

Meeting of Boat Club Captains – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
2006 – 8.00pm BSLT, St Catz

Apologies for absence

None Received

1. Minutes of last meeting  
Approved by Captains

2. Matters Arising  
No matters Arising

3. Squad reports

O UWBC

Alex Cairns reported that OUWBC beat CUWBC in the 2006 Boat Race by half a length in a record time of 5.44 and that Osiris beat Blondie by 2 and a half lengths in a record time of 5.54. The squad also performed well at BUSA where the development squad Eight won a Gold medal and the development squad Four won a Bronze medal. Crews are currently being put together for Henley.

O UWLRC

Alice Millest reported that OUWLRC lost by 2ft at the 2006 Boat Race in Henley. Never the less they had multiple success at BUSA winning Gold in lightweight pairs and Silver in a Four. They will join OUWBC in Women's Henley preparation.

O ULRC

Alex Woods reported that OULRC won the 2006 boat race against Cambridge. He also reported that 4 pairs had gone to GB trails with the top pair coming 4<sup>th</sup> and subsequently earning funding for them to race. They are currently putting together a coxless Four to aim to be the GB coxless Four at the World University Championships. Information about trailing for OULRC next year will be sent out by email soon.

Morven Porteous proposed that Item 4 on the agenda be swapped with item 5, so as to give new OURCs committee a vote in the RowSab election.

Judy Gleen seconded this and captains agreed unanimously

4. Election of new OURC members

Mark Brewer (St Peters) as Ordinary Member  
Rachel Ibbott (Hertford) as Ordinary Member  
Alice Motion (St Hildas) as Ordinary Member  
David Pallott (Christ Church) as Internet Secretary

All Proposed: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

All Seconded: Charles Thorogood (OURCs)

**Motion Passed Overwhelmingly**



## 5. Rowing Sabbatical 2006-07 Election

MP outlined the RowSab job description and things to consider when voting. She then explained the voting system. It was accepted that:

- Only Boat Club Captains, Members of OURCs Committee, Rowing Blues, Rowing Half Blues and Senior Umpires are eligible to vote at a CM
- Only Boat Club Captains are entitled to send a designated representative. This representative must hold the written permission of the respective Captain in order to vote on their behalf.

- There will be no absent voting by proxy. (ie. Only those present at the meeting are entitled to vote)

- Abstentions counted as a negative vote against both Captains.

Leonard Martin and Rich Stock then each husted for 5 minutes and then together answered questions;

- What rowing commitments do the candidates envisage having next year?
- How much rowing experience do you have (esp. outside of Oxford)?
- Do you have any ARA qualifications?
- How do you feel your involvement in rowing so far will affect your ability to do the job?
- Do you have any ideas on how to capitalise on the size and success of Torpids and Eights?
- What, if any, plans do you have for next year if you don't get the RowSabb position.
- How do you believe the organisation of Torpids and Eights can be improved?
- How would you feel about organising a feedback event / questionnaire for captains to find out what info / advice has been useful and to get opinions from captains about what can be improved?
- How will you cope with the 'drudge' work involved in the job (eg minutes / data entry?)
- What do you believe the RowSab can do to lessen the load of the treasurer.

### **Election Result:**

**Richard Stock 34 votes**

**Leonard Martin 27 votes**

### **Richard Stock is elected Rowing Sabbatical for 2006-2007**

## 6. Ratification of Squad Presidents

Alice Millest (Pembroke) as OUWLRC President

Proposed: Linda Reynard (OUWLRC)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

Emma Windham (Balliol) as OUWBC President

Proposed: Alex Cairns (OUWBC)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

**Both motions passed overwhelmingly**

7. Ratification of SU for Eights

Ratify Rachel Quarrell, Laura Dance, Jonathan Price, Gareth Powell & David Locke as Senior Umpires for Eights 2006.

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

**Motion passed overwhelmingly**

8. Transfers (as constitutional amendments)

- a) Duncan Buchanan from Pembroke College to Jesus College  
Duncan finished his undergraduate degree at Jesus last year and is now a graduate at Pembroke.

Typically Allowed

Proposed: Ivor Bennett (Jesus)

Seconded: Steve Mills (Pembroke)

Duncan had not done any rowing with Pembroke and was the ex-captain of Jesus.

Pembroke consented to this transfer.

**Motion Passed.**

- b) Sarah Dawson from Hildas to St Benets

Sarah is a cox and wishes to move from St Hilda's where there is a surplus of coxes to St Benets where there is a shortage.

Typically Not Allowed

Proposed: Patrick Schrijnen (St Benets)

Seconded: Alice Motion (St Hildas)

**Motion Withdrawn.**

- c) Stephen Brett from no college to St Benets

Typically Allowed

Proposed: Patrick Schrijnen (St Benets)

Seconded:

**Motion Withdrawn.**

- d) Craig Leaper from St Catz to Worcester.

Craig did an undergraduate and postgraduate degree at Worcester then moved to Catz at the start of this academic year to start a second undergraduate degree.

Proposed: David Stass (Worcester)

Seconded: Amy Banham-Hall (St Catz)

Craig rowed and coached for Worcester for several years. Pete Goult (St Catz) did not actively support the transfer but felt that since Craig would not row for Catz there was little logic in actively opposing the transfer.

For: 26

Against: 9

Abstentions: 16

**Motion Passed**

e) Matthijs den Besten from No College to St Antony's  
Matthijs den Besten was a student at St Antony's and has just returned to Oxford to begin a post-doc at the Oxford University Internet Institute. He is in possession of a Bod card.

Typically Not Allowed

Proposer: Timo Idema - St Antony's

Seconder: Florian Nickels-Teske - St Antony's

MP noted the error on the agenda and explained that this motion was 'Typically Not-Allowed' since Matthijs had not been in continuous possession of a bodcard.

St Antony's is very short of Coxes and Matthijs would be extremely useful to the boat club. He is intending to cox the w2.

**Motion Passed Overwhelmingly**

f) Polly Milward: St Cross to Hertford

Polly has extensive family links to Hertford and has been training with Hertford and raced with Hertford in external ARA regattas. She is recognised as a Hertford rower by the ARA. She has never rowed for Wolfson or St Cross.

Typically Not Allowed

Proposed: Rachael Ibbott (Hertford)

Seconded: Laith Yakob (St Cross)

Concern was voiced about setting a precedent for transfers if Polly was allowed to move to Hertford on grounds of family ties. Polly felt she was not part of her own boat club and that Wolfson had already set their crews. Polly rowed in Osiris this year and it was noted that Wolfson would have likely welcomed her into a crew if had she made herself know to the Boat Club.

**Motion Failed**

9. River Closures

a) Between 2-3pm on Sunday 28th May for a Queens College Old Members race.

Proposed: Dan Wood (Queens)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

**Motion Passed Overwhelmingly**

b) Between 12.00pm until 5.00pm or the end of racing (whichever is later) on Thursday to Saturday of 7th week (inclusive) for Oriel Regatta.

Proposed Oliver Williams (Oriel)

Seconded Simon Ho (Oriel)

**Motion Passed Overwhelmingly**

c) Eights River Closure

19<sup>th</sup> May (Rowing-On): 11am – 6pm (or when racing ends) and 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> May

(Main Event): 11am (10am Saturday) – 7pm (or when racing ends).

Proposed: Rich Stock (OURCs)

Seconded: Morven Porteous (OURCs)

**Motion Passed Overwhelmingly**

## 10. Motions

### a) Exceptional Circumstances for Eights

Somerville W1 do not have a cox available to train with them and cox them for Eights. They would therefore like to have an associate member to cox them during Eights and for training up till then.

Proposed - Esther Maxwell, Somerville

Seconded - Reuben Johnson, Magdalen.

**Motion Passed Overwhelmingly**

### b) Amend G7.1

Change "A University card or coxing permit will be sufficient for competitors who satisfy C6.1"

to "A University card or coxing permit **or clear photocopy** will be sufficient for competitors who satisfy C6.1"

Proposed: Rachel Quarrell (SU)

Seconded: Rich Stock (OURCs)

**Motion Passed Overwhelmingly**

## 11. AOB

- a) Judy Gleen reminded captains to tell their coxes to spin in the correct area at the Haystack end of the Isis Stretch.
- b) Morven Porteous reminded Captains who had not completed their Safety Audits to get them sorted ASAP.
- c) Richard Stock reminded Captains about CORC restrictions and asked that crews not pester the general public to open and close locks for them!
- d) Richard Stock outlined to captains the potential agreement being organised between Zoo and OURCs for Summer Eights
- e) River Closure on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of June for the Viatel Dash (1pm – 7pm or when racing ends)

Proposed: Alex Woods (OUWLRC)

Seconded: Alex Cairns (OUWBC)