



## Northern Regional Rowing Council

**Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting** - as approved 26-09-22

**20 June 2022, held at via Zoom at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Charly Curtis (Vice Chair in chair), Alan Granlund (last meeting as Treasurer), Colin Percy (Secretary), Pauline Higgins (Junior Rowing & next Treasurer), Gabrielle Moore (Masters Rowing & Regional Rep), Richard Mortimer (Umpiring), John Mulholland (Safety), Mark Hyson, Pam Walton (Recreational Rowing), Dan Lockey (LDS/Equipment), Catherine Bowman (Competitions), Eddie Bryant (Coach Education).

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1	<b>Apologies:</b> Tim Morris (Chair), David Squirrel (Student Rowing), Alan Cook (Conference).	
2	<b><u>Minutes of last meeting – 25 April 2022</u></b> Agreed a correct record as circulated.	
3	<p><b><u>Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>Pauline said she was to meet Alan to take over the post of Treasurer shortly.</p> <p>Tim had reported by email that he had not been able at the last Regional Chairs meeting to raise issues of (a) late substitutions at competitions with rowers naming a new second club to avoid a composite being created and (b) large CRI changes through late subs causing problems with banding. <i>The decision at the last meeting is shown in italics at end of this item below.</i> After some discussion <b>it was agreed</b> to ask Tim as Chair to take up the issues at the next Regional Chairs meeting (and maybe with the BR secretariat first).</p> <p><i>Extract from minutes of meeting on 25-04-22:</i></p> <p><i>10.3 Concerns were voiced about:</i></p> <p><i>(a) late substitutions being made just before some competitions, including our JIRR trial, with rowers allegedly signing up to a new club in the day or two beforehand, in some cases to get round rules on not being allowed to create new composites after close of entries; and</i></p> <p><i>(b) the use of the rule that up to 50% substitutions were allowed between close of entries and a race did quite often lead to a large hike in the CRI, which could make a mockery of</i></p>	TM

	<p><i>positions allocated in the start order at head races or placing in particular bands.</i></p> <p><b>It was agreed</b> Tim should raise these issues at the next Regional Chairs meeting; Colin to do a note for this.</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b><u>Officer reports</u></b></p> <p>N.B. All written reports for this and previous meetings going a long way back can be downloaded at <a href="http://www.nerowing.com/nrcminutes.html">www.nerowing.com/nrcminutes.html</a>.</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> In his absence <b>it was agreed</b> that Tim deserved more credit than he gave himself in recent emails. He had just passed on a draft of possible changes to British Rowing membership (see AOB).</p> <p><i>Treasurer:</i> Alan confirmed he would meet Pauline to implement handover. Equipment hire is bringing in a good net income. As proposed by the Vice Chair <b>it was agreed</b> to minute thanks to Alan for all his work as Treasurer over the years.</p> <p><i>Secretary:</i> Colin said nothing substantive to report.</p> <p><i>Regional Rep:</i> Gabrielle said the grant application form and the related web page were being updated; the former still needed some sign-off.</p> <p><i>Masters rowing:</i> Gabrielle drew attention to national committee discussions on handicaps, effect of menopause on women’s rowing and possible membership changes.</p> <p><i>Competitions:</i> Catherine was working on 2023-24 dates. Chester-le-Street Autumn Regatta affiliation was nearly sorted, she thought.</p> <p><i>LDS and equipment hire:</i> Dan reported on a small net surplus for the hire already, even taking into account the substantial purchase price and purchase of three new radios (we would have 25 radios soon). There might be a £3k ‘profit’ over a full year, barring any unexpected expenditure, he said. The PA equipment was a bit clunky (and filled his car). He thanked Colin and Charly for moving equipment to some competitions.</p> <p><i>Recreational rowing:</i> Three Sunday League events had happened with good support. There had been a late switch from Tyne ARC to Cambois RC in June, which was CRC’s first time running and went very smoothly. She referred to various actions and activities by the national committee.</p> <p><i>Coach education.</i> Eddie had done a written report, in which he said Level 2 courses in sliding seat and strength and conditioning were upcoming. Online Level 3 induction was planned.</p> <p><i>Para rowing:</i> Post still vacant</p> <p><i>Junior rowing:</i> Pauline said that Erin Temple of Tyne ARC had been asked to attend GB U19 crew formation - well done! There had been lots of junior representation at local regattas.</p>	

	<p><i>Safety:</i> Further to his written report John said the annual safety audit opens on 5 October and closes on xx . He reminded clubs to check the name of the Safety Adviser was correct on ClubHub as this is used for mailing out by British Rowing.</p> <p><i>Umpiring:</i> Richard said the major issue was a shortage of umpire, as always. But one or two events this year had been close to being cancelled due to a shortage. A financial incentive of some sort might help recruit new people, it was suggested. There was discussion on other ways of improving recruitment. The lack of any umpires from some clubs was still an issue. Richard said affiliation of new events was now out of the regions' hands, which made it difficult to pressure a club to put up umpires by withholding agreement to an affiliation.</p> <p><i>Student rowing:</i> David has emailed his apologies and in the email said there were no major issues, but he was aware of good results by university and college crews since the last meeting.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <p>None other than as already discussed.</p>	
6	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p>(a) Richard asked for approval for minor expenditure up to £100 for head race timing equipment. <b>This was agreed.</b></p> <p>(b) Tim had circulated a paper with suggested changes to British Rowing membership categories and charges. This was discussed at length, with a number of criticisms, especially the impact on the pockets of parents of junior rowers. <b>It was agreed</b> that comments be requested by Colin from Exec members for Tim to collate and feed back to British Rowing. Colin or Tim would also find out how 'ordinary' members of BT could comment individually.</p> <p>(c) The relative cost of events run by British Rowing at Nottingham was discussed.</p>	CP/TM
7	<p><b><u>Dates of future meetings in 2022</u></b></p> <p>Exec Committee at 7.30pm on 19 September 2022, format TBC. The AGM was to be on 14 November 2022 at DARC in person..</p>	

The meeting finished at 9.25pm. Thanks to Richard for Zoom organisation.

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