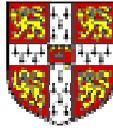


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### Minutes of Lent Term 2007 Captains' Meeting held at Goldie Boat House on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2007

1. Apologies for absence:  
Revd. Ian Thompson (CUCBC), Alastair Hegarty (CUL), Nick Evans (Addenbrokes), Chris Homer (Sidney Sussex), Bee Heller (Newnham), Chris Craggs (Wolfson), Trinity Hall men, Dave White (St.Catz.), Selwyn men, Homerton ladies,
2. Minutes of the meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were accepted with no matters arising.
3. Bumps - Kathryn Coffin (KC) is taking the lead on bumps.
  - a. Pete Convey (PC) invited captains to put forward competent members of their boat clubs to umpire bumps, ideally they would be available for more rather than fewer umpiring slots.
  - b. This year entries will be completed online and the absolute deadline is 2<sup>nd</sup> February
  - c. Programme information needs to also be in by 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at the absolute latest. Sales of Lent programmes are dependent on having accurate crew lists.
  - d. PC reminded captains that the 10 outing rule will be enforced this year – the mandatory record of all outings held by the college safety officers should allow this to be done easily. A signed statement will be required stating that each crew has completed 10 outings together before the Getting On Race. Crews which do not appear safe will be removed from racing.
  - e. The CUCBC committee should be informed of “exceptional” rowers within the first two weeks of term. Any competitor who is not a bona fide undergraduate or postgraduate of your college requires permission. Fellows and college employees are able to row automatically no higher than the 2<sup>nd</sup> boat. The committee should still be informed of these.
4. Boat club Safety
  - a. PC reported that to date about 16 clubs had completed the mandatory ARA water safety audit. Each club has its own affiliation to the ARA and hence all must complete the audit individually. CUCBC safety advisor, Tom Davies, has produced detailed guidelines on how to fill out common parts of the audit which were emailed out last term.
  - b. College safety officers- PC reported that some colleges did not have boat club safety officers, it was pointed out that this should be a college responsibility and was ideally a long term senior member of college not directly involved in college rowing.
5. Flag status-



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- a. PC reported the loss of the red flag and also the demise of the Jesus Flag Pole in the severe winds last week. Currently the flag status will only be online – accessible also via internet enabled mobile phones.
  - b. Captains were reminded that whilst a flag is a definite restriction on who can boat, it is still the responsibility of them / coaches to decide whether the conditions are suitable to the crew and planned outing – even when the flag status is green. The committee does not have someone at the river all the time.
  - c. PC explained that the flag system was designed for training situations where there are lots of crews doing different things, in opposing directions and of varying levels of competence. The conditions on the Cam are almost never too bad for a decent college first eight if the river was empty – flag status will be chosen on the basis of many crews being out simultaneously. On race days crews are controlled much more strictly and so the situation overall is safer. Races will go ahead on yellow or even red status with the organisers in close discussion with the CUCBC committee.
6. LMBC – CUCBC Erg Championship
- a. PC discussed the pros and cons of its inclusion in the Michell Cup – several comments from the room believed it was unfair to both smaller colleges and to “real” rowers as colleges would enter rugby players + other non rowers. A vote on its inclusion resulted in 1 vote for and everyone else against.
  - b. A vote on the wording for the competition itself to be included in future versions of the Handbook passed the wording with no votes against.
7. BUSA Head – Chris Morris (CM) noted the dates for BUSA events this term. All BUSA entries have to be done via CUCBC and not by the individual colleges.
- a. BUR Championship Head of the River, Nottingham, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – entry deadline to CM by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. Any college interested in taking part in BUSA events please contact CM.
8. Bills: College bills should now have been received – these must be paid by Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> or the college will be removed from Bumps.
9. CUBC Dev Squad
- a. CM asked on behalf of CUBC that captains put forward quality athletes to take part in this year’s development squad – this runs through the term and is limited so that athletes must still train and row for college whilst gaining significant CUBC experience. Contact Duncan Holland for more information.
  - b. Chris Kerr (CULRC) put out an early notice of CULRC’s summer Dev Squad running through July.
10. Kenrick Turner (KT) Web report:
- a. KT invited captains to promote the opportunity for new web savvy rowers to form 2007-08 CUCBC web team – more details sent out by email / online.



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- b. Online entries for bumps will be sent to cucbc.org webmail accounts – soon all captains mail will be sent to these only. They can be set up as a forwarding account if necessary. If you have access difficulties contact KT.
  - c. KT requested that college event organisers should inform him of timings of river closures so more advance warning can be sent out to colleges. For CRA events times are posted as soon as they are received.
  - d. KT mentioned that the university boat clubs would be selling Cambridge Blue wrist bands in aid of the Harry Mahon Cancer Research Trust.
11. PC welcomed Kat Astley (Christ's) to the CUCBC Senior Committee.
12. Any other business
- a. PC passed on the Chesterton residents' praise for the low noise levels last term and asked that this was continued, as novice / senior divide is less clear cut this year it was suggested that crews needing significant instruction should not be out before 7:30am, novice standard crews still need to be accompanied.
  - b. This term there is no automatic one way system although if necessary it will be brought in and captains notified.
  - c. Morning marshals should turn up for duty at the correct time whatever the river status – if the river is red flagged they may then go home.

The next meeting, together with the coxing and umpiring talks will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February at Keyne's Hall, King's College.