



## **Annual General Meeting - Minutes**

**Held on 27 November 2017 at Durham Amateur Rowing Club**

**Draft for approval at 2018 AGM**

The meeting quietly remembered the rowers from our region who had passed away during 2017: Johnny Robertson, Jeff Cox, Bill Lowry and Nigel Sprague.

Present - 43. List available from Secretary.

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Peter Hoare (Umpires), Gillian Lathan (Para Rowing Coordinator), Martin Thompson (TURC Secretary).

### **2. Welcome and presentation**

The Chair welcomed Jo Atkinson, British Rowing Community Support Manager , who gave a presentation. 3<sup>rd</sup> region to visit. Phil Hornsey sent a 31-page presentation to be sent to the Secretary to be put onto NRC.

Sport England looked to retention of core market, retain the people we already have in the club. 60% of our rowing knowledge B.R. just need to retain this demographic. New club management systems, pathways into new sport.

Requests for ideas from Jo, to be made to be made via Pamela Walton (Secretary) who will forward. Ideas about running non-affiliated events (but see Rules of Racing - Richard Mortimer). Gabrielle Moore to contact Hazel Mozienco re insurance governance.

### **3. Matters Arising**

None

### **4. Reports**

#### **Regional Chairman - Michael Lainq**

He had produced a written report (*this report and all others as noted in these minutes appear on the Northern Rowing [web site](#)*). British Rowing has now had a governance review, Kate O Sullivan appointed VC. BR Council has spent a lot of time on Health and Safety Issue and Safeguarding issues. Next is to look forward into the volunteer base that the regions have.



**LDS (Long Distance Sculling Series) - Richard Mortimer** (see written report)

Think about going forward, what should the NRC group think about re numbers being refused to each series, to be looked at Club Conference in January 2018. Thank you to Tyne and Berwick for their timely and unselfish decision to cancel their events. Michael thanked Richard, Charly, Julie and Sue - really appreciated their work, made NRC rowing stand out as a region. Julie and Sue received gifts of appreciation.

LDS Series Victor Ludorum winners with presentations were:

Juniors - Chester-le-Street ARC

Masters - Cambois RC

Seniors - Chester-le- Street ARC.

**Coaching - Eddie Bryant** (see written reports)

1. Changes in coaching 2018/19 hopefully be out on Friday.
2. Hoping to run inhouse workshops, can people email Eddie Bryant with ideas.
3. Logging of unofficial working hours that can be taken forward.

Geoff Higgins - re child protection training - can go to the county partnerships for training as well as British Rowing.

**Treasurer - Alan Granlund** (see written accounts on web site)

1. Bottom of 1<sup>st</sup> page shows a deficit, not too worried about that, Alan went over the items.
2. LDS revenue goes into grant fund. Encourage people to apply for a grant.
3. If representing the region please do not be out of pocket, ask Alan Granlund.
4. Endorsed.

**Junior Rowing Coordinator - Pauline Higgins** (see written reports)

1. National Schools Regatta talking about having a further regatta for those who do not attend national schools. Looking at the same date as Durham Regatta.
2. National Championships – J14 skills will remain. If anyone has ideas how this could be improved throughout the region please contact Pauline.
3. Junior Interregional Regatta– out team did well but not outstanding. Date for trials 10 February with the event being in April 2018.
4. Idea of looking at regattas and splitting them with 1-day juniors and 1-day senior, to be discussed at Club Conference January 2018.



John Mullholland raised the question of GB training and access to GB coaches. To be raised at Club Conference.

**Regional Representative - Gill Houston** (see written report)

BR Council no longer existed, Gill now only attending BR AGM and any EGMs. Gill is now responsible for grants; any queries please contact Gill or see web site for enlightenment.

**Regional Rowing Safety Adviser - John Mullholland** (see written report)

1. Heel restraints should be set at no more than 70mm, but advised clubs should follow 50mm. Suggested check the angle of stretchers too.
2. Club audits – most are in, John will be looking at all of them when all in.
3. Lights, <https://sway.com/GG6lmSjnQumioSUo> this link is an easy to follow DIY light and is in Johns report and on web site within safety. White lights front and rear, if flashing, bow light only.
4. Any comments re safety and Rutherford at the weekend please let John and Colin know.

**Events (plus web site) - Colin Percy** (see written report)

1. 2017 calendar year, lost 2 to weather and 1 to lack of entries.
2. 2018/19 calendar see NRC website, technically not approved yet but fairly certain.
3. Club Development Conference - Colin to email all event contacts for ideas for discussion on regattas.
4. Great Tyne Row – went well 2017. Looks very unlikely it will be on in 2018 due to tides. May look at Tour of Tyne. Broke even this year.

**Umpiring - Richard Mortimer (Sec of NRUC)** (see written report)

1. 4-5 umpires standing down this year. At end of year will have 31 active umpires. Still short by 20 umpires. Work on getting more umpires active.
2. Training in hand. New umpires hoped for. Looking at having standardisation of training materials and also looking at CPD.
3. Should be weighing people at Head Races, everyone weighed at regatta.

**Masters Rowing - Gabrielle Moore** (see written report)

Events now using the point system. Events have to advertise how the points system will be banded and applied prior to the competition. Masters 2018 to be held on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> June at Nottingham.



### **Recreational Rowing - Colin Lawson** (see written report)

1. Explore Series had had a successful season: Open winners Hexham and Women's winners Durham.
2. New rule in 2018 to have 9 in each team.
3. Draft timetable for 2018 had been sent around the clubs.
4. 2018 Sunderland tour trying to tie in with the Tall Ships

### **5. Election of Officers**

At this point Kate O'Sullivan took the chair. Chairman: Michael Laing proposed by Charly Curtis and seconded by Pamela Walton. Agreed. Michael suggested we look for new Chair for the 2018 AGM. He resumed the chair. Vice Chairman: Charly Curtis, nominated by Alan Granlund, seconded by John Mulholland. Agreed.

The remaining nominations were agreed as follows:

Secretary - Pamela Walton, Hexham

Treasurer - Alan Granlund, Durham

Coaching Education Coordinator - Eddie Bryant, Durham

Junior Rowing Coordinator - Pauline Higgins, QE High School  
and, after discussion, a Deputy - Ellie Hizzett, DU

Regional Rowing Safety Adviser - John Mulholland, Tyne

Para Rowing Coordinator - Gillian Lathan, Tees

Events Coordinator - Colin Percy, Tyne

Masters Rowing Coordinator - Gabrielle Moore, Durham

Recreational and Explore Rowing Coordinator - Colin Lawson, Durham

### **6. Any other business**

1. Four rowers from Tyne to row the Atlantic in late 2018: [Tyne Team Innovation](#); everything on the boat will promote innovation in the North East.
2. The Chairman thanked DARC for their hospitality

The meeting closed at 21.14.