

Northern Rowing Council Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 7.30 pm on 27th November 2017 at Durham Amateur Rowing Club Draft for approval at 2018 AGM

Johnny Robertson , Jeff Cox, Bill Lowery, Nigel Spray, quietly remember the rowers from our region.

Present (43)

1. **Apologies for Absence** Peter Hoare (Umpires), Gillian Latham (Para Rowing Commissioner), Martin Thompson, TURC Secretary.
2. Welcome Joe Atkinson British Rowing Community Sport Partnerships. 3rd region to visit. Phil Hornsey sent a 31-page presentation to be sent to Pamela (Secretary to be put onto NRC website) who spoke to the AGM.

Sport England 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 from Jo Community Rowing, via Pamela Walton (Secretary) who will forward to Jo, header should read NORTHERN. Ideas 1. Ideas about running non-affiliated events, see RoR Richard Mortimore. Gabrielle to contact Hazel mozienco insurance governance.

3. Matters Arising None

4. Regional Chairman's Report Michael Laing of St Leonard's had produced a written report. (This Report, and all other Reports referred to in these Minutes, appears on the North-East Rowing web-site.) British Rowing has now had a governance review, Kate O Sullivan appointed, Council have spent a lot of time on Health and Safety Issue and Safeguarding issues. Next is to look forward into the volunteer base that the region has.

LDS – report attached from Richard Mortimore.

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's thanks to Richard, Charley, Julie and Sue, really appreciated work, makes NRC rowing stand out as a region.

Coaching Report Eddie Bryant (see attached report)

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

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

Alan Granlund then distributed the treasurers report.

1. Bottom of 1st 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.

Pauline Higgins – Junior Coaching Commissioner

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 – Team N.E. did ok but not startling. Date for trials 10th February with the event being? 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? of G.B. training and access to G.B. coaches. To be raised at Club Conference Jan 2018.

Gill Huston Regional Rep.

Council no longer exists, Gill now only attending AGM and EGM. Jill is now responsible for grants; any queries please contact Gill for enlightened.

John Mullholland - Safety Reps report uploaded to NE Rowing.

1. Heel restraints should be set at no more than 70mm, but N.E. region to follow 50mm. Suggests check the angles of stretchers.
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 Johns report and on N.E. rowing within safety. White lights front and rear, bow light should flash only.
4. Any comments re Rutherford at the weekend please let John know re safety and Colin know.

Events, Website and Calendar Events Co-ordinator Colin Percy (Tyne)

1. 2017 calendar year, lost 2 to weather and 1 Tyne Regetta .
2. 2018/19 see NRC website, technically not approved yet.
3. Club Development Conference, Colin to email all event contacts for items at Club Conference.
4. Great Tyne Row – Went well 2017. Looks very unlikely it will be on 2018. May look at Tour of Tyne. Break even this year.

Richard Mortimore – Umpires Meeting

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. Bob Manning and Gill Graf to be marked at development conference.
2. Training – David Robinson, Nicci Trewitt DARC, Mark Robinson St Cuthbert's. New umpires. Looking at having standardisation of training materials also looking at CPD.
3. Should be weighing people at Heads Races, everyone weighed at regatta.

Gabrielle Moore – Masters Report

1. 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 16th/17th June at Nottingham.

Colin Lawson – Recreational Rowing. (see report published on NRC Website)

1. Successful season, Men's winners Hexham and Women's from Durham.
2. New rule to have 9 in each team.
3. Draft timetable for 2018 now been sent around the clubs.
4. 2018 Sunderland tour trying to tie in with the tall ships

Election of Officers At this point Kate o'sullivan took the chair proposed Michael Laing by Charley Curtis and seconded by Pamela Walton. Look for replacement for Chair by the 2018 AGM. Vice Chair, Charley Curtis, nominated by Alan Granlund, seconded by John Mulholland. Dan Durham School.

If anyone else wants to join as a co-opted rower please join in. Two nominations for Junior Rowing Coordinator (need to clarify who has the right to vote, events organisers which are affiliated to British Rowing) but delegates must be present. Both delegates to talk for two mins 1. Ellie having been a junior in the region wants to ensure that juniors get as much from the sport and link to the Durham High Performance academy.

Pauline – having been involved for 25 years ago from supporting the junior commissioner through to being the junior commissioner. Feel strongly that at regionals it is via participation. Try to represents the views of the region. Co-opt Ellie onto the NRC as support to Pauline which was unanimously passed.

Victoria Ludorum for LDS – Juniors Chester le Street.

Victoria Ludorum for Masters – Cambois.

Seniors – Chester Le Street.

Thank DARC for their hospitality and Marilyn.

Any other business – Four rowers from Tyne to row the Atlantic 2018, tyneteaminovasion everything on the boat will promote innovation from the North East.

Meeting closed at 21.14.