

CITY BARGE

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:	Wednesday 17 May 2023
Time:	6.30 for 7.00 pm
Venue:	45 Sunningwell Road, New Hinksey, Oxford OX1 4SZ
Attending:	Richard Robinson - Chairman, Piero Bortoli, Pauline Dobbs, Laura Hutchins Payne, John Kinahan, John Russell, and Tim Williams.
Apologies:	Richard Bailey, Katie Balfour, Sue Burton, Dek Cordingley, and Andrew Thomson.
Minutes:	John Kinahan

No.	Items/Actions	Action
1.	<p>Approval of 21st March 2023 minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes were approved by all with the proviso that the Bradford-on-Avon trip should have been formally discussed, and then signed by the Chairman and Secretary. 	
2.	<p>Matters arising - outstanding and action points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no matters arising not discussed under other items. 	
3.	<p>Committee Members' Reports</p> <p>Chairman - Report circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teamwork. RHR congratulated all members for pulling together at events such as May morning. Robbert van Mesdag. RHR noted DC's presentation of options for a photobook of the build and an A5 booklet of all the boats in the Fleet (discussed in the Printer's Report), which the state of the RvM bequest would as JR reported allow funding for. It was also suggested and agreed that the A5 booklet be put on the new website. It was decided that DC should provide quotes for both options, with 4x copies of the photobook to be presented to Nicky Gilmour, her brother and sister, and Michelle Wellington-Hall. Included with the quotes should be a suggested price for the sale of both books to members. Boat maintenance. As well as the repainting of the RvM, PD noted that the ferros of Allegro and Piero were bent and needed straightening. Website. Nan has made great progress with the new website, which it is hoped will be launched soon. Planning meeting. RHR will circulate action notes from the planning meeting on the future progress of the Club, for Cttee members to indicate to him what actions they are willing to take to follow-up this meeting. Insurance. RHR has circulated a note from JR and himself about our insurance policies to all Cttee members, noting that if a club member is in a club boat the insurance policies provide cover. OURCs flags. RHR has circulated a note on safety and flags, and PD requested that the implications of the flags for Venetian rowing be outlined. <p>Standing Captain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venice in March was excellent, and given the cantiere problems PD is exploring options for the March 2024 trip. The Querini and 	<p style="text-align: center;">DC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RHR/All Cttee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RHR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PD/RHR</p>

	<p>Giudecca clubs are possibilities, and as RHR will be in Venice next week he will also investigate this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginner's course. This has started well, however pressures of time on popperi mean that this will not be re-started until the late Summer or Autumn. • DC has produced an excellent manual for the course, which PD will show to Cttee members and others who may wish to see it. Copies may also be offered for sale to club members. It was agreed that DC should be paid for his work on the manual as well as the other printing work he does for the club. • Devises to Newbury trip. PD is planning a Devizes to Newbury trip for the last week in October. • Nan and Sybille. Training by Nan and Sybille in Oxford in the first week in May was appreciated by all who had lessons. <p>Social Secretary - Report circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unanimous thanks and appreciation were expressed to KB for the success of all her hard work. <p>Membership Secretary – Report circulated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LHP's access to the bank account to check payment of subscriptions was discussed, along with the unsatisfactory nature of Barclay's bureaucracy preventing this. JR will both continue to work on this and also every week send LHP PDFs of the account statements. • It was agreed that a maximum of two taster sessions would be allowed for anyone, at a cost of £10 per person per session, before they would then be required to join as members if they wished to continue rowing. <p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Club's financial position is healthy, although a large maintenance bill of up to £4,000 is expected from Hertford. • RB has reported that the club room is to be refurbished by Hertford at a cost of £6,000, which will make it suitable for the February AGM. It was proposed by RHR, seconded by PD, and passed unanimously that a contribution of £1,000 should be made to the refurbishment. <p>Venice liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paolo Brandolisio's advice on preserving oars from cracks and water damage has been sought, and he would be a welcome guest if he came to Oxford. <p>Bargemaster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AT is handing over this role to Nevill Rogers. 	<p>PD</p> <p>DC/JR/P D</p> <p>PD</p> <p>JR</p> <p>JR</p>
4.	<p>Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defibrillator training has been offered by the St John Ambulance, and JR will arrange this. • Rower overboard training will take all of a morning, and members will be invited to attend training on Saturday 24 June via Spond. • It was agreed that we will not require members to take a swim test, and will continue to require members to self-certify their ability to swim fully clothed. • In conversation, various club members have expressed their appreciation and thanks to Cttee members for RHR's two notes on safety and cold water shock circulated to all members. It was agreed that these two notes should be incorporated by RHR into a rewritten Safety and Rowing Rules page for the new website. 	<p>JR</p> <p>RHR</p> <p>RHR</p>

5.	Website/social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privacy policy for website. As this is legally required, JK will produce a privacy policy based on Oxford Academicals' policy for Cttee approval. Once approved, it will be sent to our webmaster Nan McElroy for publishing on the website. 	JK	
6.	Programme for 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eights Week Ferry, 28 May. It was agreed that passengers will be asked for a suggested donation of £3 split 50/50 between the club and Water Aid. JR is arranging for this to made using a Barclays card reader. PB will be in charge of the ferry with complete control of the selection of rowers. Other members will, as in previous years, assist with landward tasks on the bank. RHR will put the ferry into the Eights Week programme. • Drapers' Company visit with catering team, 3 June. This will require members help to put the shallop in the water, and will include a barbeque lunch for all attendees. • Henley, 27 June-7 July. The club will take a Venetian boat, to be placed in the water before the regatta. PB offered the use of his trailer to transport the boat. • CIVV Rally, 19-22 July. Various members are taking time off work during the week to assist with making the rally a success. • Festival of Punting, Maidenhead, 9 September. It is hoped that members will wish to assist with this event, which will include a club sandolo and gondolino. • Settemari visit 12-15 September. It is thought that Settemari will be most interested in seeing Oxford. Pauline Ulijaszek has offered to lead a walking tour of Charlbury. • Visit to Falcon Rowing Club. Clare Oxby has relayed Falcon's invitation and interest in trying Venetian rowing, and RHR is arranging this with John Hill for 8 July. 	JR PB RHR RHR RHR RHR	
7.	Dates of next meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meetings will be on 10 July, 19 September, and 21 November. 		
8.	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All thanked RHR for his and Sue's hospitality, as well as PD and LHP for providing an excellent meal. 		
The meeting ended at 10.00 pm			
John Kinahan	Secretary	Richard Robinson	Chairman
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