

Regional Representative Report
March 2017

I attended my first British Rowing Council meeting on 25th February 2017.

British Rowing Council

1.1. Decisions made:

1.1.1. Chair of British Rowing.

Annamarie Phelps elected unopposed as Chair of BR to 31/3/21.

1.1.2. British Rowing membership.

Council approved the 2017 registration fees (see Appendix 1)

British Rowing membership is around 30,000 – 60% are university age or under. BR membership fees provide an important source of unrestricted income. A new membership management system is being introduced. Following this there will be a review of the BR membership offering and the data needs.

Andy Parkinson asked for the region's feedback on how clubs feel about British Rowing taking on the total administration of rowing membership, that is, the clubs and British Rowing?

1.1.3. British Rowing governance against the Code for Sport Governance

Council committed to the requirements within the Code for Sport Governance.

British Rowing receives £9m p.a. from UK Sport. It is a contractual requirement of UK Sport funding for British Rowing to have a plan of actions in place by 31st March 2017 that will move current governance to a model that meets UK Sport requirements within 4 years.

A key impact will be on BR Council - made up of BR Board and representatives from the regions and makes decisions about BR. But UK Sport indicates that the BR Board are ultimately responsible and therefore they alone should make decisions. BR needs to find a way of facilitating consultation with the regions (clubs and events) so they can continue to influence the sport of rowing.

These governance implications will impact on any club seeking UK Sport or Sport England funding.

1.1.4. Rules of Racing

Council agreed to changes in the Rules of Racing around advertising and sponsorship (see Appendix 2)

1.2. Communication provided:

1.2.1. Funding for British Rowing.

There is £2.9m over 4 years to support people participating in the sport. This money will go towards:

- Development of member management system (mentioned above)
- Advice on running clubs as small businesses
- School scheme - both public and state schools
- Develop indoor rowing. Currently 1.3m people indoor row but the growth potential is perceived to be 15m.

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There is no identified funding for BR Field staff. The Talent Scheme application has been submitted but, as yet, no decision made

1.2.2. Competition Framework.

The new framework is continuing to be tested and its roll-out communicated

1.2.3. Clean Sport Tool Kit

Jacqui Johnston has devised a toolkit that advises event organisers of facilities they need to provide for UKAD Anti-Doping visits

1.2.4. Port of London Authority (PLA) and 'paid' launch drivers

Investigation underway as to whether the regulations used by PLA for 'paid' launch drivers applies to other waterways e.g. Port of Tyne

1.2.5. Vice Chairman of British Olympic Association

Annamarie Phelps had been elected unopposed as Vice Chair of BOA

2. NRC Grant since 2016 AGM

Dec 2016. £590.50 approved for TTARC for 2 attendees at L2 Coaching course

Mar 2017. £525 approved for DARC for 2 attendees at L2 Strength and Conditioning course

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Appendix1

Individual Registrations

				2017/18	2017/18	2017/18
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2%	Proposed	Increase
Gold	£53.50	£54.50	£55.00	£56.10	£56.00	1.8%
Student	£33.00	£34.00	£34.00	£34.68	£35.00	2.9%
Junior	£25.50	£26.00	£26.00	£26.52	£27.00	3.8%
J14 and under	£16.00	£16.50	£17.00	£17.34	£17.00	0%
Silver	£28.00	£28.50	£29.00	£29.58	£30.00	3.4%
Life member	£1,100.00	£1,150.00	£1,150.00	£1,173.00	£1,175.00	2.2%

Regatta Affiliation

				2017/18	2017/18	2017/18
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2%	Proposed	Increase
Per day	£54.00	£55.00	£56.00	£57.12	£57.00	1.8%
Insurance	£106.00	£109.00	£110.00	£112.20	£113.00	2.7%

Club Affiliation

				2017/18	2017/18	2017/18
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2%	Proposed	Increase
Per club 10 members or fewer	£85.00	£87.00	£88.00	£89.76	£90.00	2.3%
Per member over 10 members	£6.30	£6.50	£6.60	£6.73	£6.70	1.5%
Dormant club	£27.00	£27.50	£28.00	£28.56	£28.00	0%

Appendix 2

1-9 Sponsorship

There are no restrictions on advertising material other than:

- No advertising material is permitted that is inappropriate or which is harmful to the image of rowing
- Any sponsorship material on equipment or clothing shall not impair the recognition of the crew by its club colours.

Advertising related to tobacco and e-cigarettes, pornography and sexual services and payday lending is prohibited and special consideration should be given to gambling and nutritional supplements (particularly in relation to junior competitors). Special consideration should also be given to advertising related to alcohol (applied accordance with the Portman Group alcohol sponsorship code).

Further advice on sponsorship may be sought from the British Rowing's Partnerships & Communications Directorate.

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