



O U R C s

Captains' Meeting Minutes
Monday 8th Week Trinity Term 2009
8pm, Balliol College

1. **The Chair**

Sonia Bracegirdle chaired the meeting.

2. **Minutes Of The Last Meeting**

Available at [http://www.ourcs.org.uk/files/file/minutes/CM6minutes\[1\].pdf](http://www.ourcs.org.uk/files/file/minutes/CM6minutes[1].pdf)

3. **Matters Arising**

4. **Squad Reports**

a. **OUWLRC**

Doing well. At Met Regatta did OK in the 4+. Dev Squad have entered Henley Women's Regatta in Intermediate Eights. The Senior Squad, combined with Oxford Brookes, will also be racing at HWR, in Senior Eights. They lost by ½ a length at Reading Am. They will start training again on 7th September, and its not just for those who did Dev Squad. Look at the website for details.

b. **OUWBC**

Numbers still low in Dev squad. The Dev Squad raced at Reading Am, but went out in the first round. At HWR will race in Intermediate Eights. The Senior 4+ got through to the semi at Reading. Training will start again on 12th September.

c. **OULRC**

After the Dev Squad meeting four rowers were put into a 4+. The club will race at Marlow and Nat Champs, in a 4x and a 4-. If there is a conflict between the squads and the college committees, then please look to releasing your athletes to trial next year. Training will start again on 14th September. A pack will be sent to triallists. E-mail Joe Sadowski if you are interested.

d. **OUBC**

No report submitted.

5. **Elections**

a. **Secretary**

Ben Thurston (Trinity)
Proposed: Greg Petros (OURCs)
Seconded: Rob Morton (Trinity)

Ben Thurston said he had rowed for 10 years, and had been both Captain and President of TCBC. He wants to encourage Oxford students to row. He wants to present quarterly accounts, and have a meeting once a year to anyone to attend. He thinks the fine system is ineffective and wants to see it overhauled, publishing reasons for fines and replacing them with things like penalty bumps. He wants races to be safe, and possibly introduce a side-by-side format.

Tom Baker (OURCs) asked what experience he had of Race Desk.
BT replied, none in racing, but running a boat club and training camp in terms of administration.

Tony Harris (OURCs) commented that by using penalties instead of fines, you risk punishing a 1st VIII for marshals not turning up.
BT said that rich colleges could become immune to fines, and that it would ultimately be for the Captains to decide.

RON 0
0 abstentions
Elected overwhelmingly.

b. Treasurer

David Pallot (Christ Church)
Proposed: Greg Petros (OURCs)
Seconded: Ben Reed (OURCs)

David Pallot (OURCs) said that he had been on OURCs Committee for a long time, as IT Secretary and Secretary, and now he wanted to be Treasurer. He was in favour of a revamp of the fines, seeing as Christ Church Regatta ran smoothly without any. He did stress that he would not be around for Torpids.

Ben Reed pointed out that the out-going Treasurer was standing for election as an Ordinary member, so the Committee would not be without an experienced Treasurer for Torpids.

RON 0
0 abstentions
Elected overwhelmingly.

c. Internet Secretary

Tony Harris (Regent's Park)
Proposed: Chris Cooper (OURCs)
Seconded: Greg Petros (OURCs)

Tony Harris said that he had been a computer scientist. He looked after e-mails and the website last year, and head ideas for both for the next year. He noted that if the fines system is being changed, this will bring with it a lot of IT changes.

TB asked him about the wiki.
TH replied that it had been a subject of a lot of spam, but that he had cleaned this up and prevented it from re-occurring. He made Captains aware of the fact that they could change their college section.

RON 0
0 abstentions
Elected overwhelmingly.

d. Captain of Coxes

Tom Baker (Jesus)
Proposed: Laurence McGivern (OURCs)
Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

Tom Baker said that he had done the job for a year and therefore had the experience. He saw the job as being to make the Captains' job easier in relation to coxes. He wanted to start coxing training sessions, to have the CofC and RQ come to college dinners to talk to the Captains, and to define the spinning areas.

Linacre, Women asked what could be done to solve the problem of colleges with few coxes.

TB replied that he would encourage sharing between colleges, and on blue and amber flags to help colleges get access to coxes.

Eric Chiang asked how this would be done when the administrative system got in the way. TB said that 'typically not allowed' transfers still could get through.

RON 3
1 abstention
Elected overwhelmingly.

e. Ordinary Members

Phil Gemmell (Oriol)
Proposed: Greg Petros (OURCs)
Seconded: Oli Cohen (OURCs)

Phil Gemmell announced he was the Secretary, was no longer the Secretary, and wanted to be on the Committee again.

RON 0
0 abstentions
Elected overwhelmingly.

Greg Petros (Queen's)
Proposed: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)
Seconded: Ben Reed (OURCs)

Greg Petros said he had been the Treasurer and would help DP out this year.

RON 0
1 abstention
Elected overwhelmingly.

Sarah Steele (Christ Church)
Proposed: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)
Seconded: Ben Reed (OURCs)

Sarah was not present, so her election was put back to next year.

Sahil Sinha (St Hilda's)
Proposed: Sophie Harvey (St Hilda's)
Seconded: Phil Robinson (St Hilda's)

Sahil Sinha said that he wanted to help.

RON 0
0 abstentions
Elected overwhelmingly.

Phil Robinson (St Hilda's)
Proposed: Sophie Harvey (St Hilda's)
Seconded: Laurence McGivern (OURCs)

Phil Robinson said that he had been the St Hilda's Captain, loved Captains' Meetings and wanted to help.

RON 0
1 abstention
Elected overwhelmingly.

6. Amendments to the Constitution

- a. C5.2:
Change from "OURCs Secretary" to "OURCs Internet Secretary".
Change from "...as an appendix to these rules" to "on the OURCs website".

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)
Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

BR explained that this was an update.
TH added that these needed to go to the IT Secretary.

0 against
0 abstentions
Motion passed.

- b. C5.7:
Add in ", paid ARA affiliation fees" between "OURCs events" and "or submitted an".
Delete "counter signed by their Senior Member to the OURC Safety Adviser".

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)
Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

BR explained that this was to clarify to Captains what they needed to do with respect to the ARA.

0 against
1 abstention
Motion passed.

- c. C6.5: From:

"Honorary memberships shall expire at the end of an agreed period."

To:

"Honorary memberships shall expire at the end of an agreed period, or when the circumstances upon which the membership was proposed to the Captains expire, whichever is sooner."

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)
Seconded: David Pallot (OURCs)

TB asked how this would be policed in practice.

BR said most likely by Captains of competing crews checking entries and bringing things to the Committee's attention, but that the Committee would do what it could to check.

Lincoln, Men asked whether this would affect Honorary Memberships already granted.

DP said yes.

James Gillies asked that it be clarified that this was not just any change in circumstances, ie a promotion.

BR said no, that the changes were related to circumstances that had been of importance in the original application, such that without them the original transfer may not have been submitted or voted through.

0 against

1 abstention

Motion passed.

- d. C6.6: Add "College employment in this case must be salaried and for at least a year's duration, and must be proved by a written contract signed by the appropriate college officer (usually the Bursar or Senior Tutor)."

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)

Seconded: Rachel Quarrell (Senior Umpire)

BR explained that this was to define college staff.

James Gillies asked that this be amended to "three academic terms".

TB added "continuous".

Vote on accepting amendment:

0 against

0 abstentions

Amendment accepted.

Vote on amended motion:

0 against

0 abstentions

Motion passed.

- e. C7.3:

Delete current b, c and d.

Add new b: "Act, or appoint a suitable deputy in each case to act, as Race Secretary for OURCs events."

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)

Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

BR explained that this was because of the appointment of the Rowsab, which took a lot of the roles that had been the Secretary's.

0 against

0 abstentions

Motion passed.

- f. C7.4, C7.5, C7.6: Delete.

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)

Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

BR explained that as the Secretary was expected to be Race Secretary, these posts were no longer valid.

0 against
0 abstentions
Motion passed.

- g. C8.9: What is currently C8.9 becomes C8.9a.
Add C8.9b: "At least one of the proposer and seconder of a motion (preferably the proposer) shall be at the meeting."

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)
Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

0 against
0 abstentions
Motion passed.

- h. C8.10: What is currently C8.10 becomes C8.10a
Add C8.10b: "Each person at the meeting shall exercise only one vote, even if they are eligible to vote on two different grounds."

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)
Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

0 against
0 abstentions
Motion passed.

- i. C8.11: Change from "OURCs Secretary" to "OURCs Sabbatical Officer".

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)
Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

0 against
0 abstentions
Motion passed.

7. Amendments to the Rules

BT suggested that these all be taken as one motion, as was done at the last Captains' Meeting of last year. This was accepted.

BR clarified that Buzz had NOT seconded the last motion, but that he would.

- a. G1: Delete first two sentences.

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)
Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

- b. G4.2: Add "Associate Members do not need to be members of a College Boat Club as per C6.1" before the sentence in brackets beginning "Associate Members are subject to...".

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)
Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

- c. G4: Add new G4.4: "Enter entirely at their own risk, taking into account the nature of the event and the Event Plan published on the OURCs website by the relevant Race Committee."

Proposed: Ben Reed (OURCs)
Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

d. G6.3a: From:

“before ANY boat races in Autumn Fours or the Isis Winter League.”

To:

“before ANY boat of that college races in Autumn Fours or the Isis Winter League.”

Proposed: Greg Petros (OURCs)
Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

e. G6.3b: From:

“before the TOP boat races in Torpids or Eights.”

To:

“before the TOP boat of that college races in Torpids or Eights proper, or the LAST racing crew of that college races in Rowing On.”

Proposed: Greg Petros (OURCs)
Seconded: Phil Gemmell (OURCs)

f. B16: Create a new rule:

“B16. Cyclists

1. During every day of Torpids, and the first three days of Summer Eights, each crew may only have one bank rider cycling alongside them, unless with the permission of the Race Committee and Senior Umpire.
2. On the Saturday of Summer Eights, cycling is banned on the towpath from bungline 13 to the Head.”

Proposed: Tony Harris (Regent's Park)
Seconded: Buzz

0 against

0 abstentions

All motions passed.

8. Oriel's Extreme Transgression

TB explained that Oriel had been involved in two collisions on the Isis, and that these were due to no water safety structure, poor coxing and lack of coaching supervision. The sanctions imposed were £100 fine and to re-submit their Safety Audit before MT 2009. On receipt of the Safety Audit £50 would be returned, and if there were no crashes in MT 2009, the other £50 would be returned. He urged Captains to have a proper Committee, and a Water Safety Adviser who knew their job.

0 against

2 abstentions

Sanction passed.

9. OURCs Financial Report and Affiliation Fees

Greg Petros read through the accounts (attached at the end of the minutes). He said that the last years' accounts had not been clear. The new Treasurer would be getting accounting training to make

sure that the accounts were kept. He noted that the fines levied had not jumped this year. If fines are curtailed then that money would need to be found from somewhere else, and would equate to a £10 hike in entry fees. He also noted that the cost of Race Desk would now go up by £2000 to pay for the hire of Longbridges.

He recommended an online accounting system, grants (possibly on launch driving, First Aid courses, boat buoyancy), and the use of the Jones Day money to go towards the development of Iffley Road to ensure a dedicated rowing training room.

He announced affiliation fees.

??? asked whether this was on the crews entered for Torpids and Eights.

GP said just Eights.

St Hilda's, Men asked whether this was entered or racing?

BR read the rule out, showing that it was racing.

EC asked what if Torpids was cancelled?

RQ commented on GP's suggestions, saying that money for making boats buoyant should come from a college's bursar, and that OURCs shouldn't pay for the gym.

DP asked for an informal non-binding vote on whether affiliation fees should be on Torpids and Eights, or just Eights.

4 against Eights.

10. Other motions

a. Request for boat river closure

"Can I request a river closure for the Balliol Gourdouli races on Saturday 20th July from 3-5pm? We'll be racing from Longbridges to the boat house which is approximately half way along Boathouse Island."

Proposed: Elizabeth Mumford (Balliol)

Seconded: Edward Jacobs (Balliol)

DP asked whether this was needed.

0 against

4 abstentions

Request granted

11. A.O.B.

OURCs Financial Report Academic Year 2008-2009 for Captains Meeting 15/06/09

Starting Balance	£19,481.66
Predicted Ending Balance	£19,556.47

Income

Affiliation	£1,500.00
Entries	£16,462.00
Fines	£5,070.00
Misc.	£1,479.63

Total Income **£24,511.63**

Expenditure

OUBC Account	£7,000.00
Squad Grants	£3,000.00
OURCs/Race Expenses	£8,495.42
Rent	£1,000.00
Misc.	£527.00
(RowSab Salary	£4414.44)

Total Expenditure **£24,436.82**

Predicted Net Income **£74.81**

Discussion Points

- Continuity
- Fines, difficulties in comparisons
- Entry Fee Rise
- Grant System
 - ARA
 - Launch Driving
 - Other
- Sponsorship Money