

Regional Representative Report
June 2017

I attended British Rowing Council meeting on 13th June 2017.

British Rowing Council

1.1. Chair Welcome:

1.1.1. Dame Di Ellis

Annamarie Phelps (AMP) led a tribute to British Rowing Hon. President Dame Di Ellis. AMP noted that Di Ellis had been committed to evolving both the sport of rowing and the organisation of British Rowing.

1.1.2. Chair

AMP will stand down as Chair from 31st March 2018 as required with BRs acceptance of new Code for Sports Governance introduced by UK Sport/Sport England. AMP has already served over 9 years in a decision-making role at BR and so must stand down.

1.2. Decisions made:

1.2.1. Code for Sports Governance

This new Code has been implemented by UK Sport/Sport England to protect public investment in all sport but its implementation at BR has implications for the 135years of governance practice at BR.

The main area where BR does not comply with the Code is the use of the Council as the decision-making body of BR. The Code requires decisions to be made by the Board.

Council voted against non compliance with the Code of Governance (i.e. retaining the Council) and against disbanding Council with no replacement. A working group (incl Michael Laing) will identify what alternative structure to implement that would hold decision making powers at Board level but with opportunities for engagement with the grass roots.

There was discussion about using this as an opportunity to introduce a structure that reflects the membership of BR (notably age, gender and range of rowing activities).

1.3. Discussion on:

1.3.1. Competition Framework

Andy Parkinson (CEO BR) meets fortnightly to review progress and address issues with the new competition framework. AP believes the trial period is going well.

Concerns expressed about points for heads being too high and the loss of 'novice' category.

1.3.2. Internal Review & Duty of Care

This was in response to an allegation of bullying of Team GB athletes.

There were 8 recommendations that came from the review namely:

- Better metrics to measure performance (not just number of medals won)
- Better succession planning of athletes/coaches
- Athlete induction and exit
- Development plans for coaches

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- Help personnel manage stress
- Setting values for High Performance section
- Better gender equity within coaching structure
- Better communication

1.4. Communication provided:

1.4.1. Staffing update

Sport England funding for regional staff has been cut. British Rowing has been forced to reduce head count in the regions.

Going forward there will be 3 Community Sport Managers to support clubs primarily through the development of on-line services but also phone or face-to-face support if needed.

2. NRC Grant since 2016 AGM

Mar 2017. £525 approved for TTARC for 2 attendees at L2 Strength and Conditioning course
June 2017. £590 requested by St Leonards towards Level 3 coaching course. Awaiting approval of Chair

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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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