

**Present (via Zoom))**

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| **Role** | **Name** |
| Welfare Officer | Claude Chiplin |
| Vice-Captain Women | Helen Gray |
| Vice Captain Adaptives | Ian Pigrim |
| Boatswain | John Redmond |
| Vice-Captain Junior | Mark Rawlinson |
| Captain | Mike Spruzs |
| Chairman | Paul Woowat |
| Safety Adviser | Rachel Morris |
| Secretary | Richard Warne |

**Apologies**

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| Vice-Captain Men | Ben Hopwood |
| Social Secretary | Georgie Moore |
| Treasurer | Danny Skillman |

**Minutes**

1. **Crew boats and BR latest guidance** - discussion on how to implement.
   1. From a junior perspective it was felt that the singles were working well and there was no immediate pressure to move into crew boats. From senior perspective it was felt there would be more demand as certain members preferred sweep.
   2. There was a discussion on the need to have established crews and it was agreed that people should be asked to form crew bubbles with a maximum of 4 in the bubble – with members of the bubble able to row in doubles/pairs and when allowed in quads/fours.
   3. After discussion it was agreed that the maximum numbers should remain 10 rowers per session – subject to review once larger boats with the possibility of specifying specific boating times (aka Tee times).
2. **Beginners course senior and junior in September** – it was agreed that the logistics of running beginners courses where there would be a requirement to get closer than 2 meters. It was suggested that this year’s beginners should be offered further coaching given the issues this year.
3. **AGM** – Given the current Gov Covid restrictions we remain unable to hold the AGM in person. It was agreed that we should hold a zoom AGM as a backstop before October 1st if an in person meeting was not possible.
4. **Subs** – current subs (at £20 per member) expires September so it was agreed we needed to agree subs for the remainder. Paul agreed to work with Danny to see what the breakeven amount would be for the year, assuming no boat purchases this year. This would represent the floor. The view was that members might be willing to pay closer to their usual subs to support the club and it was suggested given that some members may have been adversely affected by the COVID crisis we could suggest members could make a voluntary contribution - which would have tax benefits – if they wanted to support the club’s longer term aspirations.
5. **Issue of recent crashes in hot spot in straight** – it was reported that there had been another head on collision without injury but rigger damage. There was not a full incident report but the committee were concerned again that there had been similar incidents where one or more boats were off station leading to colliding head-on. There was discussion whether reversing the current rules which had been introduced after the last major collision that stated that pieces should only be done down stream with technical work done upstream ie that pieces should be done upstream and technical work done downstream. After discussion it was agreed that a fuller description of the latest incident should be circulated to clarify where this happened (was it at the same spot as previous incidents and which direction were the boats traveling) and any suggestions and comments on possible changes to current rules be sent to Mike and Rachel so that they can draw up a report for review by the committee. (Note after the meeting it was agreed that comments to Mike and Rachel be made by EOD Friday 7th August.)
6. **Junior training camp update from Mark**. Mark confirmed that the camp would move to the following year given travels restrictions.
7. **AOB** –
   1. Ian requested that the Friday morning Free sessions be reserved for Adaptive rowing. This was agreed by the committee.
   2. Mike noted that in the latest BR safety bulletin an incident was recorded that a coach refused to go to the aid of a rower in distress as they did not have PPE. The coach was in a launch. There was a discussion as to whether coaches/helpers should have PPE and if so whether the club should purchase these. It was agreed that given current RA this was not necessary but would be kept under review when coxes would start again under phase F. It was also suggested that we would need to address the issues of sharing cox boxes especially the mics.

There being no further business the meeting closed.

