## HRC Committee Meeting 16th January 2019 Minutes

7.30pm County Hotel, Hexham

Present: BHS, BHa, KS, CB, NS, KH, BHo, GP, GM, DA (part) KO (part) and Rob Pattison (ordinary member)

1. Apologies (KS) – JE, SL, JL, BB
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (ALL)

* Agreed

1. Matters Arising (ALL)
   * BHS circulated objectives for 2019 (to be circulated with minutes)
   * KS to sort members conclusive members list (ongoing from last year)
2. Chair’s Report (BHS)
   * Welcome to new members
3. Secretary’s Report (KS)
   * Section to include a piece on new members who have joined from the future (led to discussion about transition from L2R incorporating new members see 13b)
4. Treasurer’s Report (BHa)
   * Club finance in good shape, approximately £17000 in both the Regatta account and in the main account (approx. £34000 total)
   * Potential expenditure for the year:
     1. New quad (85-95kg)
     2. Committed to a pair of junior blades
     3. Possibly seniors’ blades needed (KO to check number of G blades see 11)
5. Captains’ Reports (CB)

* Local events are being well attended
* Rutherford Men’s Open Ds rowed well
* 3 composite crews are rowing well, CB’s woman’s crews KO’s Composite men’s 8, John Young’s 8
* Composite crews are seen as a good way to keep club relations good, AGREED that it was ok train in Hexham boats provided it doesn’t stop members using them
* George Doody is turning 70 and recently received an award for his contribution to the club, he is planning on doing a tour of rowing clubs over the summer including Henley Masters
* The world championships are in Hungary this year (details to be circulated to the club)
* Stuart Mullan is investigating rowing in Ireland
* GP, Rob Pattison and John Young and Jill Young have signed up for a recreational rowing trip to Lithuania,
* Potentially the same company is organising an English version in the lakes which might be a good row for the club
* Continued difficultly with the sign-up mechanism for heads, could be an indicator of increased popularity, CB/ NS both mentioned that it’s getting more difficult to enter teams.
* A notice is to go around about who can use the ‘performance’ boats (KS/GM) ACTION CB/SL to send wording
* Club times need to be stuck to better, some crews starting early and not talking to others about plans etc. (see 13b)

1. Learn to Row and Juniors’ Reports (GP, NS)
   1. L2R

* Keen interest in L2R,
* 30 people on waiting list
* 2 who have rowed before
* Need for a coach, could be paid if needed
* A move towards a set block of weeks was discussed to lessen work load
* ACTION GP to create a session date block plan
* ACTION NS to send Chloe Slipman’s junior plan to the coach when appointed as a possible starting point
* ACTION: Costs at other clubs to be investigated by GP (aka are we charging too little?)
  1. Juniors
  + Juniors had a good Christmas period
  + Capsize drill on 10th Feb 4-6pm
  + ACTION GM to circulate in Hexhaminer, all recent L2R etc. that haven’t completed it must do so
  + Rutherford Head, teams entered did well,
  + TURC- Junior Boys squad won their category
  + 11 entries at Durham
  + NS mentioned the difficulties in the current entry system
  + Cover needed for Pam Walton as currently unwell, Sunday 27th to be sorted by NS
  + All other cover sorted within meeting, KO and Rob Pattison covering sessions

1. Safety Officer’s Report (KS)
   * Life Jackets need to be serviced NS has done this before
   * ACTION JL to contact NS
2. Welfare Officer’s Report (JE)
   * None (JE in India)
3. Equipment (KO)

* Racking space. People can't just move boats around randomly. Racking plan is to store all training boats at ground level. All private singles on front right aisle, left rack or rear right aisle, right rack. All doubles and club singles in middle aisle. This should free up one quad rack for prospective additional 85/90 kg quad, as per boat usage analysis.
* Repaired all F blades as requested.
* Plates/bolts for Edinbane sourced. John Young kindly replaced.
* JY also kindly requested to paint some blades over Xmas.
* Dave Brown has offered to repaint Harry Potter, at a price. KO suggested request he perhaps completes at cost, bearing in mind we store his double.
* ACTION KO to get quote from another source
* BHS approved Lucy Thorpe (Junior) to store single in the boat house
* ACTION: Next meeting to discuss private boat storage and procedure aka waiting list and sign a form to agree to certain conditions etc.
* DA raised that the Wintecs are sitting low in the water, KO to look at them
* Discussion on upgrading 409/ 410 as they are some of the most commonly used boats
* ACTION KO to look at 409/ 410 and what condition they are in

1. Programme and Communication (GM)
   * Hexhaminer to be sent out in January
   * Website being updated
   * Good coverage in the Courant
2. Any Other Business (ALL)
   1. Associate/ Erg Membership
   * AGREED that Nathalie Greere can use the Ergs, donation for regatta suggested by CB,
   1. Transition from L2R
   * Raised in Secretaries Report Section (5)
   * New members aren’t always joining, and details aren’t being given to secretary (now KS) and BHa and new members are not always paying subs
   * Concerns were raised that integration wasn’t taking place and that members weren’t moving on / being incorporated into existing squads
   * Pushing yourself into a crew doesn’t work for everyone, especially those who work during the week and therefore cannot always show at every session hoping to get a seat and it’s important that Captain’s / Squad leaders don’t pick cherry pick one person because they are useful to that squad as that isn’t fair on other L2R / explore rowers and doesn’t help bring on members as a whole
   * ACTION: completed L2R members names to be passed to KS and BHa to check membership forms and subs being paid,
   * new system for who members forms get sent to has been put in place, go to KS, BHa, GP (for info), Susan Rainford (currently for info), and either SL or CB
   * ACTION: Captains should be aware of who is rowing and should help to incorporate new members (ongoing)
   * ACTION: possible fun row session to be discussed at next meeting, this would enable completely mixed crews to go out together and help people to know each other better but needs more thought
   1. Explore Coordinator
   * New explore coordinator needed, KH to ask around, if no takers an email should be circulated to the club asking for someone
   * AGRRED 7th July 2019 to host explore rowing event
   1. Constitution
   * ACTION BHo to update the constitution with new British Rowing version when available
3. Agreed Actions (ALL)
   * See above
4. Date for Next Meeting (ALL)
   * 27th February at7.30pm, County Hotel, room booked from 6.30pm for the regatta committee