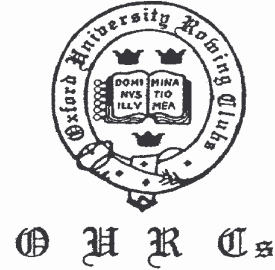


Meeting of Boat Club Captains – Wed 23th Nov 2005 (7th week MT)



1. Apologies for absence

Apologies from Alex Cairns (OUWBC)

2. Minutes of last meeting

Ratified by the meeting

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Address from Mark Blanford-Baker (ARA Div Rep)

MBB introduced himself to the captains as the Oxford University Div rep for the ARA. He reminded colleges that they should expect to receive ARA correspondence throughout the year and that they should make the appropriate arrangements as to ensure it arrives in their pidge! He also reminded the captains that he would be happy to help them should they have any concerns relating to the ARA and that he could be contacted via email at Magdalen or from the ARA website. He noted that Safety Audits would be sent out by the ARA in due course and that these should be returned with the Affiliation Fee (this year, neither the safety audit nor the affiliation fee would be accepted individually but rather must be submitted together). Finally, in his capacity as an organiser for the 2006 World Rowing Championships he noted to captains that help would be needed at the event and that anyone interested should go to www.wrc2006.com.

5. Ratification

Linda Reynolds was ratified as President of OUWLRC

6. Squad reports

a) OUBC

No report was submitted

b) OUWBC

OUWBC has had a busy and productive Michelmas Term. Taking 6 athletes to National Squad Trials in Boston in October they achieved the best results ever. Hilary Powell placed an impressive 2nd, behind Alice Freeman, an ex-OUWBC athlete. At Four's Head a fortnight ago they also had their finest set of results, winning the S2 and S3A W4+ pennants, and placing their top three crews an unprecedented 2, 3 and 7 overall out of all the W4+ (the top two only being beaten by a crew of Dutch internationals, and only two 4-). The momentum has been sustained with a strong performance at the ergo championships, with most people bettering their PBs, and with Hilary Powell 1st, Naomi Pollock 2nd and Emma Windham 5th out of the BUSA heavyweight women. They now move on to Sculler's Head, Wallingford Head, the next set of Squad Trials before we break briefly for Christmas, and return January for a training camp in Hazewinkel, Belgium.

c) OULRC

It has been a successful season for OULRC so far. At the 4's head two weeks ago their top boat achieved a result of 83rd overall. They thank Pembroke and Christ Church College for lending them equipment to the for the head. At the Indoor Rowing Championships in Birmingham their top athlete was placed 5th whilst approximately 10 more of OULRCs were ranked within the top 25. They go on from the Championships to race at Wallingford, then on to their trail eights.

OOWLRC

d) OOWLRC have been following a similar programme to that of the heavyweight women; racing at the Fours Head and National Indoor Rowing Championships. At the Fours Head their elite coxless four was placed 3rd in its category whilst their S3 crew came 5th amongst the S3 academic crews. At the indoor rowing Championships they achieved the 5th and 6th best lightweight results. Two of their athletes are currently attending national trails. The squad will be travelling to Hazewinkel, Belgium for their training camp with OUWBC.

7. Constitutional Amendment

Amend C6.3 To include "9. Christ Church Boat Club includes members of Kellogg College"

Proposed Andrew Dunkley (Christ Church)

Seconded Leonard Martin (Christ Church)

AD read to the captains a letter from Kellogg College confirming their wish to affiliate their members to Ch Ch College BC. He noted the reasons why they wished to affiliate told captains that Ch Ch has already involved many Kellogg novices in their novice programme.

Oliver Williams (Oriol) noted that Oriol proposed a similar motion last year after receiving a similar email from Joanna Elvins at Kellogg. Last years motion was introduced after negotiations with Kellogg and was intended to confirm the possible affiliation agreement between Kellogg and Oriol made in 1995 (but which has since has been lost in the minutes?) However, OW then noted, that this Oriol motion from last year did not pass; on the grounds that it would force one of last years Kellogg's rowers to row for Oriol when he wished to row at Christ Church. Robin Ejsmond-Frey (Oriol) then reported a note from Serryth Colbert (Kellogg) which expressed his wish to row for Oriol. OW explained to captains that SC's wish to row for Oriol thus created a scenario similar to that which was used as grounds to reject the Oriol affiliation motion last year, as such he argued that the Ch Ch motion ought to be rejected.

AD replied by reading to captains another email from SC (written after the note reported by RE-F). This note stated that SC actually wished to row for Christ Church.

RE-F responded by claiming this email only represented SC's response after intimidation from Kellogg college seniors and did not represent SC's true opinion.

The captains debated making a phone call to SC to ascertain his true position. Leonard Martin (Ch Ch) suggested leaving the transfer for another meeting and deal only with the affiliation issue. However OW noted that the issue of a transfer was

deemed by the captains as relevant in the rejection of last years Oriel motion so it should not be separated from the Ch Ch affiliation motion.

Justin Lewis Oakes (Balliol) suggested that “I wants to row for so and so ...” shouldn’t be an issue in college affiliations, rather every college should be allocated a mandatory affiliation. Judy Gleen (St Hildas) asked AD what made Ch Ch the appropriate college to accommodate Kellogg? AD answered that they were equipped all levels and had adequate coaching to accommodate extra rowers. Oriel replied that they had other advantages and as their recruitment to size ratio demonstrated they were an equally successful club. Richard Stock asked that this debate not become a battle between the colleges. JL-O suggested that Kellogg affiliated to a smaller college in better need of rowers.

Dave Tulip (Queens) suggested that Kellogg apply directly to OURC stating their College of choice for affiliation. Fern Wakely (Ch Ch) noted that, irrespective of where SC wished to row, there were several Kellogg women who, for certain, had Christ Church as their college of choice. Alex Woods (OWLRC) noted that the failure of last years captains meeting to separate individual transfer wishes and the issue of affiliation should not necessarily set a precedent for considering them as related.

The floor moved to vote: 17 for, 21 against, 12 abstentions

Motion Failed.

8. Transfers

a) Almuth Wietholtz from Jesus College to St Antony's College

Almuth could not row with Jesus due to insufficient capacity in the Jesus novice crew. St Antony's college is her obvious choice as she is a 28 year old graduate student in the social sciences and also teaches at many undergraduate colleges. Almuth has trained with the St Antony's novice crew for the whole term.

Typically Not Allowed

Proposed Timo Idema (St Antony's)

Seconded Roderick Kefferputz (St Antony's)

Motion passed overwhelmingly

b) Katy Nicholson from no college to St Antony's

Katy finished a masters at St Antony's last year, still lives in the college and is currently working as an administrator at the Oxford University Institute for Chinese Studies. Katy rowed in last year's first women crew. As a member of the University Staff, Katy has been in the continuous possession of a bod card

Typically Allowed

Proposed Timo Idema (St Antony's)

Seconded Roderick Kefferputz (St Antony's)

LM objected to the motion noting that Oxford Academicals was a boat club which was set up with rowers like this in mind. KN should therefore row for the Academicals.

Peter Gould (St Catherines) noted that a motion to transfer Dan Blake in similar circumstances passed at the last captains meeting.

Motion passed overwhelmingly

c) Cécile Reboul from no college to St Antony's

Cécile is a visiting graduate student at Oxford, without an official affiliation to a college, but affiliated with the Maison Francaise. She lives at St Antony's and will also be an associate member of St Antony's Common Room. Cécile has been rowing with the St Antony's novice women for this term. Cécile is in the possession of a bod card

Typically Not Allowed

Proposed Timo Idema (St Antony's)

Seconded Roderick Kefferputz (St Antony's)

Motion passed overwhelmingly

d) Malgorzata Gorska from no college to St Antony's

Malgorzata has been the cox of St Antony's first men last year in both Torpids and Summer Eights as a member of the college. This year Malgorzata returned to Oxford as a visiting student without an affiliation to a college. Malgorzata has been in the continuous possession of a bod card.

Typically Allowed

Proposed Timo Idema (St Antony's)

Seconded Roderick Kefferputz (St Antony's)

Motion passed overwhelmingly

e) William Sweet from St. John's to Trinity.

Will has just started his 1st year of a post-grad at St. John's, but as he only did a three year under-graduate course at Trinity, many of his friends are still in the Trinity 1st VIII in their fourth year. Will was in the Trinity 1st VIII for the last three years. He was stroke last Torpids when they won blades. In doing so they bumped St. John's and entered the first division. This year Will does not want to row for a crew he bumped, in a division he bumped out of!

Typically Allowed

Proposed: Michael Churchman (Trinity)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCS)

MC confirmed that he had St Johns support in this transfer.

J-LO noted that although both captains may offer their support in motions this should not act as something which should encourage allowing transfers. Mainly because one captain will likely on support the motion only because he cannot see the sense in objecting to a transfer away from their college (since the rower in question would not be prepared to row for their college should the transfer be denied)

Motion passed Overwhelmingly

f) Serryth Colbert from Kellogg to Oriel College.

Typically Allowed

Proposed: Oliver Williams (Oriel)

Seconded: Robin Ejsmond-Frey (Oriel)

5 for, 18 against, 25 abstentions

Motion Failed.

g) Rebecca Ting to Teddy Hall

Motion deemed un-necessary. RT already eligible to row for Teddy Hall

9. Request for River Closure

Request to close the river between 1pm and 5pm (or when racing ends) on the 27th for Isis Winter League.

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

Motion passed overwhelmingly

10. A.O.B

a) Issue of graduate boats at non-graduate colleges

PG noted that St Catz have a boat composed of graduates with very busy time tables and would like to offer them the same rights as graduates from other colleges. It was proposed by St Catz that a motion which extended water time for all graduates should be proposed to COUR who could hopefully recommend it to proctors. It was noted by the captains that whilst this would allow more morning time free for undergraduates, an agreement allowing graduates from any college to be on the water during the day may also be exploited, since identifying graduates from the bank would be difficult. It was decided that any graduate boat wishing to seek the proctors permission to be on the water outside the usually permitted time should approach the proctors themselves for a decision on a case by case basis.

b) Safety Audits

Morven Porteous (OURCS) reminded colleges to expect the ARA safety audit within the next few days. She requested to receive a copy each college's safety audit (along with confirmation that it has been returned to the ARA) by the end of 9th week.

b) Noise

Captains were asked to remind coaches again to keep volume levels down on the Isis.

c) Bikes at HERR

Captains were asked to remind all rowers parking bikes by the HERR not to leave them in inappropriate places and be careful when manoeuvring bikes around cars. Captains whose crews' cycle to Radley were also reminded about the importance of ensuring their rowers cycled with helmets!

d) Dark Blue Rowing Kit and Rowing Solution Launches.

MP is negotiating deals with Rowing Solution Launches and DB rowing kit, captains should contact her if they are interested in either.

e) The Lock

PG asked whether or not crews could, during blue flag, land after the spinning area to remove their boat and walk it across the lock. RS noted that this was against the spirit of the rules as they stood. However he offered to look into the safety implications of changing the rules so that this could be allowed.

f) Sponsorship

RS notified captains of potential sponsorship from UBS, if this deal was secured it would mean either reduced entry fees or a reduction in college Sab Officer contributions.