



O U R C s

Captains' Meeting Agenda Thursday 4th Week Trinity Term 2010 8pm, Christ Church

1. Minutes Of The Last Meeting

Available at (<http://www.ourcs.org.uk/files/file/minutes/2008%20TT%20Wednesday%208th%20week%20minutes.pdf>)

2. Matters Arising

None

3. Ratification

Constance Spoor as OUWBC President 2010-2011

Proposed: Laurence McGivern (OURCs)

Seconded: Ben Thurston (OURCs)

For: Nem con.

Against: 0

Abstention: 0

4. Squad Reports

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

5. COUR Report

LM told the meeting that COUR was reviewing the swim test process, and that more information would be available shortly. COUR also upheld the ban on Vortex-edged blades, and decided that there would be a meeting for Senior Members and Bursars of college boat clubs early in Michaelmas

6. Rule changes

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- f. ~~ensuring all members of the crew can hear the coxswain clearly; a coxswain is required to demonstrate full control over the entire crew.~~

Proposed: Sahil Sinha (OURCs)
Seconded: Tom Fowler (St. Hilda's)

SS read out a his rule change. This has particular relevance to racing without a cox box, and has safety implications.

DP asked if coxes with loud voices can still go out. What also of novice coxes? Complete control is a little harsh perhaps.

TC asked how this could be demonstrated.

SS reiterated that this has specific implications for racing crews.

RQ asked for dropping of second clause. SS agreed and confirmed it was in the general rules.

For: 44
Against: 1
Abstention: 7

Motion passes

7. Discussion of College Race at HBR

PC - wants feedback on this. In principle, should this be repeated.

Magd (Men) – main objective to increase revenue, main objection was treading on squads' toes. So what of a different format – sprint knockout, perhaps. This could encourage participation.

Magd (Women) – agreed with Magd (Men) and highlighted the logistics problem.

PC – format is up for discussion and development, as are the logistics.

Hertford (Men) – how to encourage people to race HBR over Vllls Head?

PC – this wont be a problem, at least for next year.

LM – email HBR presidents with comments.

8. Disbursement of funds to squads

DP said that OURCs gives funds to squads, and that this had not happened this year. He will be giving £1000 to the three HBR squads and making up any missing payments.

9. **Transfers and Special Permissions**

1. **Timothy Weil from no college to Jesus College until end HT11**

Applying under C6.4e (typically not allowed)

Tim, in the third year of his phd, has just moved to New to become their junior dean but would like to continue rowing for Lincoln. Supernumerary member of the MCR – Jesus interviews for this. He isn't a member of Jesus College. He's a very involved member of the MCR and of college. He's a rowing novice and wants to row 3rd VIII.

Proposed: Haydn Thomas (Jesus)

Seconded: Tom Baker (OURCs)

RQ – why isn't he being included as an AM?

TB – Jesus likes to keep these spaces free for a finalists' boat.

Catz (Men) – asked clarification of how he arrived, etc.

Lincoln (Men) – asked for confirmation that he would not row 1st VIII.

HT – that's fine.

For: 58

Against: 3

Abstentions: 2

Motion passes

2. **Jack Plummer from no college to St. Catherine's College until end TT10**

Applying under C6.4f (typically not allowed)

JP had to self-rusticate for personal/medical reasons. This was discovered/came about last weekend. JP has been an integral member of the squad with huge commitment and it would be a shame if he now wasn't able to cox for St. Catz.

JP – I co-captained M1 throughout the year and wants to continue with it.

SS – are Catz happy as a college? JP said yes.

BT – clarification of the rules. If you have suspended your studies you cannot row in Vllls. Personal circumstances do come into this, but rules remain rules. BT said that eligibility can be appealed even if this transfer goes through. We don't know what the decision will be but there is the chance that bumps are disallowed, etc.

Mansfield (Men) – Can we then go through and say if we pass this, it remains passed.

RQ – appeals don't have to come from captains. She can't pre-empt what the SUs will decide but BT is correct.

TB – clarified that this is C6.4f and not C6.4e.

SS – please clarify how this can be appealed, if we are making constitutional amendment.

RQ – you're not voting on something that contradicts the constitution, not on changing the constitution.

Linacre (Men) – Does this go for all transfer today.

Queens (Women) – how does the rest of the crew feel? Do they back JP?

JP – they do.

SH – the risk lies with JP and Catz. The only thing we are responsible for is saying whether Catz can take on the problem themselves.

DP – We also need to consider the effects on the crews around him. We are deciding whether to allow JP to take the risk.

Lincoln (Men) – don't we have a duty to uphold the constitution.

BT and LM read out the rules concerned.

Catz (Men) – what's the timescale?

RQ – issue we know about of being controversial, please lodge an appeal before this weekend.

This doesn't stop anyone appealing later but please do bring things up in advance.

Proposed: Phil McCullough (Catz)

Seconded: Tom Baker (OURCs)

For: 39

Against: 11

Abstentions: 15

Motion passes

3. Cynthia Eccles from no college to Wolfson College until end TT10

Applying under C6.4e (typically not allowed)

As on agenda. In 3rd boat and would like as back-up for the 2nd VIII.

Proposed by: Jill Betts (Wolfson)

Seconded by: Sarah Turner (St John's)

For: 54

Against: 1

Abstentions: 10

Motion passes

10. Announcements

- Swim Tests/Capsize Drills – more details to follow shortly
- Oriel Regatta
 - JW – get entries in. Email susan.tickner@oriel.ox.ac.uk
 - Oriel (W) – this will be an awesome event. Everyone should give it a go. Please encourage people to participate.
- Balliol Gordouli
 - Side-by-side racing will happen Saturday 8th Week. Please afford Balliol consideration.

11. A.O.B

- **Oriel motion:**
 - SH – there is an Oriel W5 that wants to row in Vllls, but missed the entry deadline. We're asking for permission for Oriel W5 to enter, and consequently to row-on tomorrow.
 - DP – there are 40 boats for 25 spots. Why should the Oriel W5 get the chance, and deny another crew the chance? Is this fair?
 - SH – that's a fair question. Some of the girls were only recently eligible
 - Christy Harzan – regarding eligibility; someone was ineligible on grievance leave, hence the late entry.
 - Magd (W) – the only way you take a place away is if you are a faster crew. This is a competition, which is how it works.
 - BT – is there a way of punishing late crews.
 - Benets (Men) – late entry fees?

- Trinity (Men) – it wasn't that the crew didn't get their act together, but a grievance leave.
- BT – the crew already has two AMs in it

Proposed: Sjoerd Hamburger (OUBC)
 Seconded: Christy Harzan (Oriel)

For: 31
 Against: 16
 Abstention: 18

Motion passes.

Punitive Motion:

- Oriel to take a marshalling/umpiring slot from the top non-qualifying crew for each day.
- PC – a whole extra
- Benets - late entry penalty, in cash.
- New (Men) –
- **OURCs Secretary will find appropriate penalty.**

Proposed: Laurence McGivern
 Seconded: Sahil Sinha

For: 62
 Against: 0
 Abstentions: 3

Motion passes.

• **New motion (Dave Whiffin):**

- BT read out statements from New and DW.
- DP – makes the same point as in the JP case. That was a transfer, this is a motion, not as a constitutional amendment – lower threshold.
- TB – what was DWs involvement in Torpids.
- DW – hadn't been involved at Torpids until two days before the event.
- This was done as a normal substitution and not picked up.
- John's (Men) – how did this come up this time?
- BT - individuals queried involvement (as seen on TalkRowing).
- DP – just because things aren't picked up it doesn't mean these are not allowed.
- DW – Bodcard has been reissued this year – it's not invalid.
- LM clarified that DW's status was still that of a suspended student.
- Lincoln (Men) – this is effectively the same as foreign language students.
- Magd (W) – does anyone here actually have issues they want to raise.
- Wadham (M) – a lot of issues have arisen from the coaches of my club. This may be as a result of a misunderstanding.
- BT – the said coaches fully understand the case but are fully sympathetic and may see ground for further rule changes.

Proposed: Chris Apps (New)
 Seconded: Laurence McGivern (OURCs)

For: 55
 Against: 0

Abstentions: 10

Motion passes

- Jesus request for rower at Worcester regatta
 - Becky Leach appealed for a woman to race at Worcester regatta in place of a girl with a slipped disc. More details from rebecca.leach@jesus.ox.ac.uk

- David Pallot –
New out of racing fines system works well.
Wants to have a new race fines system as well.
Wants input.
SS wants marshalling and umpiring exempted.
RQ wants late at the start excluded.

- New (Men) –
 - Makes an appeal for people not to appeal.
 - LM – please appeal early if you are going to.

- RQ –
New-captains-day. All sorts of goodness and helpful information available. Normally Sunday of 7th.
Squad presidents are coming to talk to people as well.