HRC

MINUTES OF MEETING 2 May 2018

COUNTY HOTEL

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| **1.Present**  BHS, BHa, SL, SR, BB, BHo, KO, RP, GM, KH |  |  |
| **2. Apologies**  MS, JL, JE, CB |  |  |
| **3. Minutes of previous meeting** | Passed |  |
| **4. Matters arising**  Boathouse storage: It was agreed that there should be a formal policy covering future removal of private boats from the boathouse. | Chair to liaise with club secretary to consider a policy wording, hopefully by the next meeting. | BHS/MS |
| **5. Chair’s report**  The Chair said the winter weather had interrupted preparations for the regatta season, but the club had coped reasonably well and there were a number of entries for the Strathclyde multi-lane event that weekend. Special mention had to go to the WJ14x+ crew, who had done exceptionally well to achieve fourth place in the A final of their event at JIRR in Nottingham. He said this boded well for the future. |  |  |
| **6. Secretary’s report**  No report as MS was unable to attend. |  |  |
| **7. Treasurer’s report**  BHa stated there was £10,151 in the main club account and £11,941 in the Regatta account, totalling £22,092. There had been no major items of expenditure, but replacement kit like gates and runners had been purchased, totalling £1,250. He said, however, this was a sign of an active club, in that it was wearing equipment out through use.  BHa said there were still a few members who had failed to increase their monthly subs payments to the new figure, and these would be given a further, forceful reminder.  BHa reminded committee members that it was important to flag up news members and Learn to Row people to avoid them slipping through the net.  BHa said there would be a number of emails going to members in the coming weeks, as the club ramped up activity in advance of the regatta. He said Egger would be sponsoring the event with £500 contribution. |  |  |
| **8. Captains’ report**  SL repeated that the junior section had done exceptionally well at JIRR, and this success pointed to the need for a five year coaching plan. He said the club could not have results like these without doing something about it.  SL said they still had the results of the video coaching session in January and were struggling to pass them on. He said someone with a lot of IT experience might be able to help. He said they had a lot of videos but not a lot of time to sit down and make it work as a coaching tool. He said hopefully this would become easier as the season progressed, and they could do further video sessions, possibly with selected crews over the next three or four weeks. He said that these could take place on weekday evenings as well as at the weekend.  Boat allocation: SL said there were now four men’s racing crews and three available boats, so it was critical that things were well organised. He said the championship D crew had opted to move into Red Hot, which had eased the situation a lot.  Training: SL said he would like to link crews in training sessions, with the two non-championship crews working together and the young open crew training with the championship crew. This would only work by utilising Red Hot. He said there were pressures, but it was a nice problem to have, matching quality boats with quality crews.  The Chair said that, given the pressure on boats, it made the search for a heavyweight double more important.  SL said a boathouse clean up would be organised shortly, hopefully before the regatta. The Chair suggested that this could be combined with the video sessions.    KO delivered CB’s report in her absence. He said the processing of entries had been difficult, as there were still no volunteers to help with trailering. He said they were now investigating whether a taxi firm would be appropriate and whether this would vastly increase the cost per seat.  KO said one taxi operator was willing to trailer for Tees regatta, and this would work out at about £8 to £10 per person. He said Wansbeck, Durham, Tyne and Talkin Tarn would be about £5 to £7 per person, so this would not be massively onerous.  NS said there were a number of parents who would be willing to trailer boats there and/or back, but not sit there all day. She said the situation was a complete headache.  NS said a number of parents were not receiving emails, like the appeal to help with trailers. She suggested the merging of the two separate membership spreadsheets for this purpose.    After discussion, it was agreed that no action would be taken on offering the Durham Colleges help with trailering to Hexham Regatta this year. | Entry form to be amended to indicate whether entrants were willing to tow either trailer.  Establish the laden weight limits of both trailers in order to advise volunteer drivers.  Membership spreadsheets to be merged for information distribution | KO  KO  MS |
| **9 Junior coordinator’s report**  NS reported on the WJ14 4x+ achievement at JIRR. She thanked the seniors who had helped and coached the crew in advance of the championships.  Junior numbers were high, and the spin-off was that there were 10 parents waiting to take part in Learn to Row.  The juniors were also keen to take part in boat and blade maintenance. NS felt that this should be encouraged in order to promote ownership and responsibility. |  |  |
| **10. Safety Officer’s report**  JL unable to attend. KO said the warning and finish sign had been erected and a start sign would be in place for the regatta.  There was further discussion about apparently differing instructions on the correct landing procedure, but it was agreed to take this outside the committee meeting. |  |  |
| **11. Welfare officer’s report**  JE was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded a report on Safeguarding, which is attached. |  |  |
| **12 Explore rowing/L2R**  SR said there had been nine further inquires for Learn to Row. She said there were concerns about progression and what to do with people after they had been through L2R. KH said there were still very few people for Explore Rowing.  SR said there was still a need for someone to coach and encourage new entrants. After discussion, it was agreed in principle that a paid coach would be appointed if a suitable candidate became available. | Coach to be appointed if suitable candidate found. |  |
| **13. Equipment**  KO said new slides had been fitted to several boats and new gates were available. Members should let him know if they were needed. Heel restraint cord was also now available and new bow balls had been ordered for the stable training boats.  There had been some instances of damage to boats. KO asked members to ensure that boats were lifted rather than drags onto rack and that rigger protectors were in place.  The sale of Heather Ann had fallen through, so the riggers had been taken off and the boat stored on the top rack.  KO reported that Mike Adams had not been used since the last head race. He said the club might be able to swap this boat for a heavyweight double, which was still a priority.  The eight had not been used at all this year and only three people had expressed any interest in rowing in it. KO said disposal of the eight would free up more space.  **14. Any other business**  The Chair said there had been interest in some form of end of season social event and the club would work towards that.  RP said he was in the process of completing his Level 2 coaching course at a cost to himself of £600. He said in previous year’s coaches who had completed the course had been helped with their costs. He was now obviously prepared to be used by the club as a coach in order to put something back into the sport. BH congratulated RP and said it was an excellent idea to put people through the course.    **15. Next meeting**: Wednesday 6 June, 2018. 7:00 pm | End of Season Social  Agreed in principle to help with a proportion of the cost. | Chair  Chair/BH |