

22/08/2023 - 20:00 - Online

In Attendance:

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

Discussion Points:

- 1) Financial Plan/Annual Alumni Fund Update - Tom
- 2) 'Ultimate Swim Off'
- 3) Lounge Sponsorship
- 4) Pre Freshers - Whitewater and Safety Swim Training - Alex
- 5) Welcome Week - Suggestions and Ideas
- 6) Pre Term Update from everyone

Discussed:

1) Financial Plan/Annual Alumni Fund Update - Tom

- Financial plan mostly done
- Left over some money just in case eg BAs
- Applied for Annual Alumni Fund
 - Need to do presentation
 - Haven't yet been told when
 - Maybe Aidan and Alex to help
- Toby - go through the Cave and see if we can 'update' boats rather than buy new ones to save money eg bungs (suggested start of September)
- Toby - be hesitant in spending money when we may want to spend it later in the year
- Tom - follow up on whether Charlotte set up the account for saving money for the bus
- Toby - past members expressed it's a bad idea to spend all money on polo BAs - if we don't get the Annual Fund might be best to only get 8 BAs
- Rash Vests: Charlotte suggested speaking to Kukri and sorting it (Toby: it's Kukris mistake so why should we rectify it)

2) 'Ultimate Swim Off'

- Swimming comp sec wants to do a friendly gala with all the other water sports
- Something for Aidan
- Suggesting Term 1, maybe November
- Toby: Movember fundraiser (every competitor donates £1 and the winning club gets the total donated to their Movember page)
- Alex will reply and say he's going to forward to our comp sec (Aidan will then reply)

3) Lounge Sponsorship

- Basically alleviates issue of many group chats
- Instead would create a 'Lounge' for each event
- Sponsorship: contribute towards event eg putting money behind bar (said we'd prefer a lump sum if we've shown we've been using the app)
- Ollie: what if it just becomes another app/Spond 2.0
- Toby: can trail during pre-freshers (still have to use FIXR and screenshot your payments)
- Will only work if the club fully sends it
- People can say if they're going or not in Lounge - similar to liking a message
- Millie - not as personal as messenger and doing a post rather than message in chat is more intimidating
 - Make it so Lounge is what committee use to tell people what's going on and we still have a group chat for meming
- Would be good for making sure stuff doesn't get lost and would be distinguishable between what was official club stuff
- Might as well give it a go for pre-freshers and if it works can make the decision whether to go for it
- Still doesn't stop us putting a message in the group chat etc (saying check the Lounge)

4) Pre Freshers - Whitewater and Safety Swim Training - Alex

- Cardiff Trip on Sunday
- Whitewater trip if there's water
- Bude polo on Thursday
- Minimum two training sessions
- Aidan - chat with polo players about how polo is going to work
- Pre Freshers social (pub golf)
- Toby - good to have some non-paddling stuff going on eg cave clean

5) Whitewater Safety Paddlers Declaration - Alex

- Not BC affiliated you're allowed to have unqualified leaders but need to declare in case something happened
- Alex and Ashley - lead safety
- Check in end of October to see how people are

6) Emma

- Not making a new committee position/have her on committee
- However, start opening up sections of committee meetings for the club to give their ideas
- Also going to release feedback forms before the start of term
- Form is on Google forms so people can add questions

7) Welcome Week - Suggestions and Ideas

- Monday
 - Gazebo table 1-3pm
- Tuesday
 - Taster sessions 10-5pm
 - Welfare drop in 12-2pm
 - Forum Hill 1-3pm
- Wednesday
 - Taster session 10-5pm

- Thursday
 - Taster session 10-5pm
 - Forum Hill 1-3pm
 - St Lukes Freshers fair 2-5pm
 - Social with walking bus
- Friday
 - Taster sessions 10-5pm
- Saturday
 - Sports Expo 9-7pm
 - Southampton polo competition
- Sunday
 - Exmoor safety swim
- Also Bus shuttles to taster sessions and interactive activities for the stands
- Laptop on the stands showing the promo video
- Toby - sweets out on the table and people will walk away with a freshers t-shirt if they buy a membership
- 'Get their fit' post - showing how much the club offers for free within the membership (could do whitewater and polo)

8) Pre-Term Update from everyone

- Ashley
 - Hopefully have a ladder soon
 - Buying kit (Ashley's kayak)
 - Toby - get a step ladder for the bus
- Aidan
 - Southwest polo league might be on Saturdays so would clash with SWUPL
 - If this happens Aidan will take one team out so the 'A' team can go to SWUPL and other team can go to Southwest polo league
 - Buying boat licences as SWUPL canoe club so need to be careful of how many boats on the water
 - Will put a post out with competitions and dates, also a form so people can give rough interest eg sprint
 - More games with Bude (also a pool as they go to a pool in winter)
- Toby
 - Get more regular content eg socials on stories, trips as posts etc
 - Getting into habit of taking photos and content so stuff can come out more regularly
 - More focus videos eg Movember, This Girl Can, What a loop trip is like
 - If you want anything posted let Toby know
 - Away 2nd-15th September
 - Not sure if the 'Pass the phone' video will be released as it doesn't quite fully work
 - Ollie - could the 'Pass the Phone' go on the tiktok so Toby's work doesn't go to waste
 - Ollie: if he asks you to be in a tiktok pls join in
- Matty
 - White water basics eg similar to tactics sessions before pool
 - Edging, eddying out etc
 - Probably collab with Ollie

- Toby - towards start of the year while people are still keen (also should include how to put kit on and how to treat kit)

Action Items:

- Reply about 'Ultimate Swim Off' - Aidan and Alex
- Make Feedback Form - Alex
- Set up the Lounge account - Phoebe
- Bring a step ladder for the bus - Alex
- Set up a snack rota - Phoebe

Next Meeting Date:

- Friday 15th September 2pm
- Will also do one after Freshers with a committee social