

## CUCBC Captains' Meeting Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### Minutes

Present: Felicity Parker (CUCBC Honorary Secretary), Mark Jacobs (CUCBC Safety Advisor), College Captains

Apologies: Christ's Men's Captain, Caius Captains, Corpus Christi Women's Captain, Hughes Hall Men's Captain, Matthew Temple (CUCBC Exec Committee), Kate Shipley (CUCBC Exec Committee), David Munday (CUCBC Chair), Pete Convey (CUCBC Senior Committee), Conor Burgess (CUCBC Senior Committee)

Reminder of early morning noise

- we have received complaints from residents detailing offences by specific college clubs
- no coaching from the bank, and minimal coxing, upstream of the Railway Bridge before 7:30am
- if a crew cannot get to the railway bridge safely without coaching from the bank and/or significant coxing, they should not boat before 7:30am

SBR feedback

- none

May Bumps

- Wednesday 12th – Saturday 15th June
- GoR late afternoon on Friday 7th June
- Entry fee £45
- 12 outing requirement
- Entries & payments due 23:45 on Friday 10th May
- Reminder of eligibility rules
- Declarations of rowers with exceptional status and dual college members
  - Churchill/Pembroke dual college member rowing for Churchill

College bills

- have not been issued yet but as soon as they are will be emailed round to captains and a reasonable payment deadline set
  - When will we hear back about fine appeals?
    - When Dan gets round to it. It will be in the system somewhere.
  - It's been two months since we lodged a fine appeal; what evidence will be taken into account when considering our appeal?
    - We have notes of which umpire issued the fine and what observations they made to justify it. We presume that all evidence you have to support your appeal was provided in the original appeal.

- Fitz: should there be detailed records kept?
- MJ: not necessary

#### Wildlife – swan nests

- one on Grassy; one upstream of the railway bridge, on the meadow side; one upstream of New Combined, on the non-towpath side
  - avoid getting between swans and their nests, particularly the one on Grassy – avoid stopping or doing exercises near nests
- there is an aggressive swan beyond Baitsbite
- when cygnets / ducklings / anything else appear, avoid hitting them so far as is possible without compromising safety (i.e. don't hold it up suddenly if you're sparring and have an VIII at race pace half a length behind)

#### Rule clarifications

- Separation of men's / women's races as regards rowing / coxing in both
  - It is permitted to row in one crew and/or cox one crew on each day of Bumps. It is not permitted to row twice or cox twice in one day, except in the case of the sandwich boats. If an individual is both rowing and coxing in Bumps, the crews they row in and cox need not be of the same gender. (Agreed by captains in vote) Basically it's understood and accepted that the single event 'CUCBC May Bumps' has both men's and women's divisions, and the rule as written applies to both sides of the competition taken as one.
- Does subbing into the GoR make one ineligible for subbing into higher crews?
  - Agreed that they would be treated as anyone else who had subbed into a lower crew, and would be available as per current rules for subbing into other crews later in the week.

#### Recruitment call for Exec Committee including new Hon Sec

- requested to send out a separate email that can be forwarded to clubs

#### Dates of pre-Bumps meetings and briefings

- most likely Saturday before Bumps (8<sup>th</sup> June) although this will be determined by the availability of rooms

#### AOB:

- MJ: Evening Hours: early hour 17:30-18:30; changeover period 18:30-19:00; late hour 19:00-20:00, all on weekdays only; first VIIIs and VIIIs in top 2 divisions only during early and late hours, first IVs permitted during changeover period for the purpose of rowing over Baitsbite; men's and women's hours alternate on a weekly basis.
  - For the GoR on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, if there are enough divisions that the river closure impinges on early hour, there will be a joint men's and women's hour.
  - For X-Press Head on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, there will be a joint men's and women's hour before the river closure begins at 18:30.

- Alternating women's and men's as headline act in Bumps – agreed to vote on a formal motion about this at the next captains' meeting. This will give captains time to poll their clubs, in particular women's crews in the first division, for their opinions.
- Raised the point that this may result in men's two lowest divisions racing back to back depending on entry numbers for each side – general feel in the room was that the adverse effect to one men's crew may be acceptable in light of the perceived enhancement to the prestige of women's rowing. To be tested by a vote at the next meeting.
- Yellow flag – complaint from JCBC that their W2 is disadvantaged by yellow flag rules as they race in the second division, most other boats in which are first boats and hence are allowed out in yellow flag, but being a second boat and not in the first division are not allowed to train under yellow flags. M2s in the second division are permitted to train in yellow flag.
  - MJ: Very happy to standardise rules between genders, so that both men and women abide by the current rule for women.
  - MJ: There is always a line above which crews are advantaged and below which crews are disadvantaged. The fact that this line is differently placed for men and women may not be problematic as the two are never in competition.
  - Could we introduce a fourth [sic] flag when the river is rowable but traffic needs to be reduced for navigation reasons, i.e. ice?
    - MJ: No, this is too complicated and too much work. By all means propose a motion, but the SC has power to veto captains' motions if they compromise safety – e.g. we would not allow the flag system to be scrapped entirely, though we are open in principle to revision.
    - Post meeting note – reviewing EMM sheets in light of flag and eligible crews is already difficult enough. A fourth flag would be an undesirable complication.
  - Could we have crews allowed out in yellow flag limited as per the current women's rules in Michaelmas, to avoid having incompetent second boats out in yellow flag, but limited as per current men's rules in Lent and Easter, when senior squads are larger and there's more pressure to meet the 12-outing requirement for Bumps?
    - Post-meeting note (MJ): I would like to see records from the past few years of Fairbairns to judge how women's second boats in the Mays W2 division compare with first boats in Michaelmas.
    - In the past the lower number of women rowers overall plus experienced finalists leaving meant that senior W2 crews in Michaelmas were more inconsistent in standard than their M2 counterparts. That is the historical reason behind the difference in current rules.
  - A motion will be proposed by Jesus in time for the next captains' meeting, to be voted on then.