

12/07/2023 - 20:30 - Online

In Attendance:

- Alex Robinson - Captain
- Phoebe Ferns - Vice-Captain
- Tom Morris - Treasurer
- Aidan Coster - Competition Secretary
- Millie Ashton - Social Secretary
- Max Pretty - Social Secretary
- Joshua Evans - Welfare Secretary
- Toby Jones - Publicity Secretary
- Ashley Holmes - Kit Secretary
- Matty Clemens - Trip Secretary
- Ollie Dixon - Training Secretary

Absent:

Discussion Points:

1. BA Update
 - Cannot use the Kukri Gift of Kit Fund as Kukri don't supply BAs
 - Asking Steve about using the Annual fund
 - Lobarough embroidered Kukri on their Peak BAs
 - Can't use old Rash vests as not Kukri or new uni designs (can still wear them next year but can't buy anymore of the old design)
 - Could we look at vests to go over BAs to try make it cheaper
2. Financial Plan
 - Charlotte said we could have a savings account to save money for any bus drama
 - Put in constitution that the money is for the bus not for anything else
 - Boat insurance: taking some stuff off for lower premiums (taking some boats off)
 - Look at how much we should insure stuff for
 - Need some more white water kit eg bungs
 - Cold weather kit (looking to buy some wetsuits for Freshers to use)
 - Ask around for old wetsuits from outdoor shops, charity shops for old trainers (Alex's ideas)
 - Any ideas for kit next year could message Tom and he can add it to his list
 - Ollie: some places might not be as keen to give away their old wetsuits but agrees with the idea about the shoes
 - Toby: don't need much kit and Facebook MarketPlace is a good place for second hand kit
 - Bus tax, bus maintenance and fuel costs something to make sure we have a buffer for
 - Polo helmets and decks are something to look at if we can afford it
3. Freshers
 - Pre freshers social
 - Unofficial, not a club social

- Not much structure, very chill
- Freshers social
 - Turks Head
 - 60 people
 - Walking bus for freshers social
 - Moberly/Birks, Mardon/Holland, Laf/St Germans/Rowe, East Park (potentially put this with the Laf group)
 - Or could say walk to the bottom of Forum Hill and do one big group
 - Offer from St Davids accommodation and Rowancroft
 - Make sure someone is still at Turks Head to greet people who are early
- 4. Instagram
 - No committee video :(let Toby know any ideas
 - Website: simple and informative (what would you go to the website for)
 - Two points
 - 1. Instagram is an outward reaching platform (potential members, AU, potential sponsors see it)
 - If you showed it to Charlotte would she think it's acceptable?
 - Toby wants something on the insta every time we paddle eg Aidan with freshers, Alex having coffee before training
 - Don't treat club insta like your personal account
 - 2. People have commented that the culture and mood of the club has changed
 - Lack of respect towards people in the club eg people giving up their time to safety
 - Lack of respect for how the club operates
 - Paying membership for kit but doesn't give you the right to throw kit around
 - Buying into ethos that you're looking after kit so it benefits not just you but people in the future as well
 - Pyramid of improvement
 - Important to hammer home next year that we need to be sensible and understanding of how people are giving up their time
 - People often start prioritising other things when term starts and club starts to be run by a couple of people - need to make sure everyone is pulling their weight
- Remember to ask for help if you are tight on time or struggling to balance everything

Action Items:

- Annual fund for BAs
- Organising Freshers
- Walking bus for pre-freshers social

Next Meeting Date:

- 3rd week of August (beginning 21st)