

Rowporty (Special Spond) Committee Meeting

held on December 18, 2018

Present: Catherine, Emily, Fraser, Pam and Michael A.

Apologies: Michael R., Mhairi and Marc

Also present: Larry, Malcolm, Joanna and Sandra S (Spond rota makers)

Accidents and Incidents

No accidents or incidents to report

Matters Arising

No matters arising

Spond

There was much discussion around developing a process for setting up Spond events and the problems that are arising during and from this. It was decided that we need a well-defined procedure for this and Joanna is to draft a document outlining how this should be done. It will be sent to the committee members and rota makers for comment before being adopted. It will then be made available to members.

Malcolm is to develop a Spond user guide which will be posted regularly on Spond until a new document storage facility is established either on Spond or PSKC website.

Website

Malcolm (and Michael R in an e-mail to the committee) commented that the Rowporty website, blog and social media sites should be rationalised. It was felt that we should keep the Rowporty.org.uk domain name and use it to direct people to the PSKC site for membership and information. Rowing information on PSKC website to be updated.

Malcolm and Michael R to take this forward.

Temporary Memberships

There was much discussion around temporary membership for novice rowers. There didn't seem to be any way to record this on Spond at the moment. All rowers have to be registered with PSKC in some way to ensure they are covered by the insurance. It was discussed whether to stop temporary membership and require people to become full PSKC members in order to row, or to have a temporary moratorium through winter. We decided to keep going with temporary membership but change the way we accept new members onto Spond.

Catherine will investigate using Go Membership. Until then the rota makers must ensure that everyone is noted by name on any rota. This is particularly important with novice rowers who are not yet fully paid up members of PSKC.

Sandra S asked that anyone signing up a novice or another rower should do so by name – she will add this request to the blurb that goes out with the Sunday Social Rowing event.

It was also stressed that wherever possible members should only sign up for themselves. There was some discussion about having a membership secretary for Rowporty but no decision was made. Any queries about membership can be referred to Catherine, Ali Grant or Michael R who have access to the PSKC membership list.

Catherine and Michael R will now be the only administrators responsible for authorising requests for admittance to Spond. They will contact the other administrators within Spond to let them know. Any new members of Spond who are not members of PSKC will be redirected to Pam or Sandra S so that they receive joining information.

Other points of discussion

Some people are finding there is an overload of messages – solutions to this will be explained in the users guide.

Order of sign ups – this can be overcome by limiting the event to five or ten people with the rest on a waiting list. The waiting list will be in order of sign up. This seemed to be the only solution to this problem at the moment.

Members are to be made aware that they are responsible for checking the thread of an event they have signed up for. There should only be one thread for each event to avoid confusion.

There was a short discussion about holding a social event early in 2019. It was agreed we would do this and it will be taken forward at the next meeting.

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Next meeting will be on Thursday 17th January at 7.30 at Pam's.

*Pam MacDiarmid
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