't handle the conditions. Yellow flag is not a license to boat. We've already had one incident of a four out that couldn't handle the conditions. Let's not have a repeat situation.

5 Changes to Normal Race Calendar

MT: Pembroke Regatta brought forward to 06/02/2016 as conservancy now standing against rowing events closing the river on both Saturdays and Sundays. Robinson Head put back to 12/02/16 to compensate.

DM: Conservancy also inclined to give preference to whoever asks for the closure first so best to be organised.

MT: May be sensible to have a meeting of the race secretaries once a year to arrange provisional dates for the following year and discuss issues.

6 Declaration of Eligibility Exceptions

MT: Captains voted to change eligibility requirements for non-student members of college. Senior Committee asked for details of non-student roles that colleges might have. They haven't received any information yet. Deadline for that information and names of requests to me by 2359 25th January.

Expecting information from Darwin, St. Edmund's, Jesus, Clare Hall, Selwyn, Churchill and Wolfson.

MT: Declarations of dual college membership?

Hughes Hall – Kevin Heffernan (currently at Jesus)

Darwin – Ida Sognnaes (currently at Emmanuel)

Emma – Konrad Viebahn (currently at Trinity)

Clare Hall –

First and Third – Zoe Wible (currently at Corpus Christi)

Robinson – Valentin Ivanov (currently at St. Edmund's)

MT: Please email to confirm names.

7 Lent Bumps

DM: Tuesday 23rd to Saturday 27th February. 7 divisions with the caveat that significant delays to training due to bad weather may cause that to be reduced to 6 divisions 4 days. Senior Committee will review the situation after the close of entries. The 12 outing rules stands as is.

MJ: When signing Declaration Forms: If crews have not managed 12 outings by the GoR, very welcome to race for Time Only with no refund.

DM: Entry Deadline is 2345 Friday 29th January.

MT: £40/crew as last year.

DM: Racing the full course unless any issues develop with the midsummer common bank.

Mark: A brief history of the short course issue. Marshalling on the Towpath side, even if the full course is in operation.

Unknown: Will the women be racing to men's top finish?

MT: Yes.

Unknown: Deadline for 12 outings?

MJ: Extenuating Circumstances => Email Mark directly. 12th outing can be the GoR. If you're close and will make 12 by bumps, talk to Mark before scratching. If you've only completed 6 outings it's unlikely that you'll manage it.

8 AOB

DM: If you have a collision with a moored boat etc. please apologise. Most common complaints include the phrase "and they didn't stop".

Unknown: Shout sorry even if you don't see anybody.

RN: Who would be interested in CUCBC organising an experienced tideway cox giving a presentation about HERR/WeHERR?

Show of hands – practically everybody

RN: Should only cost a few pounds per cox with that many. Is this ok.

Show of hands – practically everybody agrees

RN: Who would be interested in encouraging club coxes to attend a brief and non-compulsory talk on coxing in more challenging conditions e.g. stream?

Show of hands- practically everybody

DM: Stream looking potentially high for a while.

Unknown: Can we boat upstream if there is significant stream?

MT: Yes

Unknown: Can we spin "above" the spinning zone if there is significant stream?

MT: Yes. That would be encouraged.

MJ: There's a difference between spinning ahead of 8 crews and sensibly avoiding the weir. Use common sense.

DM: Date of the next meeting is provisionally set for Saturday 20th February.