



O U R C s

Minutes For Captains' Meeting
Thursday 6th Week Michaelmas Term 2006
8pm Bernard Sunley Lecture Theatre, St. Catherine's College

1. Apologies For Absence

- a. Robin Ejsmond-Frey (OUBC)
- b. Alice Motion (OURCs)

2. Minutes Of The Last Meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Squad Reports

- a. OUWLRC
 - Entered the National Indoor Championships with a number of athletes scoring personal bests.
 - Looking forward to Fours Head, 3 boats entered looking for pennants.
 - First race of the season against Cambridge.
- b. OUBWC
 - Successful start to the season at Pairs Head winning three divisions.
 - One athlete went to National Squad Trials coming 21st in the Open Woman's 5k sculling trial having successfully completed the 2k erg test on Saturday.
 - Nearly all the squad did the National Indoor Rowing Championships: 5 athletes came in the top ten with Grace Riekenberg taking the silver medal.
 - Looking forward to Fours Head with five boats entered (thanks to Balliol for a boat).
 - Next events: Wallingford Head, National Squad Trials then winter training camp.
 - New sponsors: Merrill Lynch.
- c. OULRC
 - Competed in the National Indoor Rowing Championships.
 - Squad cut down to 21 athletes.
 - Running Nephthys Regatta next week.
 - Trial Eights: 16th December.
 - Training Camp early next year.
- d. OUBC
 - 5 boats in the Fours Head.
 - Looking forward to a good race having spent a number of weekends training in Caversham.
 - First race against Cambridge.
 - Didn't enter Indoor Championships but did 2k ergs the week before which were in general 5/6 seconds quicker than last year.
 - Looking forward to Trial Eights.

5. Elections

- a. Tom Fowler (St. Anne's) to IWL Secretary
Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)
Seconded: Ellie Nicholson (OURCs)

Motion Overwhelming Passed

b. Judy Gleen (St. Hilda's) to Torpids Secretary

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)
Seconded: Ellie Nicholson (OURCs)

Motion Overwhelming Passed

*N.B. The two elections above were to free up positions as Ordinary Members and therefore Tom and Judy will **not** be running IWL and Torpids.*

c. Claire Hickling (Lincoln) to Ordinary Member

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)
Seconded: Simon Hay (Lincoln/OULRC)

Motion Overwhelming Passed

d. Katherine Pierce (St. Catherine's) to Ordinary Member

Proposed: Bianca Rautenbach (St. Catherine's)
Seconded: Malcolm Spencer (St. Catherine's)

Motion Overwhelming Passed

e. Simon Ketteringham (Oriol) to Ordinary Member

Proposed: Simon Ho (Oriol/OURCs)
Seconded: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Motion Overwhelming Passed

6. Ratification of Committee Meeting Decisions

a. Extreme Transgression – Pembroke College

Pembroke were found to have a novice cox out on amber flag on Saturday 21st October. The crew was a novice crew with inexperienced coaches and a first term cox. The OURCs committee voted to fine Pembroke College £75 for the offence of having a novice cox out on amber flag.

Decision Overwhelming Ratified

b. Extreme Transgression – Jesus College

Jesus College were also found to have a novice cox out on amber flag on Saturday 21st October. The crew was a senior squad boat with a novice cox and no coach. The OURCs committee voted to fine Jesus College £75 for the offence of having a novice cox out on amber flag, £25 for having a novice cox with no coach and also will send someone to safety audit Jesus College BC. The safety audit was requested as it was felt the crew should have known better as they were a senior squad.

Decision Overwhelming Ratified

7. Transfers

a. Jonathan Taylor – No College to Keble College

Jon has rowed for Keble for the past 3 years but is now undertaking a graduate placement in the engineering department. Therefore he has no current affiliation but would like to be re-affiliated with Keble.

Proposed: Andrew Baker (Keble)
Seconded: Alex Potter (Keble)

Katherine Pierce (OURCs, KP) asked whether it was typically allowed? Rich Stock (OURCs, RS) replied that it was.

For: Overwhelming
Against: 2
Abstentions: 4

Motion Passed

b. Sigal Cohen – No College to St. Antony's

Sigal Cohen is the spouse of a student at St Antony's. She is keen to row for the college, but has no previous rowing experience (and is eligible for the Christ Church Regatta.) She works for the Physics Department and is in possession of a Bodleian card.

Proposed: Kelly Al-Dakkak (St. Antony's)
Seconded: Donald Goodson (St. Antony's)

Chris Kenyon (St. Anne's, CK) asked what her job was within the Physics Dept. Kelly Al-Dakkak (St. Antony's, KAD) replied that she was an administrator for the department.

Simon Billet (OURCs, SB) asked whether she was already entered for Christ Church Regatta this year. KAD replied that she was not but will hopefully enter next year.

RS asked whether her being in the boat would mean someone from St. Antony's dropping out? KAD said that it wouldn't.

For: 20
Against: 3
Abstentions: 25

Motion Passed

8. Other Motions

a. Change Rule B.7

Change rule B8.7 from:

"If the Starting Gun has not fired within seventy seconds from the One Minute Gun, or the klaxon is sounded, the Senior Umpire will notify crews that the sequence of guns shall be repeated from the One Minute Gun."

To:

"If the Starting Gun has not fired within seventy seconds from the One Minute Gun the Senior Umpire will notify crews that the sequence of guns shall be repeated from the One Minute Gun"

Proposed: David Locke (Senior Umpire)

Seconded: Rachel Quarrell (Senior Umpire)

RS introduced the motion on behalf of the Senior Umpires and there were no questions.

Motion Overwhelmingly Passed

b. Correct Rule 6

Change rule R6 from:

"Registration and Status of Coxwains"

To:

"Registration and Status of Coxswains"

Proposed: Simon Ho (OURCs)

Seconded: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Motion Overwhelmingly Passed

c. Change Rule 11

Change rule R11 from:

"No novice coxswain may go through the Gut until 4th Week of the term in which they receive their permit."

To:

"No novice coxswain may go through the Gut until the date designated by the OURCs Captain of Coxes at their registration meeting."

Proposed: Simon Ho (OURCs)

Seconded: Rachel Quarrell (Senior Umpire)

Simon Ho (OURCs, SH) briefly introduced the motion.

Anna Heimbichner (St. Edmund Hall, AH) asked for clarification of how it would work. SH gave this.

Emma Windham (OUWBC, EW) asked how the committee would enforce this rule. Eleanor Nicholson (OURCs, EN) replied that it is and always has been a matter of trust and that if a suspicious cox was spotted their name would be checked.

James Stanier (OULRC, JS) asked whether it would allow the Captain of Coxes to completely change the date without asking captains. SH explained that the Captain of Coxes is elected to make decisions with regards coxing and so if you don't trust someone, don't elect them.

Clifford Sofield (Wolfson, CS) said he thought the loophole should be closed. RS tried to explain to the Captains that if there was ever any problem they could bring it up at a Captains' Meeting and change the rules.

Finally there was a vote:
For: Overwhelming
Against: 3
Abstentions: 6

d. Add to Rule 1

Add to R1:

"R6 applies to all College crews in all places and at all times."

Proposed: Simon Ho (OURCs)

Seconded: Rachel Quarrell (Senior Umpire)

SH briefly introduced the rule stating that it was mainly to stop people just jumping in coxing seats with no experience when off the Isis.

KP asked whether it would then apply to training camps, SH replied yes prompting KP to ask why OURCs should dictate what she did in her spare time. RS tried to explain that when you go on a training camp as a COLLEGE boat club you are clearly still representing the University and hence it is not "your spare time".

Mark Evans (Pembroke, ME) said it seemed like a big brother thing and he trusted experienced rowers in the coxing seat.

Dave Pallot (OURCs, DP) stated that he felt Captains were complaining cause they could get fined when OURCs weren't actually bothered about that, just the safety implications.

JNR said would they then have to pull out of external regattas cause they're cox was ill and they couldn't get an OUCS registered cox? He also said Captains could be trusted and asked were there any incidents that had led to this.

EW described an incident where a coach at Radley had got into a college boat and tried to cox it but had ended up in the bank for a whole hour. EW said as an experienced rower she wouldn't be happy getting into the coxing seat herself. EW also pointed out that whilst certain captains feel they are very responsible when it comes to safety not all the captains are.

Sarah Buckley (Queen's, SaB) said how much would this rule change the liability of OURCs? SH said he wasn't thinking of liability when he proposed the rule change.

SaB asked couldn't the change be done in some other way? SH said he couldn't think of anything better.

KP said why not email about novice coxes, SH replied that they're not necessarily read. KP said then aren't the rules not read either and that the rule would prevent experienced unregistered coxes being used.

Judy Gleen (OURCs, JG) said it was too far reaching and pointed out a suggested amendment from the forums which said "R6 applies to all members of OURCs". JG also pointed out that it's often easy to know when a non-registered cox would be required at a training camp so permission could be sought from the Captain of Coxes.

JNR asked couldn't captains just read and sign off on the rules?

SaB pointed out that at external regattas, novice coxes can't be supervised all the time. SH said that regattas are generally safer than training due to marshals.

ME said he felt there were too many flaws in the rule.

RS suggested that this motion wasn't going to pass and a new wording would also not be agreed on.

SH withdrew the motion

9. A.O.B.

a. Miniature Blades

Alex Cavell (OUWLRC Coach) gave a brief introduction to some mini blades and showed the Captains some of his wares.

b. Christ Church Regatta

SB briefly highlighted a few things about Christ Church Regatta.

c. Nephtys Regatta

Judy asked people to give her money (for Nephtys Regatta).