

Minutes of Meeting on 7th August 2019

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Apologies received from Magnus Burbanks, Ash Cowley, Adan Heyberd, Jon Higgs, Gabby Rodriguez and Sam Tuck.

Guy Leppard attended as an observer.

There were no matters arising and the minutes were adopted AD PW and passed unanimously.

Special Items:

Appointment of Collards as new accountants for the club. Collards are a small local practice and clubs are one of their specialisms. The transfer will take place over the next few weeks and they will produce our 2018/19 accounts.

Incorporation: the proposal is that the club will incorporate as a company limited by guarantee. All club members will become members and initially its directors will be the officers of the club.

Budgets: Are being created for 2019/20 and once the first sweep is completed and verified they should be in place for the early part of the club year.

Building Work: A programme to carry out essential building work for the clubhouse, including the front facade, will be drawn up early in the next committee cycle

New launch and motor: The replacement of one launch and motor was approved unanimously.

Peter Hartman: Committee unanimously passed a vote of thanks to him for filling the potholes in Graburn Way. (Secretary has formally written to him.)

Plumbing: work to install a new larger water feed to the club, replacement of the boiler and water tanks will begin mid August and should be completed within three weeks. Hand dryers in the toilets need replacing and that will follow on afterwards. (Carried out over the last 10 days and almost completed).

The committee wished to record its appreciation to those members who gave a lot of time and effort to support the Regatta.

Boat Collisions. Two incidents have been reported to British Rowing, one of which could have been very serious.

Keys: committee asked that control of the keys be returned to itself.

Captain's report was circulated. He also explained the basis of recruitment of the replacement coaches. The candidates were discussed and committee felt it was inappropriate to consider any candidate for this post who could have been involved in the decision process relating to the departure of the men's lead coach. The summer's U23 results were considered good, with 5 medals and 2 world champions, which were likely to encourage other U23's to seriously consider joining MBC.

The committee unanimously thanked Ali for his hard work as Captain over what had been a tough year.

Treasurer's report was circulated: wants to increase the support for athletes in real need. Non function bar sales continue to be unprofitable. Going forward BP wants to take the lead in bringing focus to increasing bar use and functions.

Secretary: the lighting replacement in the club house has been completed. The next task is to get our 5 year fixed circuits tested.

Communications. There's a clear need to revamp how we communicate with our members and this will be for the next committee.

Membership. SP has been working to bring some order to our racking. The starting point was that all members should pay their racking fees regardless of whether they had received an invoice. Secondly it is their responsibility to pay and not ours to chase. Notices to that effect will be posted about the club. Boats with unpaid fees would be moved to alternative racks and the club reserves the right to use the boat for its own purposes; including selling it to recover its dues.

Going forward the racking fees including EA licence for 2019/20 will be £175 for a single, £200 for a double, £225 for a four and £275 for an eight. Any boat housed inside will pay an additional £25 for the privilege. Committee passed the proposal unanimously.

Welfare: All positive

Social: Club suppers recommencing in September by the explore group and October by the Super Vets

AOB: the Captain made the observation that the role required more HR support.

The President thanked the committee for its efforts over what had been a tough year.

The meeting concluded at 21.45