

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

Johnny Robertson , Jeff Cox, Bill Lowry, Nigel Sprague, quietly remember the rowers from our region who have passed away during 2017.

Present (43) See attached list.

1. **Apologies for Absence** Peter Hoare (Umpires), Eddie Bryant, Gabrielle Moore.

2. Long Distance Skulls Results 2018

- a. Seniors – Talkin Tarn
- b. Masters – Tyne
- c. Juniors Tyne.

3. Chairman's report – would welcome a diverse membership, and would envisage the coming year to be focused on succession of the members for the next year.

Then came the reports as follows: -

- Secretary – Pamela Walton- nothing to add.
- Treasurer – Alan Granlund – as per uploaded document. Encourage for use of development fund. Gosforth Rowing Club – Treasurer blind, NRC can receive BACS but can't make them, this would be reasonable adjustment.
- Junior Rep (Pauline Higgins and Ellie Hizzard) JIRR at Peterborough 27<sup>th</sup> . Trials date 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Junior commissioner to send out dates for trials and Peterborough. Kate Sullivan then went over the reasoning/discussion as to why Peterborough.
- Safety Report (John Mullholland) – Would like to thank Tyne, Tees, Talkin Tarn for over 10 incident reports. Club audits only half the clubs in the region have submitted them which needs to be submitted by John and approved no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, BROE will not allow these clubs to compete after the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- Para Rowing (Gillian Latham) nothing to add.
- LDS (Richard Mortimore) hoping the weather will be kind.
- Events (Colin Percy) all dates on NRC website for the coming year. 22<sup>nd</sup> January Club Conference come along to this. Power 8 Sprints – Mtg in Hammersmith 15<sup>th</sup> December, encouraging all regions to send a representative, strongly recommend Team Coach, Men's Coach and Women's Coach if anyone would like to volunteer for this, please see Michael Laing after tonight's meeting. Discussion with Yorkshire and Northern Region, Kate O'Sullivan happy to talk to anyone about this.
  - Great Tyne Row – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for the coming year.
  - Durham/Tyne Varsity match can the event organisers let Colin Percy/ NRC know of the date as soon as this is arranged.
- Umpires – Need more umpires with British Rowing membership. As a region this year will need 20 additional umpires, every club that organises an event

should have 2 umpires per day of event, NRC now discussing that events that do not have the above may well not have.

- Masters Report (Gabrielle Moore) taken as read.
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- 4. Welcome Paul Lorenanzo Community Sport Partnerships. Club Hub Portal, information guides Paul will come and deliver at a later date. 5 min PowerPoint to be uploaded onto NRC website, then short demonstration, encouraging to take questions after the meeting

There will be another webinar in November 2018, any clubs interested in joining please contact Paul Lorenzo. Paul asked that all go in and look at club profiles and personal profiles.

5. Northern Rowing Club Development Conference – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Ellie Hizzard handout been circulated and will be on NRC website, sign up via Google link. Any questions via email to
3. AOB

Thank you to the whole of the Rowing Community from Paul Lorenzo.

Thank DARC for your hospitality.

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.).

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 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.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> 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.