

NRC AGM Nov 2023

One aspect of this role is to represent the region (along with the chair) to British Rowing and to vote where necessary at BR meetings including the AGM last week. The other part of this role is to oversee grant applications, to guide people through the process of applying for a grant and to make sure all the paperwork is correct before either discussing as a sub group of the NRC or taking applications straight to the council.

British Rowing

Alastair Marks has now been in post for 2 years. Alastair has made himself very available to regions, he visited our region earlier this year and made a great effort to see as many aspects of our sport as possible. He visited Durham School, Collingwood College boat house, Tynemouth coastal rowing club, at each place having discussions with the leader of that club/school, met with members and representatives at DARC and gave a presentation at our NRC meeting.

BR are starting a "café" as a place of discussion for rowing teenagers, most likely online so as not to restrict members who would have to travel long distances.

Beach sprints are going to be part of the next Olympics so no doubt we will be seeing more and more of this aspect of the sport.

BR membership numbers have increased from 31 191 to 33 101 in the past year.

Sport England funding for rowing is 30% higher this year than the previous year.

BR are forming regional hubs to increase accessibility to the sport for weaker socioeconomic groups

Day tickets are available so that rowers can compete once or twice without joining for a year, all to help increase accessibility to the sport.

Grants

Many grants have been paid out and more applied for this year almost all of them in the areas of level 2 coaching, powerboat training and first aid skills, with up to 50% of the costs of training being paid for by the NRC. Each year the NRC up to around £6000 may be offered to people training towards qualifications which help rowing in the region and even further afield.

The details and application forms are on the website nerowing.com and you can email me, Gabrielle Moore for extra information or guidance at gabriellemoore@gmail.com

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