

Northern Regional Rowing Council

AGM - 16 November 2020

Report: Winding up the affairs of Northumberland County Amateur Rowing Association

The Northumberland County ARA (NCARA) was active for many years in what are now the Northumberland, Newcastle and North Tyneside council areas. Its role was primarily in organising events, notably the Tyne Head of the River most recently, and selecting county crews for matches with other counties.

It had income, just from Tyne Head in later years, and this was banked in its account with Barclays. Activities and income declined and then stopped maybe 10 years ago when Tyne ARC took on the full responsibility for running Tyne Head and thereafter retained the net income. Management meetings had possibly stopped by then and the NCARA affairs eventually ended up about 5 or 6 years ago with Russell Kernahan.

As it happens I had discussions as Tyne RC Secretary with Russell in about 2015 on winding up NCARA and passing the money on to good rowing causes either direct or maybe through the NRRC. However Russell's health declined and he passed away before anything was done.

Alex Shiel as a former treasurer of NCARA had and still is getting statements from Barclays once a year and there is currently £5,190.34 in the account. He is now under pressure from Barclays to close the account as it has been inactive for a long time. He is currently arranging for the funds to be transferred to the NRRC account for safekeeping and on the understanding that it would then be disbursed to clubs or rowers after consultation with clubs in its former area.

The Executive Committee has discussed the matter and was happy with the money being transferred to its account on a temporary basis. It is making the following recommendation to the Annual General Meeting

It is recommended the Annual General Meeting agrees that:

- (a) in the absence of a functioning structure of its own, the affairs of the NCARA be wound up formally;
- (b) clubs in the former area of operation be consulted about how best to use the money received from its account;
- (c) a scheme to dispense the money in the former area of operation be set up, advertised and implemented as soon as practicable.

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