

CITY BARGE

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:	Monday 23 January 2023
Time:	7.00 pm
Venue:	45 Sunningwell Road, Oxford
Attending:	Richard Robinson - Chairman, Piero Bortoli, Dek Cordingley, Pauline Dobbs, Laura Hutchins Payne, Tim Williams,
Apologies:	Richard Bailey, Katie Balfour, Sue Burton, John Russell, Andrew Thomson
Minutes:	Sue Robinson

<u>No.</u>	<u>Items/Actions</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Approval of 7th November minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved and accepted by all. The Chairman and Secretary signed them off. 	
2.	<p>Matters arising.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No matters arising 	
3.	<p>Committee Members' Reports</p> <p>Chairman - Report circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cloning of Settemari. TW has ordered shielding plates for forcola slots which will be available next week. Settemari. To be refurbished. Querini have substantially increased their charges for boat hire for sitting down boats in the Vogalonga, from €100 to €200. CIVV Rally. RHR visited Wadham College to book rooms but was required to provide a substantial deposit and organise all accommodation at Wadham. Committee agreed that individuals organise their own accommodation. Burns Night. Zoom meeting with Settemari to be organised. All members to be invited. <p>Standing Captain – Report circulated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1 & 2 rowers training to be organised before March. Venice. All 15 applicants to be included in the Settemari training Evening Rows. To start on 30th March May Morning. Volunteer needed to organise this event. May training. Nan and Sybille to provide individual and group training. International Regatta/CIVV Rally. Need to coordinate activities as we don't have enough members to organise events and charges levied for taking part. <p>Facilities fellow – report circulated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues <p>Membership Secretary – Report distributed</p>	<p>RHR</p> <p>RHR</p> <p>RHR/LHP</p> <p>?</p> <p>RHR/PD</p> <p>RHR</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a discussion it was suggested that partners/spouses join the club. To be discussed at the next meeting. <p>Hon Printer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calendar. The committee thanked DC for creating the brilliant 2023 calendar. New Flyer. DC needs new copy for the flyer and he may approach Alex Martin to assist. QR code to be inserted <p>Social Secretary – report circulated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Party – The committee thanked KB for a well organised event. Walk. A Sunday morning walk on Otmoor was suggested. To be discussed further. <p>Venetian liaison – report circulated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues <p>Bargemaster – Report circulated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues <p>Treasurer – report circulated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boat insurance. This has been increased to reflect current values. The boat fleet is valued at £60,000. Costs for insurance administration and the web site have increased. 	DC/AM
4.	<p>Redentore Garden Party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RHR to discuss further with KB. PD with Ann Holden 	RHR/PD
5.	<p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning is needed on how the club should grow. Should the website be commensurate with a larger membership & would this require AM & PM sessions. Concerns that 2 separate groups would develop. TW suggested a meeting be scheduled to discuss the future of the club and how we want it to develop. Historically we should have 10 new members a year. PD displayed a copy of Nan’s proposed new website. PB said no one looks at the website and money would be wasted. The new website would need regular maintenance. Nan is willing to enable a member of the working group to amend website. The website could be used to provide news from Venice. Working Group – RHR, DC, PD and NM. Would the membership be interested in contributing? PD proposed we pay NM for the work she has completed – the sum of €1000. The committee agreed. NM has offered to transfer the current CB information on to a new website. The committee will discuss further with her at a Zoom Meeting on 15th February at LHP’s house at 7pm. <p>POSTSCRIPT BY PD Dear all, We had a very good discussion about the website at last night's committee meeting. We had several people who did not want to invest in the website at this time, and others who have been working with Nan and could see the benefits of an up-to-date website .</p>	ALL

	<p>Tim grounded us all by talking about what we saw as the future to the club, and this made us think what we wanted the club to look like in 5-years time, when many of our members would be in their 70s and some in their 80s. This brought us to the thinking that 'yes' we did need new members, both rowing members, members who could help maintain the boats, and younger members who might join the committee and take over these important roles.</p> <p>We looked at Nan's site plan and Richard took us through the work that the Website Group is doing to update the information - request for members to join this small but hard working group. All agreed that keeping the Website current and up to date is an important part of this process. Nan will do this for us, until we find a capable and skilled volunteer.</p> <p>Tim pointed out what a very good and useful website the Arzana website was whilst preparing his presentation Saturday last, and one that Nan was in the process of updating too. Ours could be like this also, with information about boats, rowing, repairs, history etc see https://arzana.org/chi-siamo/</p> <p>We had some good discussions from Piero and Laura, written info from Katie and Sue about how much money, if any, was needed to be spent on this. It was agreed to update and keep the website current we would need to invest in it and there are currently the funds available for this. - email from John R.</p> <p>We agreed to pay €1000 for the work we are currently committed to, and review in February as we've started this work (continue with the current upgrade and move it to a new host site). We would review progress and future developments on the website at a meeting in February: How and when to make stage payments for the further €1400 quoted for the updating and transfer to the new host. Laura has offered to host a meeting at 7pm on the 15th of February, when we will look at a shared vision for the club in 2028.</p> <p>Thank you everybody for your contribution and we look forward to having more constructive discussions in future Best wishes Pauline and Richard</p>	
6	<p>Building of the mascareta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some painting and woodwork to finish, a rubbing strip to be attached to the strake and bow and stern ferros to be copied. • Finish date not planned. 	
7.	<p>Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Man overboard training – date to be discussed 	ALL
8	<p>Training – See previous minute</p>	

9	Programme for 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glamping. 4-6 August. LHP is organizing this event. • Eights Ferry – PB will coordinate this event. 	
10	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts to Settemari. The committee discussed items which could be sourced. It was agreed that costs would be shared between the rowers and that next year this should be included in the price of the week. £20 was agreed as sufficient to cover this expense. 	PD & volunteer
The meeting ended at 9.30pm		
Sue Robinson	Secretary	Richard Robinson Chairman
Signed		Signed
Date.....		Date