



CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY COMBINED BOAT CLUBS

Captains' Meeting

Magdalene Cripps, Thursday, 5th November, 2009, 5pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the Captains' Meeting of 5th October 2009 (CUCBC website)
3. Matters arising
4. CUCBC Senior Committee Appointments
 - To report appointments with effect from 19th October following the death of Rev. Ian Thompson, former Senior Treasurer, on 24th September. New Contact List to be tabled.
5. CUCBC Accounts
 - To report on the financial state of CUCBC
 - To receive the Annual Accounts
6. Proposal to clarify the effect of dual College Club or Town Club Membership and eligibility to compete in CUCBC run events. (The Town-Gown eligibility debate from previous meetings)
 - To consider options between the status quo and total ban on College/Town membership.
 - To consider special cases.
 - Pete Convey's e-mail of last Easter Term explaining current CUCBC practice and guidelines on this subject is in the appendix below
7. Early Morning and weekend access to the river for College Clubs
 - To consider the position further following the Captains' Meeting 5th October 2009: Minute 6 (and Minute 9 of the Captains' Meeting of 19th April 2009)
8. Proposal to expand the Executive Committee
 - To consider expanding the Executive Committee to include a small number (3/4) of experienced Captains / ex Captains (by invitation / volunteering / co-option) with a view to improving Club involvement in the running of CUCBC

9. Small Clubs
 - To consider developing a strategy for “unviable small Clubs” who may wish to amalgamate to produce a more viable number of rowers to join CUCBC and participate in its events. (Issues include: criteria for possible amalgamation; length of amalgamation; circumstances of de-amalgamation; other). For referral to Executive Committee.
10. Golden Rule of Safety 6
 - To note that Golden Rule 6 is to be amended to reflect the change in weekend rowing hours agreed at the Captains’ Meeting of 5th October 2009
11. Incident of 27th October – “Rumble” at Grassy Corner
 - To report on the incident; witnesses and subsequent steps taken
12. Yellow Flag
 - Proposal from Clare to discuss restrictions of the flag to apply only to novice crews in Michaelmas Term.
13. Any Other Business
14. Date of the next Captains’ Meeting

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Appendix 1 – Town/Gown Eligibility

The question of whether someone can be an active member at the same time of both a town and a college club is also coming up more frequently. Again, current practice is set mostly by history and precedent, and is driven by the fact that CRA has very strict rules that in effect ensure that people who have competed in any given year for a student club cannot compete for a CRA club in Town Bumps, and that student clubs cannot affiliate to CRA and hence enter their 'closed' events. As a basic principle, within this local and national environment, it would seem reasonable that individuals have to make a decision as to which club they wish to be a member of. It would also seem unreasonable in a local context that CRA clubs can appear to view student clubs as easy sources of good rowers, in a way that they certainly can't view other CRA clubs!

Thus the current practice that we have is that, in any given term, if a student trains, regularly for or competes with a town club, or uses town club membership to take part in outings (including sculling) that intentionally take place in 'student restricted' hours, then they make themselves ineligible for CUCBC competitions that term, even as a substitute. Occasional outings as a substitute (including for a race in an 'emergency') are accepted, reciprocally by both organisations.

The one recognised exception to this mutual ineligibility refers to a person who originally learnt to row with a town club in the local area, before becoming a student, who is accepted as being eligible to compete for both in any given time period. To date this has always referred to someone who grew up locally, and not to someone who learnt to row (student or town) as an adult before subsequently switching community, or switching back. I am aware that the latter is an issue that applies to some individuals this term, and will have to make a pragmatic decision on these cases.

Other than the current general principle, this area of town-gown eligibility in particular has not been subject to detailed discussion amongst our captains in recent years, and this does need to be rectified. However, as this cannot realistically start to happen, or a confirmed new position be taken, until the next captains meeting, we have continued to apply the existing practice for individuals brought to our attention as requests this term. I would note that 'gossip' suggests that there may be undeclared individuals rowing in college crews who risk breaching current practice, and hence there is a risk that if they are brought to our attention near to the races they may be disqualified, so I would urge captains to declare such rowers.

Pete Convey
(CUCBC Chair)

Appendix 2 – Senior Committee

The Senior Committee for 2009-2010 is as follows.

Chairman – Dr. Pete Convey

Deputy Chairman – Richard Hamersley

Senior Treasurer – Dr. Holly Hedgeland

Safety Officer (ex officio) – Adam Lister

Member – Dr. Tom Davies

Member – Kat Astley (Michaelmas Term Only)

Member – Revd. Dr. Stephen Hampton