

Northern Rowing Council

Meeting of Executive Committee - 29 January 2024

Report of Secretary - Colin Percy

Affiliation to British Rowing of new clubs – Infinity BC and Senate BC

Since the last meeting Infinity BC at Stockton has become affiliated after agreement regionally by the Chair under delegated powers agreed last time. See infinityboatclub.com for more information on the club. As a reminder, it is a registered charity aiming to bring the sport rowing to underserved communities of school children in Teesside. It has competed at BRIC and won a gold in the Yr10 - U15 500m in a time of 1:25.9.

The application from Senate BC, the new club to sit under Durhan College Rowing for performance college rowers, is not yet formally submitted. However, the constitution (with strong involvement from us in redrafting it) is now judged acceptable by the Exec Committee sub-group dealing with applications. It seems likely that the full application should be ready for our next meeting, though perhaps sooner.

It is understood that a Newcastle school is working up an application, but no further details have been received as yet.

Should the Senate BC application proceed quickly **it is recommended that the meeting delegates the final decision to approve this application at regional level to the Chair with the involvement of the Vice Chair, Secretary, Richard Mortimer and John Mulholland.**

AGM

The NRC AGM was held on Monday 20 November 2023 at Durham ARC. The talk by our guest, Nathaniel Reilly-O'Donnell (Director of Pathways, British Rowing) seemed to go down well. The meeting agreed the list of nominees for posts as previously circulated and these are shown on the contacts web page at www.nerowing.com/contacts.html. The draft minutes are nearly ready for comment.

The AGM was unable to agree the nominations for two posts where the nominees were not delegates to the meeting. **This meeting is recommended appoint Louise Forster as Competitions Coordinator and Daniel Armstrong as Social Media Officer.**

Regional Strategy

No discussion, workshop or meeting has taken place. We should agree a date now for an informal discussion for all Exec Committee members and then pencil in an event or events including clubs and competition.

Sunday League and Great Tyne Row

Not strictly speaking secretarial, but I have just sent out emails to seek views on dates for both the Sunday league and the Great Tyne Row. Caroline Scholl as Recreational Rowing Coordinator is being kept in the loop on both.

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