

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS

MICHAELMAS TERM CAPTAIN'S MEETING
GOLDIE BOATHOUSE
MONDAY 1st OCTOBER 2007
5:00pm

MINUTES

1. Apologies for Absence

Fitzwilliam Men, Lucy Cavendish, Peterhouse Women.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous pre-Bumps meeting were accepted.

3. CUCBC Officers

The following CUCBC officers were announced and approved unanimously:

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| <i>Chair:</i> | Pete Convey | (PC) |
| <i>Senior Treasurer:</i> | Ian Thompson | (IT) |
| <i>Safety Advisor:</i> | Tom Davies | (TD) |

The other officers are as follows:

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| <i>CUCBC Hon Sec:</i> | Laura Sutcliffe (Clare) | (LS) |
| <i>CUWBC Hon Sec:</i> | Ellie Goodfield (Fitzwilliam) | (EG) |
| <i>CULRC Hon Sec:</i> | Mark Jacobs (Peterhouse) | (MJ) |
| <i>Coxswains' Representative:</i> | Dave White (St Catharine's) | (DEW) |
| <i>Web Team:</i> | Dan Wilkins (Jesus) | (DRW) |
| | Will Richards (Peterhouse) | (WR) |

4. Presentation of Accounts for 2006-7

IT circulated copies of the accounts for the year 2006-7 and reminded captains that bills must be settled by 2nd November 2007. (Cheques payable to *Cambridge University Combined Boat Clubs* to Ian Thompson at King's College.)

IT noted increased expenditure on trophies, equipment and cannons as well as the reduced Bumps entry fees thanks to sponsorship by UBS. The recent Gun Shed break-in will require expenditure on new equipment prior to the Lents.

5. Safety Form Deadlines

The deadline is Monday 1st October. Captains should use the online club information system at <http://www.cucbc.org/clubs> to update their safety forms.

6. Web Account Admin



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DRW explained that all captains should have usernames and passwords for both the CUCBC email system and the CUCBC website. Captains who have failed to recover passwords from their predecessors should contact the Web Team at webmaster@cucbc.org immediately. All official CUCBC correspondence will be sent to captains' CUCBC email accounts.

On the subject of mailing lists, only captains' CUCBC email accounts will be subscribed to the Captains' List. Secretaries, LBCs and others should subscribe to the Contacts List at <http://www.cucbc.org/lists>.

7. College Events

IT circulated copies of the relevant forms to clubs organising events on the Cam this term. These should be returned to **IT** at King's College.

8. Exceptional Rowers

Details of any exceptional rowers (i.e. those not in *statu pupillare* or who are members of more than one College,) should be sent to the CUCBC Committee at committee@cucbc.org as soon as possible.

9. Michell Cup 2006-7

The Michell Cup was won by Jesus College.

10. Early Mornings

PC urged captains to read the current CUCBC Handbook which was circulated to all captains present and is available online. The early morning one-way system will be reinstated at some point this term when traffic levels require it. Circumstances requiring crews to go against the one-way system due to exceptional circumstances (e.g. injury or serious boat damage) will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

11. Other Early Morning Issues

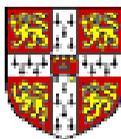
PC explained that complaints due to noise could precipitate a complete ban on early morning rowing. Crews, coaches and coxes must understand and abide by the relevant rules in the CUCBC Handbook. Crews boating prior to 7:20am should be competent to reach the Railway Bridge without excessive noise.

IT reminded captains that lights must be used on boats within 15 minutes of lighting down and lighting up.

12. Henley Boat Races

PC informed captains that a change of location to Dorney Lake for the Women's and Lightweight Boat Races was under discussion. This could include an inter-collegiate event between Oxford and Cambridge College crews.

Claire Hansell (CUWBC President) asked for feedback on such an idea to be sent to the CULRC president and herself (president@cuwbc.org).



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Clare Men asked about proposed transport arrangements from train station to event. **Caius** asked how crews for an inter-collegiate event would be selected. **Clare Women** asked whether such an event could be closer to the end of Lent Term. **PC** suggested these issues be dealt with if and when the idea moves forward.

13. Any Other Business

Duncan Holland (CUBC Head Coach) briefly explained how the CUBC Dev Squad operates alongside College rowing. Dev Squad athletes are expected to train and compete with their College crews. CUBC athletes are given the choice to train with CUBC for Henley or train with College crews for the Mays. CUBC athletes training prior to Henley are only available to College clubs for the actual Mays races. **DH** highlighted that athletes are free to choose either option.

Rule 12(c) will be in force from Saturday 6th October to Sunday 25th November inclusive. While this rule is in force College crews may boat after noon on Saturdays and Sundays but not before.

PC explained to captains that the flag system is designed to control large numbers of boats and so needs to be used even when individual crews may be able to cope with the conditions. The final decision to boat remains with clubs even if the flag is green.

Various suggestions for reducing early morning traffic have been received. **PC** urged clubs to train novices sufficiently prior to using VIII's in the mornings and strongly advised clubs to avoid early outings. Solutions to the over-crowding problem are required so **PC** proposed calling a second Captains' Meeting later in term to deal with this issue.

Entries for the University IVs competition will be open soon via the online CREWS system.

PC informed captains that the ARA and various local clubs and organisations will be funding a Cambridge Area Club Coach to develop coaching skills within clubs.

LS drew captains' attention to the BUSA Super VIII's. Information is available on the BUSA website and entries should be made via **LS**.

It was noted that the Women's Eights Head of the River Race 2008 clashes with the final day of the Lent Bumps.