



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS

MEETING OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS, 6PM, 25th APRIL 2008, GOLDIE

MINUTES

Present:

Dr. Pete Convey, CUCBC Chairman **PC** (Chair)
Rev. Ian Thompson, CUCBC Senior Treasurer **IMT**
Ellie Goodfield, CUWBC **EFG**
Laura Sutcliffe, CUBC **LFRS**
Mark Jacobs, CULRC **MSJ**
Dave White, CUCBC Coxing Rep **DEW**
Will Richards, CUCBC Web Team **WJR**
Dan Wilkins, CUCBC Web Team **DRW**
College Captains

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from Fitzwilliam Men, Homerton women, First and Third, Addenbrookes, Magdalene, New Hall, Newnham, Queens, Robinson, Selwyn, Vet School and Wolfson.
- 2) Minutes of last meeting were approved without objection.
- 3) Early Mornings

PC reminded the meeting of the new rules concerning the use of megaphones - no use at all anywhere on the river before 0730.

In addition, proposals for improvement of early morning congestion required a vote. **For details of the proposal see document accompanying Captains Meeting on January 13th 2008.** They may prove insufficient, but something must be tried.

The floor was opened for discussion and the following points were noted:

a) What provisions will be made for reviewing the situation? Will provision be made to increase the number of passes if appropriate:

PC considered it doubtful that any significant change would occur that quickly, but that there was potential.

b) LMBC men asked if larger clubs such as LMBC are effectively being given one more potential novice slot than previously (assuming better boats don't use mornings), whether the new system would help or hinder.

PC stated that all colleges must be treated equally to begin with

Emmanuel men highlighted that colleges with more rowers also have more flexibility and that the new system would not disadvantage them in any way.

PC stressed that it is not up to the CUCBC to tell clubs how to run their affairs.

c) IMT asked if the new system would start at the very beginning of term.



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PC stated that the intention was to monitor the traffic situation and decide when to bring in the restrictions.

d) Darwin asked if pass sharing would be permitted

PC stated that he was increasingly uncomfortable with the idea because it would be complex to police, because the CUCBC are averse to the idea of them being sold and because the system permits two boats per college at any time (the system is unlikely to work well if all of the passes are used all of the time).

The proposal that each college should be allowed two boats on the river between lighting down and 0830, using a pass system was put to a vote.

For – 32

Against – 6

Abstentions - 1

- 4) A new draft of the 10 Golden Rules was distributed that is designed to tell people the basics of the river rules. Captains were encouraged to make their clubs (particularly coxes and coaches) aware and multiple copies were given to each club to aid this. See documentation accompanying these minutes for a copy.
- 5) Use of fours during men's and women's hours. Caius propose that fours be allowed out in men's hour (and by extension women's hour) to cater for late returners from CUBC that make up their final May VIII.

PC stated that any changes would have to apply to all colleges and asked why the current system of rowing below the lock was inadequate. PC also pointed out that there are another 15 daylight hours available in which to train.

Caius stated that this method makes for a very long outing.

Concerns were expressed that fours could create traffic jams more easily than eights due to their inevitably slower speed.

The suggestion was made that special dispensation was made for Caius. Eyebrows were raised.

LFRS suggested that if Captains wished to go ahead with special dispensation, a sunset clause could be inserted to avoid precedent for future years.

Consensus among the Captains was that Caius do have other options and that a move to allow fours out would be unpopular.

The proposal to allow all colleges to put a four out instead of an eight in men's and women's was put to a vote.

For – 5

Against – 21



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Abstentions - 5

- 6) Mays – the entry deadline is 16th May. Crew lists should be sent to George Gilbert. Outstanding bills must be paid by 21st May. Pre-bumps meetings will be held on 8th June in the Latimer Room at Clare.

- 7) Any other business:
 - a) LFRS stated that nominations for the post of CUBC Hon Sec for next year are open. Talk to her for more information

 - b) EFG stated the equivalent for CUWBC

 - c) EFG stated that some issues had been raised over the course for the Peter Brandt and Maiden Sculls course and that these were being investigated to ensure that they were correct in 2009.