



O U R C s

Minutes For Captains' Meeting
Monday 1st Week Michaelmas Term 2007
8pm Magdalen Auditorium

1. Apologies For Absence

- a. Alice Millest (OUWLRC)
- b. Simon Ho (OURCs)

2. Minutes Of The Last Meeting

Available At (<http://www.ourcs.org.uk/?content=ourcs/captains%20meetings/index.php>)

3. Matters Arising

No matters were raised.

4. Squad Reports

a. OUWLRC

- Successful summer season, combining with OUWBC
- Won both days of Met Regatta in S3 eights.
- Won Intermediate Eights at Women's Henley
- Narrowly missed qualification for Henley Royal.
- Won silver in open eights at National Championships (beating the tabs).
- Two athletes won BUSA lightweight pairs and narrowly missed out on a medal at the European Universities Championship in Brieve.
- Trialling began 16th September with a young but strong and enthusiastic squad.
- Training going well and seeking revenge on 1st April.

b. OUWBC

- Core group from Boat Race winning squads joined by development squad.
- BUSA seniors won 2 golds and 1 silver.
- Development won 1 gold and 1 bronze.
- Won Met regatta S3 8+ on both days and S2 4+ on Sunday.
- Thanks to all captains for putting forward names of potential athletes.
- Won intermediate eights at Henley Women's Regatta with lightweights.
- Coxed four won bronze and the National Champs with the margin between the top three crews 0.8s.
- Trailing began on 16th September with strong start.
- First event Pairs Head, following that will be national squad trials, indoor erg champs, Fours Head and Wallingford Head.
- Please still encourage potential athletes to get involved, it doesn't matter that they've missed the start.
- Next 7 months should be successful in preparing to defend the title against the tabs.

c. OULRC

- Successful boat race last year.
- Two athletes were part of U23 lightweight coxless four at World Student Championships.
- Andy Nelder has left his position as coach and OULRC are currently recruiting a replacement.

- Trialling has now started with national erg champs, Wallingford head and Bedford head some of the likely regattas.

d. OUBC

- Last year won the boat race but lost the Isis/Goldie race so aiming to put it right.
- Most athletes went off to national squads.
- Barney Williams & Paul Daniels won the Nickall's Challenge Cup.
- Large array of athletes took part in the World Championships.
- Over the summer gained new staff in Andy Nelder and Pat Lockley.

5. Introduction Of The ARA Div Rep

6. Elections

a. Ellie Nicholson to Secretary

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)
Seconded: Tom Mercer (OURCs)

Ellie Nicholson stood up and was introduced to the Captains, no questions were asked.

Ellie Nicholson overwhelmingly elected as the OURCs Secretary

b. Judy Gleen to Ordinary Member (Re-Election)

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)
Seconded: Tom Mercer (OURCs)

Judy Gleen (JG) overwhelmingly elected as to the OURCs Committee

c. Tom Fowler to Ordinary Member

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)
Seconded: Tom Mercer (OURCs)

Tom Fowler overwhelmingly elected as to the OURCs Committee

7. Announcements

a. COUR Meeting

Rich Stock (RS), OURCs, pointed out that there was a COUR meeting coming up on 23rd October and that currently none of the issues on the agenda were of concern to OURCs or the captains.

b. Affiliation Fees

The treasurer noted that the affiliation fee this year would be £16 per crew qualified for Eights 2006.

8. Transfers

a. Emily Adams – St. Peter's to St. Edmund Hall

Emily Adams is a former Teddy Hall rower for the 2004-2005 season and during that time studied for a PGCE in college. She is now on a fast-track medical course, but as Teddy Hall does not offer that course she has had to apply to St Peters.

Proposed: Anna Heimbichner (St. Edmund Hall)
Seconded: William Brownscombe (St. Edmund Hall)

Anna Heimbichner (AH) spoke briefly and explained that Emily Adams had put in an open application for which she'd been allocated to St. Peter's. The St. Peter's captains had been informed of the transfer.

Motion Overwhelming Passed

b. Sarah Buckley – Green to Queen's College

Sarah finished her undergraduate degree at Queen's last year and is now a graduate at Green and Women's Captain at Queens.

Proposed: Nick Fosh (Queen's)
Seconded: Elizabeth Killick (Green)

Sarah Buckley explained that she had been allocated to Green as she couldn't do the course she wanted at Queen's and that Green College were happy to support the transfer.

Motion Overwhelming Passed

9. Constitutional Amendments

a. C6.1 (Membership of College Boat Clubs)

Change C6.1 from:

"Within these rules, members of College X shall be restricted to those in possession of a valid University ID card listing affiliation to College X and status of one of: Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Visiting Student, Associate Students, Staff or Congregation; with status to be deemed to have terminated prior to...."

To:

"With regards to OURCs, members of College X shall be restricted to those in possession of a valid University ID card listing affiliation to College X as a student or member of the Congregation as defined in the University Statutes; with such status to be deemed to have terminated prior to..."
[continue as previously]

Proposed: Sarah Tiller (Christ Church)

Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Sarah Tiller (ST) said that they were University events and such should be for the students not for the staff.

Robin Ejsmond-Frey (REF), OUBC, asked for clarification on what she meant at which ST explained it a bit better with some help from JG.

Will Randall, Trinity, asked whether this rule change would mean they couldn't have staff as associate members. ST said that staff would still be able to row as associate members.

Malcolm Spencer (MS), St. Catherine's, asked whether this would stop visiting students rowing and was told no.

Danielle Fountain (DF), Pembroke, asked what the motive was for the transfer unless someone was going to get Matt Pinsent as a cleaner. Also suggested this would harm smaller clubs and that we should be encouraging as many people as possible to row.

JG explained people were hanging around getting jobs and porters etc with the intention to row blocking development of other rowers which is against the spirit of the rules.

DF suggested it was down to each individual captain to make a decision and JG pointed out the obvious flaw in that.

Maria Galindo, ChCh, noted that really it should be the challenge of running a boat club to train new freshers up.

AH asked if people previously eligible to row could transfer and JG said yes anyone could still apply to the Captains for a transfer.

ST pointed out that a previous motion with the same intention mainly failed due to poor timing with people already having trained as part of a crew all year which is why it was better to do this at the start of the year.

Rebecca Ting, St. Edmund Hall staff, complained to the Captains that she wanted to row for SEH cause she'd trained hard to go head.

ST pointed out if people feel so much about a club they can still row for them at external events just not university events.

REF got bored and called for a vote.

For: 26

Against: 28

Abstentions: 5

Motion Failed

10. Other Motions

a. Autumn Fours

At the last meeting, it was agreed that Autumn Fours 2006 will run as side by side racing instead of the usual head race. The captains agree that the rules will be as such (on top of the normal OURCs rules of racing):

1. There will be two separate knockout competitions for Men's 4+ (Four Oars Challenge Cup) and Women's 4+ (OUWBC Cup).
2. The course will run from Longbridges to the Bumps stone down a buoyed course with two different stations: County and City.
3. Stations will be drawn at random in each round and notified to crews via marshals.
4. Finishes will be judged by bows and the winning crew will proceed to the next round.
5. Crews must remain in their lane and will be disqualified if they leave it.
6. In the event of a klaxon, the race committee reserves the right to award the race to a crew if it feels they had an insurmountable lead. Alternatively the Senior Umpire may restart the race from any position on the course they see fit.
7. If a crew wishes to appeal then the cox must raise their arm on crossing the finish line.
8. Crews on the boathouse island must boat from rafts below Exeter Boat House and land on rafts above it to prevent congestion in the transit lane.
9. The Race Secretary reserves the right to limit entries should time restraints make this necessary.

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)
Seconded: Tom Mercer (OURCs)

RS explained what was going on and no one had any questions.

Motion Overwhelming Passed

- b. Chapter 6 (Other Regattas On The Isis) Re-Write
Change Chapter 6 to the following to help clarify requirements to event organisers.

"OURCs regulations for other regattas on the Isis

O1. Event Planning

Permission must be sought for the event to happen from the Proctors and Environment Agency at least four weeks before the events. This will require the sending of an event plan and suitable risk assessment to both bodies. The Proctors will also require proof that the event is insured. Advice on event plans, risk assessment and insurance is available via the ASO (Sport) or Rowing Sabbatical.

If access to the boathouses through Christ Church meadow is required, permission should be sought from The Treasurer at Christ Church at least six weeks before the event.

Other local river users must also be notified of the event (a list of whom is available from the Rowing Sabbatical).

O2. Permission for River Closure

The Organisers must ask permission for a river closure from a Captains' Meeting. During a river closure, no crew is allowed on the river except those permitted by competition rules.

O3. Cancellation

If the event does not live up to the safety plan, then the OURCs Secretary and Rowing Sabbatical have the right to cancel the event in the interests of safety.

O4. Organisers' Obligations

Organisers are required to publish a full set of rules and the safety plan for their event online before the closing date for entries. They may include some or all of the OURCs Rules of Racing or Rules for Bumping Races, but must clearly identify which sections are to apply."

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)
Seconded: Tom Mercer (OURCs)

Again RS explained what was going on and there were no questions.

Motion Overwhelming Passed

11. River Closures

- a. Autumn Fours

Request for a river closure on the 2nd November from 12pm to dusk.

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)
Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Motion Overwhelming Passed

- b. Isis Winter League
 Request for river closures on the 18th October, 12th November, 19th November, 28th January and 18th February from 12pm to dusk. Should racing finish early then the committee will attempt to open the river to training crews.
 Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)
 Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)
Motion Overwhelming Passed
- c. Christ Church Regatta
 Request for river closures on the 22nd-25th November from 9am to dusk, Wednesday to Friday and from 7am to dusk on Saturday.
 Proposed: Simon Billett (OURCs)
 Seconded: Rich Stock (OURCs)
Motion Overwhelming Passed
- d. Nephthys Head and Regatta
 OULRC request a river closure for Nephthys Head on Friday of 6th Week (1pm till dusk) and for Nephthys Regatta on Saturday 6th Week (9am till dusk).
 Proposed: James Stanier (OULRC)
 Seconded: Rich Stock (OURCs)
Motion Overwhelming Passed
- e. Oriel Mini-Regatta
 Oriel request a river closure between 14.30 and 16.30 on Saturday of 5th week for the purpose of a mini-regatta between Oriel freshers, first boats and old boys and girls.
 Proposed: Sarah Coates (Oriel)
 Seconded: Thomas Barke (Oriel)

The exact date was stated by Sarah Coates (SC), Oriel, as 11th November.

Simon Billett, OURCs, pointed out that the ChCh Regatta organisers were concerned about the lack of river time available to crews in the lead up to the event.

SC said that it was only two hours but JG pointed out that it could well be the regular training time of a crew.

Kate Beard, Jesus, said that it was prime time for training before Christ Church.

Alice Motion (AM), OURCs, said that St. Hilda's ran a similar event last year but just dodged crews.

JG said why they couldn't just go through the lock and questions were raised as to a change in time.

For: 3

Against: Overwhelming

Motion Failed

12. A.O.B.

- a. Torpids DVD
 AM proposed that OURCs via the Rowing Sabbatical should hassle Matt Elliott with regards production of the Torpids 2006 DVD.
 Proposed: Alice Motion (OURCs)
 Seconded: Judy Gleen (OURCs)
Motion Overwhelming Passed
- b. Coxing Registration
 RS reminded the Captains that there was a coxing registration meeting on Wednesday.
- c. Incident Reports
 RS reminded the Captains that incident reports should be sent to him.
- d. Capsize Drills

MS enquired about when the next OURCs capsize drill would be. RS replied that he was currently organising one, hopefully for 3rd week.