



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS

Pre-May Bumps Captains' Meeting

Department of Engineering, Sunday 7th June 2009, 5.45pm

MINUTES

Present: Pete Convey (**PC**), Ian Thompson (**IT**), Karla Borland (**KB**), Thomas Walton (**TW**), Chris Kerr (**CK**), Mark Stringer (**MS**), Dan Wilkins (**DW**), Will Richards (**WR**), Derek O'Brien, Colledge Captains

1. Apologies for absence had been received from ARU and St Catharine's women.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were available online. No amendments were proposed.
3. **Matters arising from the Small Boats Regatta**
 - a. **TW** proposed that, in light of complaints at this year's Regatta, Blues and Half-Blues should be prevented from entering the Peter Brandt or Maiden Sculls. A discussion ensued in which several proposals were made, including that the events could be restricted to those who took up sculling only in the preceding 12 months, or that scullers could only enter one single sculling event. Votes were taken on two proposals:
That Blues and Half-Blues be prevented from entering these events:
24 in favour, 23 against
That the events are restricted to those who took up sculling in the preceding 12 months:
3 in favour, lots against
 - b. **TW** explained that there had been complaints after a pair was given permission to substitute one of its crew members due to injury at this year's regatta. Discretion to do this currently resides with the CUCBC Executive Committee, and would generally only be given due to injury or illness. Most comments were in favour of the committee's position, and noted that such a substitution would not be advantageous to the crew concerned. It was explained that the crew that turns up for the first race is the set crew for the purposes of CUCBC events, and permission to substitute a single sculler would not be given.
TW proposed that no change be made to the current rules: passed *nem con*.
 - c. **TW** explained that it seemed unacceptably easy to get University Medals and Michell Cup points in certain Small Boats Regatta events. He proposed that three crews/scullers should race in order to award both of these. This was met with some opposition so the matter was deferred to the next meeting for reasons of time.
PC said that a suggestion of scaling Michell Cup points for number of entries should also be considered at the next meeting.
4. **TW** explained that someone had suggested that all Bumps crews be required to bring University Cards as ID and that these should be checked by marshals before every division. He felt this was impractical, not necessary, and felt that this would damage the spirit of Bumps,

being raced on the basis of trust, assuming rules are not being broken unless evidence to the contrary is seen. PC concurred, particularly with the last point about trust and the nature of the competition.

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the statement:

“That Captains believe that systematic checking of crew composition in Bumps is impractical and unnecessary and would be detrimental to the spirit in which Bumps is raced.”

5. **PC** gave various reminders regarding the upcoming May Bumps. In particular, the M6 and W5 split division would be set off five minutes early barring any delays. Therefore M5 must marshal five minutes earlier at Chesterton in case any M6 races go to Top Finish.
Magdalene men said that their cox thought the sign sticking out from one of the houseboats on Grassy Corner was in the racing line. **IT** said he would email the Conservators about it.
6. **PC** warned clubs that rowing for both town and college clubs had become a big issue this year and would be brought up for resolution in Michaelmas. The policy used previously had been applied this term.
7. **DW** asked Captains to change the passwords on their CUCBC accounts and hand them over to successors. Anyone with any problems should email webmaster@cucbc.org.
8. **IT** asked Captains to read the email he had sent out earlier regarding the Cambridge Rowing Lake.
9. The next meeting will be held at the start of Michaelmas Term.