

Dolphin Rowing Club - 1st Meeting
20th April 2016: 8.25pm

Venue: Emsworth

Present: Jesse Loynes, Chris Partridge, Rachel Norris, Steve Woods, Anya Loynes

Appointment of officers:

Chair/Club Captain; Secretary; Treasurer; Safety Officer; Welfare and Child Protection

Chair/Captain/Bosun – Jesse Loynes

Secretary/Safety Officer/ Club Development – Steve Woods

Treasurer – Rachel Norris

Web master: Chris Partridge

Welfare and Child Protection: Anya Loynes

Chair's Report:

All were welcomed to the first steering committee of the Dolphin Rowing Club based in Emsworth. It was unanimously agreed that the club would be run in accordance with British Rowing policy and protocols with advice, support and experience of Langstone Cutters Rowing Club.

AIMS of the Club were agreed as:

- To promote the sport of rowing
- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in rowing
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone
- To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

It was agreed that club rules including a code of conduct would be drafted and adopted in line with British Rowing Policy.

Action: Secretary and Captain to liaise on all necessary policies via email during the next week and a half.

Finance:

Banks usually have club/society specific accounts. Although there is no need to have over the counter services, the local Natwest or Postoffice bank might be a preference. A committee member suggested that account security can be more efficient if the new account is opened with a bank or building society that one of the named signatories is known to.

Action: Treasurer to set up club account with two signatories - Club Captain (Jess) and Treasurer (Rachel)

Membership Fees:

The purpose of the club is to help members get rowing. Discussion took place about possible membership fees eg. £5 per month and £1 a row in the first instance or £50 per year and £1 a row

It was agreed to adopt the British Rowing membership classes.

Action: Chair to investigate potential costs to inform decision about membership fees at the next meeting.

Grants/Funding

Emsworth Residence Association has been approached and has shortlisted the club for £650 set up grant. This will cover the costs of purchase of blades (£250); Insurance (£184); Harbour dues (£43.40) Hants and Dorset Affiliation (£64) Materials and repairs (£75) and Life Jacket servicing (£30)

Action: The ERA and Captain will present the club at the Quarterly General Meeting on 25/4/16.

Other agencies to approach include:

Sport Englands; "This girl can..." (getting women on the water)

Hant – Mike Gilbert

Local sponsorship from businesses including the new Costa coffee shop who agreed with Emsworth Business Association to sponsor a sporting club in Emsworth as part of their successful bid. Approaches to other similar businesses will be made if the request is successful as there was a wish to promote independent business in preference to multi nationals.

Action: Captain to follow up these funding streams

Action: Affiliations to be followed up

British Rowing: Steve

Hants and Dorset : Jesse

Community Amateur Sports Club: Rachel to ask Marcus about the value of this.

British Rowing Insurance: Jesse (The understanding is this becomes operational when British Rowing Members are members of an affiliated club).

Courses

There was discussion about Level 2 courses and Session Coach qualification: two Session Coach courses are currently taking place; one is a British Rowing course the other is a Hants and Dorset course on the IoW in Ryde.

Club colours and logo:

Blue and silver or blue and pale grey. A stylised Dolphin (perhaps ask junior members to design one to ensure copy write uniqueness).

Website: Front page was viewed

Action: Chris Will go ahead with the website – Logo – Stylised dolphin. Including pages that have been effective on the Cutters Website eg Forum; Rowing diary (perhaps borrowed from Cutters with Rachel's permission). Policies as agreed above. Local knowledge pages as appropriate.

Action: Jess to investigate web hosting with contact.

Fleet: Valiant; Revolution and two further coastal skulls from Southampton clubs.

The Yacht Harbour has been generous to allow Valiant to be placed amongst yachts and has agreed that when the yachts and tenders are moved, Valiant will be placed just in side the gate when the tenders have been moved. Jesse will have a discussion with Neil at the yard about the possibility of a lock box and/or the possibility of putting up a rack.

Boat repair: Jess

Valiant: new rollocks have been bought for and will be put on.

Revolution: Needs 2 more repairs and the quad riggers collected from Southsea.

Two coastal skulls have been offered by Southampton Clubs and will need collecting access to trailers can be coordinated.

Meeting closed 9.45pm

Date of Next Meeting: Week Commencing 9/5/16