

Minutes of the Lent Term Captains' Meeting

Sunday, 23rd January 2022

19:00 Online

Present

A. Cox, A. Foster, A. Karamzina, B. Kovács, C. Hendy, Churchill Men's Captain, Clare Women's Captain, C. Smith, C. Burgess, Corpus Christi Men's Captain, Darwin Captain, Darwin Men's Captain, E. Moore, E. Greer, FaT Men's Captain, FaT Women's Captain, Fitzwilliam Men's Captain, Fitzwilliam Women's Captain, F. Traherne-Pollock, G. Ribeiro dos Santos, H. Mutton, H. Mayne, Homerton Captain, I. Nimmo, J. Sienkiewicz, J. Blake, K. Shipley, K. Cleary, *Katie B.*, K. Heal, King's Women's Captain, Lucy Cavendish Captain, L. Zhu, L. Bonor-Moris, Lucy Cavendish Men's Captain, L. Pattison, M. Stockdale, M. Schäpers, Pembroke Men's Captain, R. Howe, R. Turner, S. Clarke, Sidney Sussex Captain, St Edmund's Captain, T. Marsh, T. Behr, T. Lemans.

The meeting started at 19:03.

1 CamConservators Changes

CB reports that the conservators are likely to force through the changes in their board meeting. CB reports that the CRA will attend the meeting for the first part which is public. CB suggests that a number of CRA may be swayed as they are elected councillors. CB suggests that the member clubs report to their treasurers that registration fees are likely to increase. CB reports that the meeting is 27/01 in the morning. CB reports that he will distribute the link. Sam Clarke raised that last time the punting companies made representation about increased fees. CB raises that the punting companies are the majority income despite being the minority use of the river.

2 Spinning Zone next to FSG Public House

LZ raised that last term there were reports of illegal spinning due to time restrictions. L. Bonnor-Moris and A Foster report that this is likely to negatively affect Peterhouse, Murray Edwards, and nearby clubs. LZ suggests that the proposal is that a spinning zone be instituted for MT. C. Hendy raises that adding a spinning zone outside the FSG would allow doing Jesus Lock runs. S. Clarke reports that Magdalene would find it useful, and suggests that priority may alleviate the problems. A. Foster reports that the only way they could support this is if Peterhouse and Murray Edwards had absolute priority. CB reports that it does need to be outside the FSG specifically. KS reports that Caius often spin for ease of putting away boats. L. B-M suggests that if a lot of boats spin there it is likely to be disruptive. J. Blake suggests that a spinning zone is likely to create more queues, and more stuck traffic. K. Heal reports that Combined clubs rarely go to Jesus Lock. KS reports that her experience Combined clubs only go that way before Fairbairns. C. Hendy expressed concerns that there may not even be enough space. C. Hendy emphasises the difference a few boats not going to the P&E would make. S. Clarke suggests that a unidirectional spinning zone would help prevent bidirectional queues, resulting in any queues being towards Jesus Lock. B. Kovács suggests putting a time period on using it as a spinning zone would help alleviate some issues. LZ asks if this would result in greater traffic towards Jesus Lock for clubs between Homerton and Emmanuel. Lucy Cavendish Men reports that they would make more use of Jesus Lock with a new spinning zone. CB suggests trialling it next Michaelmas. St Edmund's Captain support a trial. A. Cox report that Emmanuel generally head to the P&E over Jesus Lock. LZ raises that later in MT senior crews tend to be returning at about the same time. CB suggest that a proposal be prepared for ET for a trial in MT.

3 Early Morning Reminders

LZ raises the rule around full-crew full-slide rule within the first fifteen minutes of boating. LZ raises that EMM starts up tomorrow, and that only competent people be deployed. FTP raises that the process could do with some smooth-lining. J. Blake raises that the e-mail address is inconsistent across the website. CB raises that if a race is taking place before 11:00 on a Saturday or Sunday the time restriction is put aside for college crews for row-throughs. CB raises that college rowers may compete with town clubs if college crews may enter. CB raises that row-throughs before 11:00 are at the discretion of the race organisers.

4 Proposed Rule Changes

4.1 Proposal A

All agreed to the proposal, and it was passed.

4.2 Proposal B

CB reports that there have been a number of incidences where people have been hand-held filming which has caused accidents. CB reports that this is safety-driven consideration. CB clarifies that this would only apply to CUCBC run races, i.e., the Bumps and University IVs. CB clarifies that this applies to any official riders or unofficial associated riders, but not members of the public who happen to be incidentally following a certain crew. LMBC Women, Darwin Men, and Peterhouse Women abstained. All others agreed, and the proposal was passed.

4.3 Proposal C

CB raises if four outings is an appropriate level. J. Blake suggests that a report be produced summarising the extent to which this change is used. St Edmund's Captain raises what the current system is for enforcing rowers' ineligibility. CB raises that ineligibility is often unevenly enforced based on ad-hoc reporting. CB reports that any boat competing which is later found to have been ineligible result in all offending races resulting in them receiving a technical bump. IN stresses that the responsibility for this has to be on clubs' captains enforcing this in their own clubs. Lucy Cavendish Men raise that this is likely to result in a large amount of administration for CUCBC. CB reports that the data is only to be collected without any cross-checking. Corpus Men suggest a rule where the Executive Committee are give discretion for disapplication. CB expresses that the captains could but urges them against it as such rules are difficult to apply fairly. FaT Men's raise rowers coxing town clubs, and coxes rowing town clubs. IN clarifies that people have two aspects: as a rower; and as a cox, and that the rule should be interpreted in this fashion. F. Treherne-Pollock raises that it is easy to enforce the current system is easy as any rowing renders them ineligible. St Edmund's suggests that a lower number of outings might be better. R. Howe suggests that abuses will be wanting to abuse every week, and that this will be obvious. R. Howe suggests that town-clubs don't want college rowers for a few odd outings each term. R. Howe stresses that this proposal would allow for the occasional substitution without any adverse results regarding eligibility and is unlikely to result in abuse as opportunity to abuse is limited. Churchill Men, Christ's Women, R. Turner, and K. Cleary abstained. Lucy Cavendish Men and Corpus Men voted against, All others agreed, and the proposal was passed.

4.4 Proposal D

CB briefly justifies the proposals. K. Heal raises whether the number of party allowed at the start is affected. CB raises not. K. Heal raises whether first boat coxes might be allowed to cox below the third boat. IN suggests that testing positive for COVID-19 would be appreciated as an extreme circumstance requiring an irregular substitution. Peterhouse Men and Women abstained. All others agreed, and the proposal was passed.

4.5 Proposal E

CB raises that we need not make this vote now, but it could be considered later at the meeting just before the Bumps. KS raises that the decision is relevance of Lents 2020 vs Lents 2022 for Lents 2023. R. Howe raises that Downing have been unable to go out recently due to cases. A. Cox stresses that Bumps races are inherently unfair, and that this is just another problem this year. LZ stresses that the next meeting would be better for retrospective analysis for how the term has been affected. Christ's Women suggests that this is likely to be unfair on colleges based on specific localised outbreaks in colleges. E. Creer expresses that deferring this decision is likely to be sensible. C. Hendy suggests that a later vote is likely to be voted based on which clubs have been affected by C-19. R. Howe suggests that this is exactly how the vote should work. C. Hendy rebuts that an equal level of being affected is fair. I. Nimmo suggests that data suggests that some may have ignored legal requirements for isolation. J. Blake suggests that disapplying results is only likely to set precedence. CB suggests that discussion is closed with a vote, but that this vote can be retaken just before bumps.

T. Lemans, H. Walters, and St Edmund's Captain abstained. A minority agreed with the proposal, with a majority disagreeing to the proposal.

5 A.O.B.

IN will give Coxes' Safety Briefing Sunday 27th February after the GoR on Friday 25th February. IN suggested having a voluntary Coxes' Safety Discussion sometime. A positive response was received for this. The meeting concluded at 20:40.