



CUCBC Captains' meeting

1) Apologies

Peterhouse men and women.

Jesus men and women

Darwin men

Newnham

2) Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

3) Exceptional rowers

Pete explained that this refers to anyone who is not a bona fide undergraduate or postgraduate who wants to row, including fellows who are generally permitted in the second boat or below. We need to be informed about these asap.

Dual membership was also explained, for cases where a student is a member of two colleges; it is the individual's decision who they wish to row for, and CUCBC again must be notified asap.

Ian raised the issue of bumps, and reminded Captains that the deadline for crew entries is 1st Feb. You must dual enter, on the CUCBC website crews section, and you also have to enter your crews with George as well. It's also a deadline for paying. Bumps programmes – these are being put together; that's why the deadline is 1st Feb.

New – normally for every copy sold through a porters' lodge the Porters Benevolent fund gets 25p. BUT if you get an order to Ian by Feb 8th, can get them for £1.75 each, as opposed to the normal selling price of £2.50.

4) Rule 12c –weekend rowing

Once full term starts we will return to last term's format; no rowing before midday on Saturday and Sunday.

5) Amendment of rule 13c (rowing under yellow flag)

There's been some confusion as to what the rules are regarding tubbing; apart from using general commonsense, what should the rule be?

Fitz men –compulsory to have senior cox?

Christ's men – would we need to change the red/yellow flag rules on tubbing too?

Clare women- surely it's implicit in the current rules?

Pete – suggest we make it can have anyone rowing, but must be competent steerer.

6) Erg competition 2008

Lees school is booked for 3rd May; awaiting more info from LMBC.

7) Early mornings

Lighting down is still quite late, so there will be congestion.

Pete reminded everyone of the noise restrictions.

If you have a boat which is inexperienced enough to need coaching/talking to before Railway Bridge, do not boat until 7.30.

Bear in mind that if you're going out very early at the end of term, there will still be noise restrictions when you come back up through the Railway Bridge.

All of last term's discussions came to the conclusion that there are just too many boats out in the early mornings, so that training is not effective. We all know this, so we have to do something to limit the number of crews out in the early mornings.

Whatever system we come up with for next year, it has to be simple, workable,

Churchill men – there was no mention of going over the lock – what would happen with this?

Pete – it's great if you're on your own but fills up very quickly. In any case, it doesn't make any difference to the situation on this side of the lock, as you have to use the same bit of river to get there.

Clare men – so can we trade passes?

Pete – that's for the captains to decide, but no reason why not.

Pembroke men – could you go out, get back, give your pass to the next crew?

Pete and Laura – yes; the rule is just the number of boats which can be actually on the river at any one time.

Pembroke women- What about the vast difference in size between the colleges, and therefore the varying number of rowers?

Pete –we basically have to take everyone as being the same; you can't fairly split into big colleges and little ones, as what about those which are medium sized?

Clare women – there's correlation between size of college and amount of money – bigger colleges would more easily be able to "buy" additional passes...

Would we want to ban selling passes? I.e. make them exchangeable, but not sellable?

Ian – one of the things that has come out of this is that we should TRY something – if it doesn't work, can change it, but we should try something.

Fitz men – risk of the richer colleges sending out everyone in singles and pairs, poorer not being able to do this

Pete – we're not worrying about detail – important just to try it, if it turns out not to be right we can reconsider.

St Edmunds – what about Easter term?

Pete – well, there isn't the same problem with morning congestion..?

St Edmunds – oh sorry, Lent term

Pete – we're going to try it for a term, then assess as to what we do for Lent.

Ian – the new rules are for the Lent term as well, at the discretion of the committee.

Lucy Cav women – logistically, how would the passes work? What will they be like?

Pete – this hasn't been fully thought through, but it's a secondary issue.

Churchill men– marshals – could they have better instructions?

Laura, Ellie, Pete – that is being sorted. We know.

St Edmunds –they don't necessarily HAVE any experienced rowers to marshal

Pete – that's ok, we realise that.

Emma women – would be a bit concerned that there are already some highly incompetent crews out; when people are trying to fill bumps spaces, are we not just going to have more incompetent crews out who have not had enough time on the water?

Pete – yes, it's a good point. However, there might equally be benefits as the ones who will be given the water time will be more competent; we are tightening up on the ten outings rule. Colleges would have to decide either to get crews out at other times, or not to run a crew who aren't going to get enough outings to be competent.

Dave White, CUCBC coxing rep– FaT are safely the best club on the river, with the most boats, lots of scientists, and they rarely train in the morning – it's doable!

Will Richards, CUCBC web team– isn't two per club too many?

Pete – we don't really know; it may be too many. However, it seems a reasonable start. Eg women's hour; people don't always use it, so it's likely the same will happen to an extent.

Someone - The caveat without written permission from the Senior CUCBC – when would permission be given?

Pete – is just in for flexibility – very rarely – that provision may even be removed.

Clare women – is there any flexibility for fours, eg two fours being essentially one VIII?

Pete- at the moment, we're considering VIIIs as being the same as IVs; however, the start of the term is not so much of a problem, so could have a different system for pre-Uni IVs

Will, CUCBC web team – potential for a trigger date/number of boats to be decided by captains at the start of each term?

Catz women - with trigger dates, needs to be very very clear which rules are in operation when to avoid the chaos of the one way system trigger.

Pete – maybe even trigger status along with flag colour on website...

Pete – we're going to vote for/against generally progressing with this; will then have to vote on the specifics.

42 For

0 against

0 abstentions.

8) Any other business

CUBC dev squad – Laura, CUBC hon sec – email has gone out, but to outline – can send anyone male, the only proviso being that they have to be going to row Lents; so CUBC are NOT stealing your rowers!

Will - website – there is LOADS on there that's new. Please point people in the right direction of the pages which apply to them. Check your CUCBC mail addresses daily.

Ian – we do know that weHARR is on the last day of bumps, and no we're not doing anything about it.

Emma men – is there going to be any further movement on rowing after lighting up? CRA don't seem to mind until 6.

Pete – ARA guidance is no to rowing in the dark, can see things going wrong easily – so no, essentially.

Laura – flag is green.

Queens men – how about allowing rowing before midday at weekends?

Pete – no for the moment; long and grumbling discussions about this.