



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS

EASTER TERM CAPTAINS' MEETING GOLDIE BOATHOUSE MONDAY 23rd APRIL 2007 5.00pm

MINUTES

1. Apologies for Absence

Chris Morris (CUBC Hon Sec), LMBC women, Peterhouse women, Selwyn women, Vet School

2. Minutes of February meeting

The Michaelmas term minutes are unavailable at present due to a hard drive failure. The Lent term minutes are with the CUBC Hon Sec – both sets of minutes to be approved at the next meeting (pre-Bumps).

3. Small Boats Regatta

A question was raised as to why not all of the finals were on the last day of competition. **MJ** replied that timetabling constraints caused by exams made this impossible.

4. Early Morning Noise

PC pointed out to captains that although there is no marshalling system this term, it can be reinstated if problems arise due to excess traffic in the mornings, and he stressed that it was up to clubs to obey the rules themselves. He also asked captains to be mindful of the fact that boating early can mean that they are returning from an outing before 7.30, and the noise restrictions still apply.

Michaelmas and Lent Terms have been good regarding noise, to the point where the Colleges have actually been praised by residents!

5. Weekend Rowing

Colleges are allowed out on Saturday but not Sunday, and the evening hours do not apply on a Saturday, although this can be changed by captains. A vote was held to determine whether to apply the evening hours on a Saturday. **Girton women** asked why the no Sunday rule applies – **PC** replied that this has always been the case, and

that the post-noon format of Michaelmas and Lent terms is a relatively recent development. At any rate, there is no option to change it at the current time. **Pembroke women** mentioned that they appreciate the no Sundays rule from a 'rest day' point of view.

VOTE to apply hours on Saturday:

For: 0

Against: everyone else

The lack of evening hours on Saturday remains unchanged.

6. Men's and Women's Hours

Moving the evening hours forwards by half an hour has been suggested i.e. early hour would become 5.30-6.30 and late hour 7-8. This would enable lower boats to still get in useful water time after the evening hours. **PC** suggested that this could affect any finishing coaches coming up from London, but that they would probably be in the minority. **KC** pointed out that early mornings are often busy in Easter Term, but so are the evening hours, and so this change might help to 'spread the load' of the many crews that want to get out. **Catz** and **Downing women** highlighted the fact that grads might have trouble getting to the boathouse for 5.15, and thus use of the stretch below Baitsbite might be increased due to crews being unable to use the early hour. **FaT women** said that evening hours are often just as bad as mornings, so if a few crews are unable to utilise them, then that might not be a bad thing! **Downing men** said that lower boats might find it difficult to adhere to the 10 outing rule if they are unable to go out in the evening.

VOTE to shift the evening hours forward by 30 minutes:

For: 27

Against: 21

The motion was carried and the evening hours have been shifted.

7. LMBC Erg competition

IT said that the Leys School had been booked as a venue, but **LMBC men** said that negotiations with Concept 2 regarding the provision of ergs were still ongoing. If and when this is resolved, entries will be open.

8. May Bumps

i. Entry Deadline Dates

Both the entry deadline and the deadline for programme information are 23:59 on the 16th May.

ii. Entry Fees

The entry fees have been reduced to £30 per crew because of sponsorship by UBS. However, there is a question of raising them again, but including a free programme for each crew member in the price. This mainly affects the Lents, as every year a large number of programmes are recycled, and it is not worth reducing the print run as advertising revenue would be lost. This will be discussed further and voted upon at the Michaelmas Term meeting.

iii. Exceptional Rowers

The deadline for requesting exceptional rower status is 8th May.

iv. Ten Outing Rule

The rule still applies for the Mays, and Safety Officers will be asked to sign a declaration to that effect.

9. Handbook 2007/08

The proposed changes were outlined via a document circulated by email. However not all captains had a chance to read it. **PC** stated that they were mainly to bring the rules in line with the CUCBC Safety Policy. There will be one vote on whether to accept *all* of the changes at the pre-Bumps meeting.

Catz men asked whether the proposed new rule 65 should read 'row or steer' as opposed to just 'row' with regards to University rowers participating in the GoR **PC** replied that CUCBC are usually more lenient with regards to coxes from a safety point of view, so the wording shall stand.

IT brought up the issue of inconsistencies within the Michell Cup points printed in the Handbook. At a 2003 Captains' Meeting, it was voted that 12 points should be awarded for the Peter Brandt and Maiden Sculls separately, not 12 points between them, and that this has been ambiguously worded in the Handbook.

VOTE for 12 points to be awarded to the winners of the Peter Brandt, and 12 to the winners of Maiden Sculls:

For: 24

Against: 0

The motion was carried and the Handbook will be re-worded effectively.

FaT women asked whether full points should be given to both crews in the event of a tie, for example in the Light IVs race during Uni IVs. She pointed out that this was not the case when 2 FaT pairs dead-heated in Small Boats 2005, and that points were split on that occasion. **PC** stated that medals (i.e. the full prize) get given to both crews, so by extension the full complement of Michell Cup points should get given too. **FaT women** expressed a concern that this could lead to 'engineered' dead heats between two crews from the same college in order to gain more points.

VOTE for whether in the event of a dead heat, both crews should be awarded the full number of points available.

For: 24

Against: 15

The full amount of Michell Cup points will be given to both crews in the event of a tie.

10. Michaelmas Term

i. Meet the Sponsors

UBS want to hold a drinks evening on the Thursday before Full term starts; this will be held at Kings.

ii. Captains' Meeting

Will be held on Monday 1st October at 5.30pm

iii. LBC and Coaching Courses

TD stated that the LBC course was run on a Saturday for a full day last year, but that only 18 colleges sent representatives. The course will be shorter this year (~2 hours), but it will be combined with the coaching course. Clubs must send at least one person.

11. Any Other Business

KC asked that any captains put forward suitable candidates for the position of Coxing Rep, for which nominations will be open soon, and a vote will be taken at the pre-Bumps meeting.

It was also pointed out that CULRC and CUWBC will be running their respective Dev Squads again this year, and captains are encouraged to send rowers that might have potential to make University crews along.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Sunday 10th June, 1.30pm, Keynes Hall, King's College