

Minutes of Committee Meeting
Tuesday 17th of October 2018 @Pam's House

Present: Pam McDiarmid, Catherine Scott, Michael Reville, Emily Inglis, Fraser Stewart, Malcolm Stewart

Apologies: Michael Allsop, Mhairi Sumner, Margaret O'Neill, Marc Robertson

1. Emily introduced the main item on the agenda which was the fact that Care.Com have announced that they will be retiring the Big Tent platform on 31st of December 2018. She invited Malcolm Stewart to update the meeting on his preliminary investigation of two of the alternative systems which had been flagged up on discussions on the Scottish Coastal Rowing Facebook Group as many clubs are in the same position of having to find an alternative system for managing club communications at the end of the year.
2. Malcolm advised the meeting that he had spent time looking at two of the main contenders namely Teamer (which is used by Eastern in conjunction with Brown Bear) and Team Up which can be linked with GoogleGroups e-mail system. Malcolm has spent some time trying to get the Stragglers Walking Group to use another system in parallel with Big Tent to see how robust it is and whether it would meet the slightly different communication needs of the rowers. He also advised that Murdo has recently set up a ClimbPorty group and is using Teamer to manage their communications. He advised that Murdo was happy to enroll people in the group even although they did not plan to actually do any climbing but to give them an opportunity to see how the events are set up and how "TeamTalk " functions to manage discussions within groups and sub groups. Malcolm pointed out that an event title was limited to 18 characters which made it difficult to present information about the event in the title.
3. Malcolm was more positive about the combination of Team Up which has an online calendar and RSVP system and can be linked to Google Groups e-mail.
4. The issue of trying to archive all the Files currently stored on Big Tent as well as photographs was raised. Malcolm has successfully downloaded photos from the Stragglers walking group and created a Google photos album. There does not appear to be a way to do a bulk download of Files or Photographs. Michael undertook to try and download Files and Photographs from Big Tent for Rowporty.
5. It was agreed that Committee members will approach Murdo about joining the Climbporty Group on Teamer to familiarize themselves with the look and feel of this solution. Malcolm has agreed to enroll Committee members in the group he has created using Team Up and Google Groups so that we can compare the systems.

6. Catherine noted that Jeremy Webb who implemented the new PSKC website has cautioned about developing whole new communication systems outwith the current website which does have some potential to meet some of the clubs needs but may require some work. Michael advised that he had e-mailed Jeremy about certain aspects of the new system and is awaiting a response. He agreed to chase Jez up about this.
7. It was agreed that the Committee would reconvene at Pam's house at 7:30pm on Thursday 1st of November when we could look more closely at the competing systems and hopefully identify a preferred solution.
8. Jude had raised the issue of stripping back the paintwork on the skiffs to bare wood to get rid of the litres of paint that have been applied over the years. She also raised the prospect of commissioning a new set of lighter "racing" oars which might make the club more competitive. Fraser advised that this issue would be raised at the next meeting of the Bosun's Group which was due to meet in a few days time.
9. Emily noted that Margaret's garage would be available again for winter maintenance and the committee unanimously agreed a new rate of £150/month which will include electricity.
10. Emily had circulated an e-mail from Ali which included four points. The first was notification of a Ceilidh on 30th of November at the old Bellfield Church and she was encouraging members to attend and promote this event which is not a fund raiser and just a get together.
11. The second point was the 2019 World Championships which will be taking place at Stranraer on Loch Ryan in July. She has been trying to coordinate training for the women's 50+age category and this appears to be taking off. Pam agreed to try and set something similar up for the 60+ category. Michael agreed to post something up about this on the PSKC website and try and create an event inviting people to sign up.
12. The third point was an offer by Ali to present a brief refresher on club history at the Beach House one evening with a slide show and a few short films mainly for new club members. The committee endorsed this plan.
13. The final point was a request for nominations to the SCRA board and Emily agreed to progress this as convener.

Next Committee Meeting is 1st of November at 7:30 pm at Pam's house

Michael Reville
24 Oct. 2018