

Exec Meeting Notes

Saturday 17th April 2021

In attendance:

Laura Gibbs – Captain, Thomas Simpson – Vice Captain (taking minutes), Joseph Osbourne – Kit and Safety, Ealish Green – Welfare, Martin Murphy – Trip, Matthew Keagan – Treasurer, Rebecca Clarke – Social.

1) Honorary membership for Departing Captain

Vote on Honorary membership for Departing Captain – Lucy Morgan. Passed unanimously

2) Update from The Captain's Meeting

- a) Return to sport on the 26th!
- b) New covid rules-How are we going to implement them?

Laura lists the updates from the Captain's meeting – return to sport still going ahead but the club is not allowed to encourage members to return.

Need to go to the boathouse to confirm it is ready for return – that it is still covid safe.

Tests are mandatory – two tests a week, evidence of the test when attending a session. Responsibility of the COVID officer to check, and members without a evidence of a negative test will be turned away from the session. Discussed potentially requiring members to email the evidence to the COVID officer. Test as close to the session as possible – preferable just before the session allowing an hour to receive the results. The university will be checking on this.

Brief discussion of possible session limits (max sessions per person per week) to allow as many people as possible to attend sessions (to avoid a repeat of first time).

Careful with language about these sessions to make sure we don't encourage people to come back to Durham – the university will be enact punishments for infringement. No compulsory sessions – no asking people to come back.

Laura to chase TD on a set time for test validity.

3) BUCs Polo

- a) Need to decide on and organise teams ready for July. We are running short of time!
- b) Contact Chris about getting some funding for said BUCs Teams and apply for TD transport
- c) Polo training sessions

They will cover the transport costs, they need to confirm the team lists. Book transport. Send applications to Chris.

Decision to be made on whether we send one or two teams to BUCs.

Contact Dan Robson, Nicole Hudson and Lucy Morgan.

Discussed referees, and rules about number of women we are allowed to have.

ACTION POINT: We need to register for by Tuesday May 18th

4) Return to paddling

- a) Check the draft timetable with the exec
- b) Check boathouse has appropriate information signs and safety measures still in place
- c) Make a list of those able to run sessions

Discussed timetable – move Tuesday session to 8:15-9:30 am to not take up as much of the day..

Discussed moving other sessions – arrangements around exam season.

Do we run taster sessions again? When do we put the sign-ups on the website to allow people to get COVID tests.

Free sessions – how many should they get before having to pay. Deciding to keep with three free sessions for the time being.

Whether subs should continue at the current level. Discussed reducing subs at the end of term if sessions do not have sufficient interest.

Discussing what to do with no-shows and whether it counts towards your free sessions.

ACTION: post timetable

5) Team Durham Busary Opportunity

Team Durham is willing to fund a big investment for the club - £4000 seen as a small amount of money to ask for. Laura asking for what people could think of to buy.

Matt suggests new polo boats, Thomas suggests SUPs, Joe suggests a giant SUP. Joe also suggests K1s.

Laura suggest a seal launch.

Storage options near swimming pools. Vans for transport of kit.

6) Updating standing orders

a) TD intend to post the clubs standing orders on the websites and have asked for any updates to be submitted asap

Standing Orders need to be updated by September. Ideas welcome.

7) Socials in 3rd term

Some staple socials each week – trip to the pub and study session/picnic sound like good ideas. BBQs.

8) FSRT course in third term

Laura has messaged Kelan to organise FSRT courses. TD is organising some First Aid training.

9) Reduction of subs

See return to paddling

10) Anything else?

Discussed swim tests in current restrictions.

ACTION POINT: contact TD about swim tests in third term of this year considering current COVID restrictions.

Brief discussions on trips – agreed to wait until later to see what is allowed.

Ealish brought up canoe specific sessions. Discussion of social distancing.

Discussed having a trip to Finchale Priory.