



O U R C s

Captains' Meeting Agenda
Wednesday 1st Week Trinity Term 2007
8pm, Lecture Room 23, Balliol College

1. Apologies For Absence

None

2. Minutes Of The Last Meeting

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

3. Matters Arising

None proposed

4. Squad Reports

- a. OUWLRC
- b. OUWBC
- c. OULRC
- d. OUBC

5. Elections

a. Rowing Sabbatical

Candidates for Rowing Sabbatical:

- Judy Gleen (St. Hilda's)
Proposed: James Stanier (OULRC)
Seconded: Anna Jeffery-Smith (OURCs)
- Ellie Nicholson (St. Hugh's)
Proposed: Matt Neve (Brasenose)
Seconded: Will Randall (Trinity)

Each candidate husted for five minutes with Judy going first following a coin toss before the meeting.

Judy Gleen

- Previous Experience: (in 2nd Year) Captain of Coxes at St. Hilda's, OURCs, OUBC, (in 3rd Year) coxed OULRC, OURCs.
- Secretary of Nephthys Regatta and IWL
- Passionate about rowing
- Aims:
 - Coaching issues – handbook for new or inexperienced coaches
 - Water time issues – Work on flag system, still safe
 - Torpids contingencies
 - S status coxing numbers (which relates to water time)
 - Money – affordability of rowing.

Ellie Nicholson

- Currently OURCs Secretary
- Good working relationship with all current "high powers"
- Will be very available to rest of committee.
- Priorities:
 - Sponsorship – lower affiliation fees, extend for Torpids
 - Flag system – lock defence possibilities
 - Contingencies for Torpids – ergs/dry boat racing

- More involvement in OURCs to improve events
- Launch driving courses
- Capsize/swim test drills and lessons + feedback
- Promote rules + knowledge of them
- Fines system under review – make them fairer.

Questions were then put to both candidates from attendees.

Alice Millett (OUWLRC) asked OUWLRC were low on numbers on points this year – how do the candidates feel they could help OUWLRC build their relationship with Colleges for recruitment?

- Ellie Nicholson:
 - Possibly a drinks part for women's captains
 - Better communication
- Judy Gleen:
 - Spreading OUWLRC around Eights
 - Being approachable at events

Lenny Martin (SU) asked what Torpids contingencies the candidates envisaged?

- Judy Gleen:
 - Dorney is probably too expensive but maybe
 - Ask earlier
 - Side by side racing
 - Involvement of captains in decisions early on
- Ellie Nicholson:
 - Look into things in more detail than this year
 - Dorney :
 - No contact bumps?
 - Boat sharing
 - Transport problems
 - Maybe sort out some of this centrally
 - No contact bumps could aid this

David Pallot (OURCS) asked who should be responsible for rule changes Captains or Sab?

- Ellie Nicholson:
 - Rowsab should be boatie, not student therefore is poised to assist rowing in Oxford so should speed up and facilitate rule changes.
 - Can't enforce anything against the Captains will.
- Judy Gleen:
 - Rowsab is not in charge – is there to help
 - More time so is able to look at rules in more detail.

Lenny Martin (SU) asked how do you see developments of relationships with other river users?

- Judy Gleen:
 - Obviously communication very important – better they are, less tense they will be.
 - Ask colleges to help with a project.
 - Very important to go there.
 - Currently balanced relationship.
 - Row Sab should be leading this.
- Ellie Nicholson
 - Key part is to maintain communications with CORC, Academicals etc.
 - Ensure total awareness of everyone – avoids clashes with competitions.
 - Row Sab should allow colleges to communicate in order to assist racing.

Mhairi Pontin (St. Hilda's) asked how would you update/readdress the flag system while maintaining the correct level of safety?

- Ellie Nicholson
 - Discussion re. bucks and flags...the EA will not allow safety to be jeopardised.
 - Better communications with the lock keeper.
 - Possibility of lock defences.
 - Better awareness of spinning posts.
- Judy Gleen
 - Flag is according to bucks drawn.
 - Looking at number of bucks and what flag that is tied to.
 - Maybe increase amber level
 - Ensure efficiency

Result of Voting
 Judy Gleen: 33
 Ellie Nicholson: 32
 Abstentions: 2

Judy Gleen will be the Rowing Sabbatical for 2007/08

6. Transfers

Note: Typically allowed does not mean must be allowed.

a. Judith Scheele from Magdalen to Linacre

Jude started rowing for Linacre in 2001 and did her MSc and DPhil at the college. She is now a Junior Research Fellow at Magdalen but wants to continue rowing for Linacre. She has been in continuous possession of a bod card. This transfer is typically allowed.

Proposed: Laura Ingram (Linacre)

Seconded: Frank Sobott (Linacre)

- Magdalen noted they had no objections but weren't overly happy about the transfer.
- Will be in the 1st VIII if transferred.
- Won't row for Magdalen if transfer doesn't go through (?!!!)

Motion passed overwhelmingly

b. Kaleen Love from Pembroke to St. Antony's

Kaleen rowed for St. Antony's before moving to Pembroke (where she is Junior Dean) and would like to row for her old boat club again. She is in possession of a valid Bod card. This transfer is typically allowed.

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

Seconded: Danielle Fountain (Pembroke)

- Won't row for Pembroke
- Osiris rower therefore quite good.
- Boat made up of 4 experienced rowers and 4 novice rowers.

For: overwhelming

Against: 2

Abstentions: 7

Motion Passes

7. Constitutional Amendments

a. Visiting Students

Add C6.2 (and renumber accordingly):

"Visiting Students at Oxford University holding a reader's card are eligible for membership of a college boat club upon presentation to the OURCs committee of a letter from the College Office or Bursary stating their affiliation to that particular college."

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Seconded: Ellie Nicholson (OURCs)

Motion passes overwhelmingly

b. ARA Affiliation

Amend C5.9 from:

"All College Boat Clubs are required to be affiliated to the Amateur Rowing Association."

To:

"All College Boat Clubs are required to be affiliated to the Amateur Rowing Association. Should a club become suspended by the ARA they are automatically suspended by OURCs until reinstated by the ARA."

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Seconded: Ellie Nicholson (OURCs)

Motion passes unanimously

c. Risk Assessments

Change C5.7 from:

"All College Boat Clubs are required to maintain their own constitution, risk assessment and safety plan. Examples of such documents to be maintained as an appendix to these Rules."

To:

"All College Boat Clubs are required to maintain their own constitution, risk assessment and safety plan. Examples of such documents to be maintained as an appendix to these Rules. Clubs training on stretches of water other than the Isis and Godstow stretches (as defined in Chapter 2) must send a copy of their risk assessment for that stretch annually to the Rowing Sabbatical for reference. The Rowing Sabbatical may offer advice but will not check or approve the assessment."

Notes: This is to provide the Rowing Sabbatical with:

1. A reference document so that they are aware of what clubs intend to do, so if there is a complaint against a club from a local club, EA etc. they may be able to stick up for the club by using the risk assessment.
2. A note as to which stretches of river clubs are using.
3. Documents which will help them advise clubs with little experience on various stretches of river.

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Seconded: Ellie Nicholson (OURCs)

- Rich Stock explained that it would apply to occasional training trips but not racing.
- You need a risk assessment for your insurers anyway
- OURCs rules act as a risk assessment for Isis/Godstow.

For: overwhelming

Against: 4

Abstentions: 0

Motion passes

8. Motions

a. Ratification of Senior Umpires for Summer Eights

Motion to ratify the following as Senior Umpires for Summer Eights 2007:

- Rachel Quarrell
- Laura Dance
- Jonathan Price
- David Locke
- Lenny Martin (Trainee)

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Seconded: Ellie Nicholson (OURCs)

Motion passed with 2 against

9. River Closures

a. Summer Eights, sponsored by Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Friday 18th May: 11am – 6pm

Wednesday 23rd – Saturday 26th May: 11am (10am on Saturday) – 7pm (6pm on Saturday)

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Seconded: Ellie Nicholson (OURCs)

Motion passed overwhelmingly

b. Isis "Winter" League

Friday 11th May: 1pm – 6pm (or when racing ends)

Sunday 20th May: 1pm - 6pm (or when racing ends)

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Seconded: Ellie Nicholson (OURCs)

Rich Stock stated that it would only run with sufficient entries but we recommend it to give coxes experience of the racing line.

Motion passed overwhelmingly

c. Oxford City Bumps

Saturday 28th April: 9:00am – 6pm (or when racing ends)

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

Rich Stock stated that the organizers were happy to discuss possible arrangements for boats transiting through the lock.

Motion passes overwhelmingly

- d. Oriel Regatta
7th-9th June: 12:00pm – 5pm (or when racing ends)

Proposed: Tom Barke (Oriel)
Seconded: Sarah Coates (Oriel)

Motion passes overwhelmingly

10. A.O.B.

- a. Race Secretaries
- This year's Eights Secretary will be Simon Billett.
 - The Race Secretary for the extra races this term will be Rich Stock.
 - Please don't contact other members of the committee about racing.
- b. Summer Eights Sponsorship
- OURCs have managed secure sponsorship for Summer Eights
 - This money will be party put towards:
 - Contractual obligations from the deal
 - Improving the event
 - Lowering the cost of the affiliation fee for next year.
- c. Business School Friendly Race (vs. Cambridge Business School)
1. The business school will be running a short race immediately after City Bumps against Cambridge's business school.
 2. Crews were requested to give space for this.
 3. Robin Ejsmond-Frey pointed out that there is no such thing as a friendly race against Cambridge.
- d. Ratification of New OUWBC/OURCs President
Liz Rowles (St. Anne's) was overwhelmingly ratified as the new OUWBC president and OURCs President for 2007/08.