



Northern Region Meeting

At DARC Rowing Club, 20th March 2017, 7.30pm

Present: - Michael Laing (Chairman), Charly Curtis (Vice - Chairman), Pamela Walton (Secretary), Pauline Higgins (Junior Commissioner), Colin Percy (Events and Calendar), John Mullholland (Safety Rep). Gabrielle Moore (Masters), Colin Lawson (Recreational rowing) Alan Granlund (Treasurer), Gillian Lathan (Para Rowing Rep), Gill Huston (Regional Rep), James Andrews (Head of Pathways, British Rowing, Paul Lorenzato (Head of Community Development, British Rowing)

Apologies: - Eddie Bryant (Education) Stephen Thompson, Peter Hoare, (CNURC).

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1	Mins of last meeting 30 th January 2017, at Tyne, mark the item re Single Scullers Head, NRC agreed to be supported. Insert into Pauline Higgins January report, should read as follows, Question raised as to asking Angelo/Alex (Newcastle University) for help, <u>JIRR Trials</u> , parameters for selection, you race, you win, your selected. Minutes agreed by Michael Laing	
2	Matters Arising. – Resignation of Sarah and Ian Smith Long Distance LDS and replacement of them. Record thanks to both Sarah and Ian, who have been heroic in the delivery of the annual Northern Region Sculling Series. Charly Curtis to progress this and report back to the next NRC.	CC.
3	<p><u>Reports.</u></p> <p>See www.nerowing.com/nrcminutes.html for all written reports.</p> <p><u>Paul Lorenzato</u>- Head of Community Development, British Rowing.</p> <p>His main aim/remit is to get people out rowing, building links with all the various branches and increasing participation. 22nd March BR will find out how much funding they will get, it has already been 30% less funding against the previous 4 years (2012 – 2016 Rio). Key aims for the next four years for Paul is to work towards a</p>	



<p>good club model. This document will be setting up a standardised model, i.e. Club Constitution. Bringing in a club Management System. Lead assessor for Club Mark. Every coach must be DBS checked and undergo the SPC, British Rowing have identified all coaches don't need to undergo the SPC.</p> <p>Gabrielle Moore (Masters) – See report uploaded onto website.</p> <p>Discussion from Gabrielle Moore re new point system.</p> <p>James Andrews – Report brief as it is not now James area. Questioned as to what can British Rowing (B.R.) do for fixed seat rowing, this was discussed. How could this be done, i.e. John Mullholland pointed out an important Marketing tool, on all clubs Sport England is a standard plaque on all new builds/refurbishments, but currently there is nothing to indicate the support of British Rowing.</p> <p>Gill Huston – See report uploaded</p> <p>Feedback from meeting in February, question raised would clubs appreciate some help with the administration of their clubs, i.e. fees for British Rowing. British Rowing receives 9 million from U.K. sport, and as such is addressing the current code of governance, British Rowing putting forward an action plan to U.K. Sport, with regard to governance.</p> <p>Pauline Higgins - See report uploaded</p> <p>Re Trials at Cambois, the effect of the weather on the day, Northumberland County Council(NCC) threatening a £3K bill, David (Cambois) to have meeting with NCC after half term. If NRC had to pay, could retrospective ask for £5 a seat. If NCC do raise a bill NRC to work towards raising bill. Entries all done for JIRR.</p> <p>Communication with Dan Hetherington as to recommendations what drag factor should be set to with regard to Indoor Rowing Competitions, this was as a result of a problem at the Indoor Regional Rowing at Durham.</p> <p>Go Row Indoor – funding being released to help with indoor rowing. More information to follow.</p>	<p>All Clubs</p> <p>David (Cambois)</p> <p>NRC group</p> <p>PH</p>
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	<u>Any other business.</u> .	
	<u>Date of next meetings</u> 26 th June 2017 at.Tyne for 7.30pm	

Meeting closed at 21.15pm