

**Newhaven Gig Rowing Club
Zoom Emergency Committee Meeting
17th March 2020**



Minutes

Attendees: Rachel Beardsworth, Mark Beaumont, Christina Cosgrove, Tracy Day, Caroline Dean, Jane Masey, Kate Masey, David Swann, Mark Syrett, Phil Thompson

Guests: Dan Wittenberg

Apologies: Dexter Allen, Jayne Collins

Suspension of rowing

The premise for the meeting was to decide collectively whether rowing was going to continue. The CPGA and Government guidelines advise us to suspend activity. Also, our safety officers, Phil and Dexter have also expressed that they believe we should suspend rowing immediately.

No-one knows how long we will be closed until, August, September? We will shut down now and review the situation on a regular basis aiming for a fresh start in the autumn.

Membership Fees

Full members may wish to have their membership money refunded; we need to encourage people to continue with their membership as this is valuable support for the club during this period. Membership and refunds are due to be reviewed at our AGM.

If members ask for row dough back Caroline will transfer it. Money from rejected rows will be returned into row dough wallet.

Overheads

Mark S. suggests we ask Nazila our landlady for a rent free or rent reduction period whilst rowing is suspended. Mark S. will create a letter to send to Nazila. Nazila will continue to get rate relief if she holds the clubhouse for us rent free until September.

Our rent is currently £560 a quarter.

Boat Storage

We will find it financially difficult to be paying full rent and berthing fees without any income coming in, so financially it will be best if we leave the marina during this dormant period to lower our overheads.

We need to put Aurora somewhere during this dormant period and also put Amelie somewhere covered where she can be having refurbishing work done on her. We could use scaffolding like some of the other boats use possibly.

We could store at Mark S's. Aurora but not Amelie as no inside space available only outside.

Dormant Period

We can use this dormant period to work on:

Fundraising and bid-writing. Rachel will help Mark S. with this.

Marketing/PR and our website

Boat maintenance

NGRC Regatta

Mark S. will speak to Will Boden about this, the first planning meeting for this is due on Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm.

Meetings

Meetings will be done via Zoom app. Until further notice.

Our next Assessment of Situation meeting is on Tuesday 24th March.

Our next committee meeting is on Monday 30th March at 7pm.