For Consideration at the meeting of the Northern Rowing Council to be held on 25th January 2016

Report of the Area Participation Manager (North) – James Andrews
Area Education & Training Manager (North East, Yorkshire and East) - Jacqui Johnston.

British Rowing Membership – 2,385 total 8 up from 2014, up 6 from 2013. (As of January 1st) 3rd largest region

- 5 Open clubs, 3 schools, 4 University and 9 College clubs and 1 other have memberships of less than 50.
- 4 Open clubs, 2 schools and 6 colleges have memberships of more than 50.
- 2 Open Clubs, 2 Universities and 1 school have memberships of more than 100.
- 1 Open club has a membership of over 150.
- 1 Open club has a membership of over 200.

**Northern Region**

**National**
1. **British Rowing**
   - British Rowing is currently advertising for 1 position both based at Hammersmith.
     - Financial Controller
     - Advert can be found on the British Rowing website.
   - British Rowing has recently appointed the new positions based at Hammersmith of
     - Director of Innovation – Helen Rowbotham
     - Director of Pathways – Rosie Mayglothling
     - Head of Marketing & Communications – Sophie Galasinski
     - Director of Partnerships – Kenny Bailey
     - Director of Membership & Rowing Community – Phil Hornsey
     - IT Projects – Harvey Davies
   - All contactable through e-mail (firstname.surname@britishrowing.org)
   - New British Rowing has now gone live.

2. **Sport England - Sport Future Strategy**
   
The Government is redefining what success looks like in sport, concentrating on five key outcomes:

   1. physical well-being
   2. mental well-being
   3. individual development
   4. social and community development
   5. economic development

   All new government funding for sport and physical activity will go to organisations which can best demonstrate that they will deliver some or all of the five outcomes in this strategy. It is likely that organisations which show that they can work collaboratively and tailor their work at the local level will be best placed to access this funding.

   Behavioural insights and an understanding of how to help people make better decisions themselves will be at the heart of the new approach to delivering sport and physical activity.

3. **Events**
   - **River Wear Tour**
     - Planned for August 13th
   - **Great Tyne Row**
     - First meeting planned soon.
   - **Club Development Conference**
     - Linked in with National Regional Get-Togethers
     - Roughly 75 people attended the day overall.

4. **Coach Education and Training – Jacqui Johnston**
   - **North-East Coach Education Workforce**
     - 2 Safeguarding & Protecting Children Tutors, 1 Time to Listen Tutor, 4 Tutors and 5 Assessors.
   - **Course Numbers:**
     - L2 2014 20 Candidates
     - L2 2015 24 Candidates (Sliding Seat) 9 Candidates (Fixed Seat) = 33 Total
     - L2 2016 10 Candidates
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Level 2
- Course costs is £425.00 * Please note the incorrect amount put in the last report which said 495 – this was a typo.
- Free online modules of Safety Basics and Hypothermia available online for free for all clubs and members. These are pre-requisites for the UKCC Level 2 Coaching Rowing.
- Free online coxing workshop is available on Row How for all clubs and members
- The next Level 2 Club Coach will be January 2017.
- Level 2 Award in Delivering Sessions (Session Coach) is now being piloted to be ready for the summer. It will follow a similar format to the previous Learn to Row Instructor but places the course onto the framework, enabling learners to later complete additional modules to make it a full Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Rowing (Club Coach). More details of this will be made available in the coming months. Once ready we would like to plan 2 of these for 2016-17

Level 3
- Level 2 Strength & Conditioning needed before attending a course.

Classifier Training
- New classifiers have been trained for 2016.
- Classifications will be offered on decided dates in 2016, with the location to be determined after applications have been received. This will enable us to cater for the demand more easily.

Clean Sport (Anti-Doping)
- We intend to offer 3 workshops in 2016 – 17 – dates to be confirmed in February after Educator availability has been ascertained.

5. Affiliated Club Matters

Berwick
- Looking to secure funding for refurbishment of the clubs balcony.

Durham ARC
- Applying for Inspired facilities to expand/improve access to water.

Gateshead
- Club has met with council to secure a lease for a plot of land at Derwentaugh in Gateshead.
- Inspired Facilities & SITA bids have been put in for funding to provide a boathed and secure fencing for the clubs site at Derwentaugh.

Hexham/Queen Elizabeth HSBC
- Ongoing issues with clubhouse. Meeting to bring together clubs with Alan Meegan to discuss possibilities.

Tyne
- Tyne Rowing Club’s new boathouse has been completed and is currently having the final touches put to it.
- Club is looking to secure funding to help with coaching.

Tynemouth
- Successful small grants application to secure £10 of funding including trailer, new safety launch and oars.
- Looking into a St Ayles Skiff boat build project for the club.
6. **Academic Clubs**

- **DCR Rowing**
  - Looking to put in a Small Grants application with Stephenson College BC for a stable 4+. If successful will encourage other colleges to apply for funding.

7. **St Ayles Skiff or New clubs not yet affiliated.**

- **Craster**
  - Met with club in January.
  - Have started work on their first boat.
- **Ebchester**
  - Received funding though Inspired Facilities to rebuild their boathouse on the river. Some activity will include rowing.
- **Seaham**
  - Funding has been put in for an activity centre at the harbor. Part of this funding is to help set up a new St Ayles Skiff club at the centre.
- **Other**
  - Various races, tours and socials held by clubs over the summer.

8. **2015-16 plans**

- Club development conference planned for 24th January 2015.
- Increase 14+ membership of British Rowing, wherever possible.
  - Focus area will be Sunderland and all rowing activities in that area including, Schools, City of Sunderland, and Sunderland University.
  - Work with DCR coaches and committees to help coaches, crews with participation/retention.
  - Encourage the growth of daytime/recreation rowing, especially at Explore rowing pioneer clubs.
  - Assist smaller clubs with L2R courses where needed.
  - Support the Sunday League Series to become sustainable.
  - Assist & advise when required to run Great Tyne Row.
  - Work with Gyms & post appropriately to correct contacts.
  - Work with clubs to further expand “Rowability” schemes where appropriate & post appropriately to correct contacts.
  - Work with new St Ayles Skiff clubs to further expand opportunity for fixed seat rowing and look into opportunities for new clubs and appropriate regional organisation body.
  - Work where needed with Sea Cadets/scouts to further expand rowing participation.

- **Indoor Rowing competitions**
  - Continue to support and run Tyne & Wear, County Durham, Tees Valley & Northumberland Competitions

- **Raise profile of rowing in the North through links with Sport England, County Sports Partnerships, School Sports Partnerships, Community Sports Network, Local Authorities and the Health agenda.**

- **Implement British Rowing WSP in the North.**