

## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS

### MEETING OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBIEND BOAT CLUBS 5PM, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> 2005, GOLDIE BOATHOUSE.

**Present:** Pete Convey, Ian Thompson, Jude Lowson, Sam Farmer, Tabi Hutton, Kenrick Turner (CUCBC), Tom Edwards, Duncan Holland (CUBC), Sarah Farquhar, Lorna Collins (CUWBC), Alex Summers (CULRC), College Captains

**Apologies:** Pembroke Ladies, Selwyn Men, Corpus Men, Hughes Hall Women.

### MINUTES

#### 1) Official Announcements:

##### a) Club officers for the year

- Chairman: Pete Convey was unanimously approved and duly re-appointed. (PC)
- CUBC Hon Sec: Sam Farmer (Homerton) (SF)
- CUWBC Hon Sec: Jude Lowson (Pembroke) (JL)
- CULRC Hon Sec: Alex Summers (Trinity) (AS)
- CUCBC Coxing Rep: Tabi Hutton (Peterhouse) (TH)
- CUCBC Internet Sec: Kenrick Turner (Clare) (KT)
- CUCBC Treasurer: Ian Thompson (IT)

##### b) Announcement of CUCBC race entry fees for the year

-SF confirmed that the race entry fee for Uni IVs will be £25

#### 2) Presentation of Accounts:

- IT Presented the accounts for the year. There is a higher surplus this year than the year before, primarily due to improvements in the level of fines (excluding bumps fines) and higher sales of Lents and May Bumps programmes (a major source of income).
- The CUCBC has been approached companies interested in sponsorship agreements, and these are being investigated.
- PC proposed that the accounts be approved. Those present voted unanimously to do so.

#### 3) CUBC

- SF Introduced CUBC President Tom Edwards (TE) and Head Coach Duncan Holland (DH).
- TE Congratulated the new captains and committee on their appointment.
- This year it is hoped that communication channels between college clubs and the CUBC can be improved, to the benefit of both parties.
- TE circulated a list of current triallists, and urged college captains to get in touch. He suggested that many triallists are very keen to be involved in college rowing and



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coaching upon being released by CUBC, and that communication between college and athlete will improve the likelihood of triallists returning. In addition to this, he requested that college captains continue to encourage talented athletes to trial.

-**Jesus Men** – asked when triallists are likely to be released. **DH** explained that, in part, this is down to the choice made by individual athletes, who may opt to continue to train with CUBC after the Boat Race, but that the precise dates were not known yet, and were still up for negotiation.

-**DH** informed the meeting of new appointments to the CUBC team. In addition to his appointment as Head Coach, Rob Baker has been promoted, and Grant Craies has joined the team.

-**DH** drew attention to the **CUBC Dev Squad** programme, which will commence on Tuesday 13/10/05 at 5:30pm in Goldie. He would like talented freshers (men only) to be put forward by their colleges to join in a programme of coaching from CUBC coaches which will run up to the 8s Head next term.

-In addition to this, those who have been cut from the squad will be invited, whilst CUBC coaches will be present at Queens Ergs. (**Queens Men** confirmed that this will be taking place on November 1<sup>st</sup>).

-Those involved in Dev Squad must row for their colleges in Fairbairns, and both sets of bumps, and come Lent Term, and VIII will be selected to enter the 8s Head. Some Dev Squad rowers may also be invited to trial for a crew to row at Henley.

-The **LBCs Course** was fairly successful, and will be re-written for next year. It is hoped that it can be run at a different time next year, as it is not ideal to have coaches tied up at this point in the season. **FaT women** suggested that it be run at the end of the year. This is a possibility.

-If there is sufficient interest a **more advanced coaching course** will run for 3-4 evenings this term.

-CUBC will be racing in **Fairbairns** for time only.

-**TE** hopes that CUBC can be a source of knowledge and inspiration, and that all 7 boat races will result in victory this year.

### 4) Uni 4s

-**AS** is administering Uni 4s this year.

-It will run from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November, from 2pm onwards.

-Marshals and umpires are required- **AS** made a plea for competent people to volunteer for these tasks.

-Entries are welcomed for:

#### **Men's Light Fours**

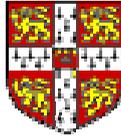
Timed races run over the 2km course from the Little Bridge to the top finishing post at Chesterton

#### **1st and 2nd Men's Coxed Fours**

Timed races run over the 2km course from the Little Bridge to the post 84 yards downstream of the railway bridge

#### **1st and 2nd Women's Coxed Fours**

Side by side races from the post at the bottom of the Long Reach to the Post just below Chesterton Footbridge



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- Winners will receive University Medals and Mitchell cup points.
- Except in exceptional circumstances, crews may only enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> division if a boat from the same college is also entered in the 1<sup>st</sup> division. Coxless 4s DO NOT count as a 1<sup>st</sup> coxed four. Doubling up is permitted at your own risk.
- Pembroke Men** suggested that the consensus should be that the 4- event be for the top crew from each college. This is not possible as few colleges have access to coxless boats.
- No 1<sup>st</sup> May colours or university colours may row in division 2.
- Entries close at 6pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, and will not be accepted until colleges have paid any outstanding fines.
- Cheques should be made out to CUCBC and delivered (preferably by hand) to **AS** at Trinity College.
- Newnham** asked whether there is scope for multiple entries in Division 2. There is.
- LMBC men** enquires as to whether there would be any flexibility in the racing timetable, and **AS** asked that colleges make any such requests early, though could not guarantee that he would be able to accommodate every single request.
- AS** also gave a plug for **the Small Boats Regatta** which takes place at the beginning of Easter Term.
- PC** requested that the Uni 4s trophies be returned as soon as possible, and **SF** added that several trophies are missing from other events, and made a plea for their speedy return.

### 4) Exceptional Rowers

- PC** reminded colleges to contact the CUCBC about any such rowers ASAP. As a general rule, CUCBC needs to know about ALL rowers who are not current students.
- Enquiries about eligibility for other events, such as Fairbairns and Clare Novices should be directed to the colleges in charge.

### 5) Early Morning Noise

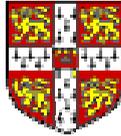
-**PC** reminded the captains about the importance of early morning noise regulations. Local authority bylaws apply before and after 7:30am, but it is particularly crucial that crews

- do not coach from the bank
- do not use megaphones
- make any non-essential/loud coxing calls

before 7:30 am.

### 6) Alphanumeric codes

- SF** stated that all crews racing on tideway must update their boat codes to a three letter code. These can be found on the ARA website for colleges that are registered.
- PC** suggested that all non-registered crews consider doing so, and that even if not necessarily intending to race on Tideway, updating the codes would be worthwhile.
- The CUCBC will inform the River Cam Conservancy of all new codes for college crews.



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### 7) Website, WAP and Flags

-**KT** drew attention to the new website. He asked that all captains/secretaries etc who have not registered yet do so ASAP. The website will be host to:

- A centralised competition entries system
- An online fine system (with an online system for appeals too)

-In addition, several mailing lists exist

- Captains
- Contacts
- Coxes
- Banter

-Guidelines for these lists can be found on CUCBC.org. Flag updates will only be sent to the contacts, and archives can be found online if you have missed/deleted an email. 'Contacts' in particular has a very wide circulation, and should not be abused.

-Flags will fly from GOLDIE, but will also be updated on the website, or can be accessed from WAP-enabled phones on this link:

<http://www.cucbc.org/status.wml>.

-**PC** reminded captains and coxes that the flag is a guideline, but if a crew knows it will struggle in the conditions despite being technically allowed to row, it should not boat.

-**KT** will also send out information for any college webmasters wishing to have the flag status on their own website.

-**KT** requested that captains inform him ASAP if they intend to hold a college event this year so the conservators can be informed.

-**Magdalene men** asked whether they would be able to host an event this year. This will not be possible as no further college events are to be added to the calendar.

### 8) Coxing matters

-**TH** Is glad that there have not been too many incidents so far, but reminded captains that novice coxes **MUST** go out with a senior 8 before coxing a novice boat.

-Tubs must also obey the rules of the river, and this means that they need to stay on the right hand side of the river.

### 9) BUSA

-**AS** is the person to contact if you have any queries about this event.

-**AS** encouraged college crews to consider entering, as in the past crews such as Magdalene have done so with considerable success.

-**PC** pointed out that BUSA is a university event, so university crews do get priority, pushing college crews into lower divisions. This is not necessarily a bad thing, as it allows college crews to compete at a level at which they are likely to have more success.

### 10) CUWBC

-Sarah Farquhar (LWT captain, SF) and Lorna Collins (President, LC) introduced themselves.



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-**LC** made a plea to captains to continue their support for the club. This is particularly important for CUWBC, since it does not attract external rowers and relies upon a large intake from college crews. In past years the vast majority have returned to colleges, and have been able to get involved in rowing and coaching at college level.

-The Blue Boat won last year, and this year the squad is hoping to build upon this success.

-**LC** thanked colleges for their support; loan of equipment and space is very much appreciated, and requested that captains encourage as many talented rowers as possible to come forwards to trial. If the best rowers put themselves forward, then CUWBC will be in an excellent position to build upon the success of last year in the future. Captains can be instrumental in this by given these rowers the extra encouragement they need.

-The Henley boat races take place on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please come and support the university crews!

### **11) Any other business**

#### **-Insurance:**

-**SF** – drew captains attention to the fact that OULRC are being sued by the parents of an athlete who drowned whilst on training camp. This was not only a tragic incident, but highlights the importance of having up to date insurance. It is possible that captains may find themselves personally liable if accidents happen and this is obviously not a desirable position.

-**PC** –It is essential that all colleges are adequately covered. This also applies when equipment is being loaned or borrowed- DO NOT assume that it will be covered. Your college boatman/bursar will be able to give details about current insurance policies. Some colleges will not be insured for races, and this is something which captains may want to look into.

-**PC** also suggested that when significant claims are made or major damage caused, it is wise to involve college senior treasurers rather than trying to sort things out at the captaincy level.

#### **-Tubbing:**

-Rules for tubs (in terms of time restrictions) are the same as those for other boats. Colleges sending out tubs before 12 at the weekends will be fined.

#### **-Captains Dinner**

**Jesus Men** will be contacting captains with details, and this will be held at Jesus college, probably on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct.

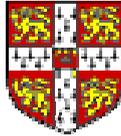
#### **-CULRC:**

-As with the other university clubs, CULRC depend upon the support of college clubs and are very grateful for it. The set-up is improving every year, and **AS** requested that college captains encouraged their top athletes to consider getting involved. The President this year is Jon Winny, and he can be contacted on [jpw41\(at\)cam.ac.uk](mailto:jpw41(at)cam.ac.uk)

#### **-Novice Boating Restrictions**

-These will be finalised in the near future.

#### **-CUCBC Secretary**



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**-JL** is the new CUCBC secretary, and the first port of call for any queries relating to rules, restrictions, fines etc. I also write these minutes, and can be contacted on [cuwbc\(at\)cucbc.org](mailto:cuwbc(at)cucbc.org) or [cucbc\(at\)cucbc.org](mailto:cucbc(at)cucbc.org).

**-JL** reminded college captains that all fines must be paid in full before Uni 4s entries will be accepted, and that if a college wishes to appeal a fine, this must be done within 48 hours of its being issued.

12) AOB – *PC*

13) Date and Time of Next Meeting *SF*