

Meeting of Boat Club Captains – Wed 16<sup>th</sup> January 2006 (1st week MT) – 8.00pm BSLT, St Catz

1. Apologies for absence  
Linda Reynard (OUWLRC)

N.B only those Captains, Blues, Half Blues, OURCs committee members and officially designated representatives who were present at the meeting were given a voting card.

2. Minutes of last meeting  
Approved by captains

3. Matters Arising  
None

4. Squad reports

OUBC Squad Report

No report received. No representatives of OUBC present at meeting.

OUWLRC Squad Report

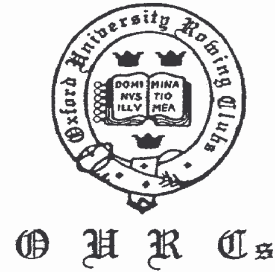
Morven Porteous (MP) reported on behalf of Linda Reynard that OUWLRC have just returned from a 9 day training camp at Hazewinkel, Belgium. The camp was very successful and the squad did some preliminary seat racing. The Boat Race crew will be selected in the next few weeks. Until the Boat Race, the squad will race in the Women's Eights Head, BUSA Head, and several private match races. OUWLRC hope that all captains will encourage their rowers to come down to Henley for the races on April 1.

OUWBC Squad Report

Alex Cairnes (AC) reported that OUWBC have also just returned from training camp in Hazewinkel Belgium and are now in the process of finalizing crews. The squad will be racing at Wallingford head, the Women's Eight Head and BUSA head. They have also lined up match races with Durham, Leander and Thames. A number of blues have been involved with the GB squads over Christmas. Hillary Powell, former blue and current OUWBC squad member joined the GB senior training camp in Seville, whilst Naomi Pollock and AC joined the U23 camp.

OULRC Squad Report

Having returned from training camp Alex Woods (AW) reported that the OULRC boat race crews were almost finalized. The squad will be racing at Bedford in a few weeks time and have organised match races with Henley, London and Leander. AW also thanked Magdalen, Keble and Oriel for lending them boats for the business of seat racing, without their help seat racing would have been as difficult as fitting the word "Monkey" into a squad report. OULRC hope that all captains will encourage their rowers to come down to Henley for the races on April 1.



5. Elections

Elect Anna Jeffery-Smith (Christ Church) as an Ordinary Member

Proposed: Charlie Thorogood (OURCs)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

Charlie Thorogood (OURCs) recommended Anna to the Captains and noted that she had been race secretary for the 2004 Ch Ch regatta.

**MOTION PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**

6. Constitutional Amendment

a) Amend: R9.1 to be consistent with R8.2

Change R9.1 from "Weekdays before 8.00am, from Sunday of **0th** week to Saturday of 8th week, only one crew from each college is allowed on the Isis at any one time"

to "Weekdays before 8.00am, from Sunday of **1st** week to Saturday of 8th week, only one crew from each college is allowed on the Isis at any one time"

Proposed: Judy Gleen OURCs

Seconded: Morven Porteous OURCs

It was suggested that the proposed change be amended to

"Weekdays before 8.00am, from Sunday of **1st** week to Saturday of **7th** week, only one crew from each college is allowed on the Isis at any one time"

Proposed: Lenny Martin (OURCs)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

**AMMENDMENT TO MOTION PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**  
**MOTION PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**

b) Addition to R9.1

Add to R9.1: " Undergraduate boat clubs who have all their crews training solely on the Isis be each allocated a specified day of the week where they are allowed more than one crew out on the Isis at any one time."

Currently this would involve the following colleges..

St Anne's, St Hilda's, St Cats, Jesus, Lincoln, SEH and Hertford

Proposed: Tom Fowler (StAnne's)

Second: Alice Motion (StHilda's)

Third: Peter Goult (StCatz)

It was noted that this motion would not involve SEH, but would also affect Mansfield and Regents Park.

Owain Loft (Merton) asked whether this would be unfair during the few days before Torpids / Eights where most clubs have all their boats back on the Isis.

Sarah Berman (OURCs) suggested it may be feasible to limit the proposed rule in the days immediately preceding Torpids / Eights.

Lenny Martin (OURCs) noted three objections to the Rule Addition.

Firstly he noted that many clubs who have their first boat off the Isis often have a lot of lower crews remaining on the Isis. He explained that some colleges, even with their 1<sup>st</sup> eights off the Isis will still have more crew on the Isis than some of the clubs involved in this motion. As such, he reminded captains that the problem of scheduling isn't something confined to colleges with all their boats on the Isis.

Secondly he noted that this rule acted only to segregate the college rowing community and reinforce the perception of a two tier system.

Thirdly he noted that the rule, as it stands, would have some complex implications and would be tricky for captains / OURCS to implement.

He suggested amending the motion to the following:

“No more than 1 crew out on a weekday morning without the written permission of OURCS committee”

Amendment:

Amend R9.1 to:

“Weekdays before 8.00am, from Sunday of 0th week to Saturday of 7th week, only one crew from each college is allowed on the Isis at any one time (to prevent congestion) with the written permission of the OURCs committee.”

Proposed: Lenny Martin (OURCs)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

**AMMENDMENT PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**  
**MOTION PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**

c) Amend 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 a status of one of: Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Visiting Student, Associate Students, Staff or Congregation; with such status to be deemed to have terminated prior to the card expiry date in the event of:

1. The subject leaving or suspending their course of study; or
2. The publication of a pass list or class list marking the end of the course; or
3. The granting of leave to supplicate for the degree”

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Those with University Cards showing Staff status are affiliated to college X (as listed on the card) so long as the Sabbatical Officer has been satisfied that that person is a post doctoral researcher, college tutor or lecturer or holds a comparable research or teaching position.”

Proposed: Charles Thorogood (OURCs)  
Seconded: Andrew Dunkley (OURCs)

Charles Thorogood (CT) noted that the motion, as it stood, had some crucial flaws, moreover, further to Web-board discussion, he noted that the timing of this motion was also inappropriate.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

d) Add rule C6.5

"Any Rowing Sabbatical Officer, previously a member of a college boat club can be made automatic member of their previous college without the need for approval from a Captains' Meeting"

Proposed: Charles Thorogood (OURCs)  
Seconded: Andrew Dunkley (OURCs)

It was noted by Morven Porteous (OURCs) that this motion reflected British University Sports Association rules which automatically allow Sabbatical Officers represent their university in their chosen sport.

**MOTION PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**

## 7. Transfers

a) Hannah Thomas from Exeter to Jesus

Hannah was an undergraduate at Jesus and coxed in Summer Eights. She is now working in the Development Office at Exeter College. She has been in continuous possession of a BOD card.

Typically allowed

Proposed: Ivor Bennett (Jesus)

Seconded: Octave Oppetit (Exeter)

Ivor Bennett (Jesus) noted that Hannah was an important member of Jesus College Boat club, being one of the few senior coxes they have.

Morven Porteous (OURCs) expressed concern that transferring Hannah to Jesus could mean that Jesus would fail to train up novice coxes or deprive them of the chance to move to a top boat.

IB reassured the Captains that Jesus would continue to train coxes though admitted that Hannah would be coxing a top boat.

**FOR: 37**

**AGAINST: 5**

**ABSTENTION: 13**  
**MOTION PASSED**

b) Sandra Smiley from No Col to Linacre

Sandra has rowed with Linacre College during her DPhil and is now working at the university. She has been in continuous possession of a bod card.

Typically allowed / Typically Not allowed (see 6.)

Proposed: Helen Fletcher (Linacre)

Seconded: Laurence Lessard-Philips (Nuffield/Linacre)

Helen Fletcher (Linacre) noted that Sandra is working for the university for 1 year to generate the funds she requires to continue her Dphil.

**MOTION PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**

c) Harriet Teare from Merton to Pembroke

Harriet Teare graduated from Pembroke last year, and is now a graduate at Merton.

Her bod card says graduate at Merton but She has just been appointed to the Pembroke SCR as a tutor for Hliary and Trinity.

Typically allowed.

Proposed: Alice Millest (Pembroke)

Seconded: Will McFarland (Pembroke)

Alice Millest (Pembroke) explained to Captains that Harriet has an official tutoring post for Hilary and Trinity a substitute for a tutor on Sabbatical.

**MOTION PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**

d) Claire-Noelle Simon from Kellogg to Christ Church

Typically Allowed

Proposed: Rachel Taylor (Christ Church)

Seconded: Andrew Dunkley (Christ Church)

Rachel Taylor (Christ Church) noted that Kellogg does not have a boat club and Christ Church were happy to accommodate Claire.

**MOTION PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**

e) Tim Bowker from Linacre College to Oriel College

Tim did his undergraduate degree at Oriel and is now doing a DPhil at Linacre.

Typically Allowed

Proposed Oliver Williams (Oriel)

Seconded: Simon Ho (Oriel)

Motion Typically Allowed

Oliver Williams (Oriel) explained that Tom was an integral part of Oriel Boat club and wanted to remain a member despite his DPhil at Linacre

**MOTION PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY**

f) Hayley Burwell from St Hilda's to Wadham

Hayley is a novice cox who has been training for one term with Wadham College due to the fact that St Hilda's has an overwhelming supply of coxes and could not provide

her with a boat. She coxed the Wadham Men's A team in Christchurch, and if she is transferred to Wadham, will continue to cox men's crews exclusively.

Typically Not Allowed

Proposed - Graham Fairbairn (Wadham)

Seconded - Alice Motion (St Hilda's)

**MOTION PASSED OVERWHELMGLY**

g) Transfer of James Philbin from New College to Oriel College

James was an undergraduate at Oriel College is now in his first year of a DPhil at New College.

Typically allowed

Proposed Oliver Williams (Oriel)

Seconded Andy Thompson (New)

Oliver Williams (Oriel) told captains that James was keen to return to Oriel and would be unprepared to row for New college.

Both Morven Porteous (OURCs) and Justin Lewis-Oaks (Balliol) expressed an opinion that these sorts of transfers should not be Typically Allowed. J-LO noted that these transfers effectively give grad students the opportunity to pick and chose between two colleges, something disallowed for undergraduates.

**FOR = 34**

**AGAINST = 12**

**ABSTENTIONS = 9**

**MOTION PASSED**

8. Request for River Closure

a) Request to close the river between 1pm and 4.30pm (or when racing ends) on the 5th, 12th and 26th of February for Isis Winter League.

Proposed: Judy Gleen (OURCs)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

Andy Thompson (New) noted that IWL were excellent events but noted that they do act to restrict a lot of weekend training.

Judy Gleen (OURCs) suggested that the three events this term be cut down to two.

It was agreed by the captains to cancel the IWL on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**CAPTAINS AGREED TO THE RIVER CLOSURE ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY**

b) Request to close the river between 3pm and 4pm on March 11<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) for WCBC annual sportive competition with sister college Darwin in Cambridge.

Proposed: Wolfram Pernice (WCBC)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

**AGREED OVERWHELMINGLY**

c) Request to close the river between 11.30am and 6pm (or when racing ends) on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March and 24<sup>th</sup> February for Torpids and Rowing on.

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

**AGREED OVERWHELMINGLY**

9. A.O.B

a) The Great Duck Race

Jon Spencer-Smith (St Hugh's) spoke to the captains about a proposed charity duck race to be held after the end of racing on Saturday of Torpids. All captains agreed to support the venture.

b) Ratification of Senior Umpires for Torpids.

The following Senior Umpires were ratified by the Captains

Rachel Quarrell

Jonathan Price

Gareth Powell

Laura Dance

David Locke

c) Lenny Martin congratulated Jesus College coach Ed Edmundson for winning an ARA coaching award

d) Andrew Dunkley (Christ Church) noted to the Captains that the university security services were patrolling college boat clubs at night, but were not practised at telling which boat club belonged to which college. As such he asked that all college properly secure their windows and doors as to avoid BC Captains being called to clubs during the night, or more especially to avoid Ch Ch BC being called to the river because of an unsecured boat house that wasn't theirs.