

CITY BARGE

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:	Tuesday 21 March 2023
Time:	7.00 pm
Venue:	9 Edward Road, Kennington OX1 5LH
Attending:	Richard Robinson - Chairman, Katie Balfour, Pauline Dobbs, John Kinahan, and Tim Williams.
Apologies:	Richard Bailey, Piero Bortoli, Sue Burton, Dek Cordingley, Laura Hutchins Payne, John Russell, and Andrew Thomson.
Minutes:	John Kinahan

No.	Items/Actions	Action
1.	Approval of 23rd January 2023 minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes were approved by all, and signed by the Chairman and Secretary. 	
2.	Matters arising - outstanding and action points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As noted previously, the Querini have increased their charges for boat hire of sitting down boats in the Vogalonga to €200. We have decided not to proceed with Wadham for CIVV Rally accommodation. Due to the pressure of arranging other club events this year it was decided not to proceed with the Redentore Garden Party. 	RHR
3.	Committee Members' Reports Chairman - Report circulated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rob van Mesdag. The carpentry was finished at 18.30 before the meeting, and TW was congratulated on reaching this milestone. There will need to be volunteers to help with painting and associated tasks before the launch on the 22 April Club Day. Settemari also needs refurbishment. Volunteers for this work could be asked to attend the workshop on Saturday mornings. RHR has acquired a new poppiere forcola for the Rob van Mesdag. CIVV Rally. RHR has had strong interest in the Rally from Germany, France, and Italy, including Italian clubs he recently visited. Website. Development of the new website is proceeding well, however the planned late April launch has been delayed due to Nan's illness. Standing Captain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venice was excellent, and feedback has been sought on Signal. Concern was expressed that PD has a too heavy admin load – including for arranging Venice trips – so she is seeking people to help her with this. Social Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May morning / Club day on 3 June. Help is needed to organise these events and offer food etc. In preparation for the CIVV Rally, a trial lunch at the Abingdon Arms in Beckley, followed by a walk across Otmoor to tea in KB's house is being generously offered by KB. This will take place on Easter Monday and offered to all members on Spond. 	<p style="text-align: center;">TW/RH R</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RHR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PD/RHR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PD PD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">KB</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unfortunately the sponsored virtual cross-channel swim to raise money for Turkey earthquake victims has had to be cancelled as not enough members were able to participate. <p>Membership Secretary – Report circulated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee approved the 2023 membership form with only one change, and JK will send the revised form to LHP. The Committee also decided that all members (including those who have already completed forms) should complete and return the new form to you and pay their subscriptions by 6 April. If a current member chooses not to do this, they will cease to be a member and so be removed from Spond, WhatsApp groups, e-mail lists, etc., as well as being asked to return any boathouse keys if they have any. A reminder to complete the new form and pay subscriptions will therefore need to be sent to all members. RHR and LHP will agree a suitable message for distribution to all members. Concern has been expressed about a possible need to delete photographs from Club media. So after the 2023 membership forms have been received by 6 April, a list of all who have indicated that they do not want to have their photographs taken or distributed by the Club will be made available to all who take or distribute photos for Club purposes (website, Instagram, etc.) for appropriate action. This procedure will also be followed for new members joining after 6 April. LHP’s access to the bank account to check payment of subscriptions was discussed, and RHR noted the unsatisfactory nature of Barclay's bureaucracy preventing this. PD reiterated that the new website will incorporate online completion of membership applications with payment of subscriptions, which will make it possible for LHP to easily see who has applied to join (or rejoin) and paid their subscriptions. <p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Club’s financial position is healthy, and subscriptions are being paid in good time for the 6 April deadline. 	<p>JK</p> <p>LHP/RH R/JR</p> <p>LHP/RH R</p> <p>LHP</p> <p>PD/LHP/ JR</p>
4.	<p>Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RHR led a discussion on safety, including but not limited to points raised by members at the AGM and later. Matters addressed included City Barge safety on the Thames, the Rower Overboard procedure, and cold water shock. RHR’s long-standing work on safety (including on installing a defibrillator beside the boathouse) and the input he has sought from others – including British Rowing - was strongly welcomed. It was agreed that RHR will with others continue to revise the safety guidance posted on the website, including recommendations for the approach and knowledge the Club expects of members and officers, and for annual training. The website guidance will be as concise as possible, with weblinks to further information (for example British Rowing advice on cold water shock https://www.britishrowing.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Safety-Alert-Cold-Water-Kills-1.pdf and a video Mike Tipton produced with the RNLI on cold water shock https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gd6QC2Emrc&t=5s). Training on the defibrillator and on the rower overboard 	<p>RHR/AL L</p>

	procedure will be offered to members. A swim test will also be arranged for all members.	
5	Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A six-session beginners rowing syllabus has been agreed, and has had a positive response from our Venetian friends. Training on this will start in the near future. • Nan and Sybille will offer individual and group training for new and experienced rowers from 1 – 4 May at times to be agreed. They will arrive on 30 April in time to take part in the May morning row. It was agreed that the Club will pay their membership fees. • Piero and Peter King may also offer training now they have become qualified Venetian rowing trainers. • Examinations for Poppiere and Vogatore will be arranged in the near future. 	PD RHR/PD PD
6	Programme for 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tudor Pull on Sunday 16 April and Drapers' Day on Saturday 3 June will proceed. Help is particularly needed for the Drapers' Day. • Unfortunately, the lack of trailer availability means that we will not be able to take boats to the Coronation Flotilla at Henley on Monday 8 May. • The dates of the Settemari visit in the first half of September are to be clarified. 	RHR/T W/PD PD
10	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regular boat maintenance programme needs to be instituted, and new trolleys are necessary. • RHR on behalf of all thanked PD for providing an excellent meal and for her generous hospitality. 	TW
The meeting ended at 9.30pm		
John Kinahan	Secretary	Richard Robinson Chairman
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