

Note of the Annual General Meeting of the Thames Regional Rowing Council held on 25 November 2020



Note of the AGM of the TRRC held on 25th November 2020 on Zoom

To be confirmed at the next Annual General Meeting to be held on 25 November 2020

Present

Voting Members (25)

Member Club/Event

Bowl Bridge RC
City Of Oxford RC
Cranbrook School BC
Curlew
Four's Head
Henley Town & Visitors' Regatta
Henley Women's Regatta
Kingston RC
London RC
Magdalen College BC
Marlow Regatta
Metropolitan Regatta
Molesey Amateur Regatta
Mortlake Anglian & Alpha BC
Oxford Academicals RC
Oxford University BC
Putney Town Regatta
Reading RC
Spitfire BC
Staines Amateur Regatta
Staines BC
Thames Tradesmen's RC
Tyrian Club
Vesta RC
Wallingford Regatta

Represented By

Jamie Macdonald
Andrew Weekes
Rob Miller
Alex Brown
Kirsten Adams
Rod Murray
Nic Thomas
Stephen Drury
Edward Cerqueira-Rees
Mark Blandford-Baker
Tony Evans
Luke Dillon
Ted Bates
Alice Jenkinson
Nicholas Silvester
Barbara Wilson
Antony Hugh Reynolds
Andy Ciecierski
Manuel Jorge Marques
Murray Litvak
Judith Packer
Bill Mitchell
Filip Ljubicic
Chris Clements
Richard Packer

Non-Voting Members (1)

National Coaching Commission Jim Flood

Minutes

In the Chair: Luke Dillon, Chairman, who opened the meeting at 19:36, the required quorum having been met

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were noted from Nick Steel, Gary Painter, Richard Packer & Leigh Curtis Green.

2 Chairman's Address

The Chairman's address started with a moment's silence to remember those who the sport has lost in the past year.

Following this, the Chairman provided the meeting with an introduction to the role of the TRRC for those who are new to the AGM.

The Chair then spoke about the difficulties faced by the sport this year.

The region thanks Karon Phillips and Andrew Weekes who both finish their tenure this year, for their dedication to the region.

3 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 20th November 2019 were accepted and confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

There were no matters arising.

4 Annual Report and Accounts

We have seen reduced income last year compared to previous years, including a lower Regional Rebate from British Rowing which is consistent with the recent decline in membership within the Region and nationally.

Expenditure was, expectedly, lower than usual last year mainly due to the effects of Covid-19.

The SE fund was closed as agreed last year's AGM with the funds transferred into the General Fund

The Council remains in a healthy financial position. It is important to note that our reserves have been built up over many years including for example from the sale of the assets of Capital RC and our previous significant income stream from hiring equipment to events. We have dipped into the reserves from time to time, e.g. to fund the safety development work that was required as a result of the Salvage Association report in 2004. 2020 has shown the importance of having reserves as more recently (in the current financial year) we funded a grant to assist competitions to be able to run with the additional expenses that Covid-19 has resulted in.

The accounts and associated paperwork have been examined by our Independent Honorary Examiner, Paul Baldwin.

Honorary Treasurer proposed to accept the accounts, this was seconded by the Honorary Secretary. Council unanimously approved.

5 Election of Officers

The following Officers had been previously elected in accordance with the Articles and Regulations of British Rowing:

Chairman

Luke Dillon took office from January 1st 2017 and was re-elected for a second 3-year term on January 1st 2020

Regional Representatives

There were a few changes for regional representatives:

TU1 – *Awaiting election*

TU2 - Peter Knowles (Henley RC)

TU3 - *Awaiting election*

TU4 – Stephen Drury (Kingston RC)

TL5 - Peter Brett (University of London BC)

TL6 - *Awaiting election*

TL7 - Leigh Curtis Green (Vesta RC)

TS8 - *Awaiting election*

The following Officers were elected:

Deputy Chairmen

Upriver - Barbara Wilson (Oxford University BC)

London - Filip Ljubicic (University of London BC)

South East - Rob Miller (Bewl Bridge RC)

Assistance Chairmen

Safety – Tony Reynolds (Crabtree BC)

Partnerships – Bill Mitchell (Thames Tradesmen's RC)

Honorary Secretary

Kirsten Adams (Vesta RC)

Assistant Honorary Secretary

Vacant

Honorary Treasurer

Edward Lloyd Rees (MPRC)

President

Rod Murray (Henley Town & Visitors Regatta)

Vice Presidents

Chris Sprague, Margaret Adams, Bill Mitchell, Chas Newens, Richard Goddard, Liz Wray, John Clayton, John Chapman, Neil Jackson, Peter Moore, Tony Evans, Fred Smallbone, Mike Williams, Rod Murray, Richard West, Judith Packer, Richard Packer, Mark Blandford-Baker, Tom Aggar, Martin Teale, David Biddulph, Martin Humphrys

Equipment Officer

Vacant. Urgent to find a replacement for Maks as soon as possible. Please let the Chairman know if someone able to store the equipment.

Regional Rowing Safety Advisor

Tony Reynolds (Crabtree BC)

Deputy Regional Rowing Safety Advisors

Upriver - Roy Prosser (Marlow BC)

London - Neil Jackson (Cygnet RC)

South East - *Vacant*

Regional Safeguarding Advisor

Carol Cornell (Charters School)

Regional Welfare Advisor

Martin Humphrys JP (London RC)

Environment Agency Liaison Officer

Murray Litvak (Staines RC)

Port of London Authority Liaison Officer

Bill Mitchell (Thames Tradesmen's RC)

Regional Safety Team Liaison Officer

Andy Weekes (City of Oxford RC)

Tideway Heads and Regatta Code of Conduct Co-ordinator

Daniel Walker (Auriol Kensington RC)

Honorary Legal Advisor

Adam Walker (East India RC)

Projects Officer

James Sexton-Barrow (London RC)

Adaptive Representative

Nick Steel (Reading BR)

6 Election of Committees

Regional Competitions & Events Committee

Richard Philips (Chairman), Chris Harrison, Rob Miller, Peter Knowles, Filip Ljubicic

Recreational Rowing Committee

Upriver - Ruth Ward (Falcon RC)

London – John Turnbull (Weyfarers RC) (Chair)

South East – Rachel Davies (Maidstone RC)

Chairman, Tideway Conduct Panel

James Holmes-Siedle (Putney Town RC)

Joint Chairmen, Regional Coaching Committee

Upriver and London – Jim Flood

South East - *Vacant*

Chairmen, Regional Junior Committee

Upriver – Enya Meadows

London - Jonathan Cheesman

South East – James Knight

Joint Chairmen, Regional Masters' Committee

Upriver - Jim Hotchin

London & Thames South East - *Vacant*

Chairman, Regional Umpiring Committee

Gary Painter (Thames Tradesmens' RC)

7 Election of the Independent Honorary Examiner

Paul Baldwin was elected without contest.

8 Annual Subscription

The Honorary Treasurer proposed that the subscription will remain nil. Seconded by the Honorary Secretary. All approved.

9 Amendments to the Constitution

The Honorary Treasurer explained the amendments that were circulated.

The Honorary Secretary proposed that the amendments be approved. Seconded by the Honorary Treasurer.

Amendments to the constitution were approved.

10 Any Other Business

Special thanks were extended to Daniel Walker for his continued hard work with Hounslow Council.

Regions have been uneasy with their relationship with British Rowing.

2021 is going to be an interesting year. As an Olympic year, there is likely to be an influx of new members.

We have the opportunity to do good things with the time, enthusiasm and money we have at our disposal. Please do get in contact if you have any suggestions.

Bill Mitchell spoke about his work with the PLA and coordinating Safety Reports.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:03

Kirsten Adams
Honorary Secretary
26 November 2020