

MOLESEY BOAT CLUB**2018-2019 Committee****Minutes of Meeting on 6th March 2019**

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Apologies received: Magnus Burbanks, Andy Hall, Adam Heayberd, Lucy McNulty, Gabby Rodriguez and Sam Tuck.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved, seconded and adopted on a show of hands. There were no matters arising.

Special Items

1. Annual Accounts. The treasure presented the first draft to committee. As anticipated a number of aspects were raised and these will be discussed with the accountants. However the reality is that we need better control over our club's financial management and it was agreed that we should create management budgetary control system for the squad, the premises, the rest of our rowing fraternity in an attempt to move away from fire fighting management and ensure that our fundraising is properly focussed. To make this effective we need to reach out to our club members for their support in making it happen. Overall our spending is looking rather challenging and maintaining our income from the cafe is critical. Bringing in Hampton Ct Hse School would be a significant extra income flow and making sure our existing users pay for what they are actually using including any creep is vital.
2. AGM. Its date was provisionally set for 28th March subject to finalising the accounts.
3. Membership Secretary. The committee voted a huge vote of thanks to Neil for his untiring efforts to collect our membership subscriptions. It was acknowledged that without his efforts our financial position would be far worse. The matter of a replacement was discussed at length and it was acknowledged that his successor would have to receive more committee support than so far if the role was to be effective. In particular the role needed the support of club members who would take on the responsibility for the collection subscriptions from their part of the club.

Captain's Report: Molesey Heads had been well attended and the feedback was good apart from the closure of the cafe, which was considered unnecessary by many people. The preparation for further fund-raising was in course and the launching of the 300 club was on target.

Three crews were competing in the Heineken regatta in Amsterdam

Secretary's Report: The cafe is going well apart from the adverse feedback over the Heads closure. It had been a missed opportunity to show other clubs what could be achieved with a bit of imagination. The cafe also believe the 15% members discount is being abused and that the issue of membership cards is a priority.

Critical Dates: Coaching reviews by the end of the month (AD). BR affiliation renewal by the end of the month (BD~ done)

Rowing Centre: A broken sweep blade needs repairing.
The suggestion that lunchtime Gym use should be offered to Octagon employees was discussed and on a majority vote it was agreed that it should be trialed for a month.

First Aid Courses. The appropriate level of qualification for coaches was discussed at length. Committee supported the Captain's view that the level 2 coaching qualification should be sufficient.

Premises: AF raised the matter of the towpath in front of the club between the two gates seeking confirmation that vehicles may be driven over it to the club (a member of the public had challenged her on the matter.) It was confirmed that vehicle restrictions applied beyond each gate but not between them.

Hosted Schools: Richard Steed has taken over the management of these connections. Over the coming weeks there will be internal meetings prior to meeting the schools. This includes establishing that their usage is still in line with their agreements. A review of their boat storage will be undertaken. (To be managed by Steve Parsons).

Social: The arrangements for the annual dinner were discussed. AF was thanked for her efforts in what is recognised as a challenging task. She's anticipating c90 paying guests and is looking for a Speaker. Our Captain volunteered.

AOB. The purchase of an Olympic Eight for the ladies team by the coach was discussed and it was agreed that the Captain would speak to him about the matter.

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 9.50pm.

Dates of next meetings ~ 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July and 7th August '19.

Brian Dobson

Hon Secretary.