

Northern Rowing Council

Online meeting of Executive - 26 September 2022

Report of Secretary - Colin Percy

Affiliation of new clubs to British Rowing

Armitage Boat Club (for alumni of Hild Bede) was accepted by BR for affiliation over the summer. NRC officers did see the relevant documents as forwarded by BR, which were straightforward given that the club was to sit under the existing college BC, and the affiliation was cleared by the Chair back to BR. In the slight confusion over the new process for club affiliation at that time this was not reported to the last Executive Committee for endorsement. This will be done in future.

Speaking of which members of the Committee have already had circulated the papers for affiliation of South College BC (at Durham University). We had been consulted informally by the club on documentation before they applied to BR and we suggested some changes which were we thought taken on board. On being passed the submitted documents by BR on 15 September 22 we saw a few comments of ours had failed to be incorporated, but this has now been cleared up and on seeing the latest version (of the constitution) we are happy and **recommend that the Executive Committee approve the application** so that the BR Board on 3 October hopefully can give their blessing too.

A more complicated set of issues affect a second current application for affiliation to BR. We received the application papers from BR for Chester-Le-Street United RC on 9 September 22. Officers of the NRC still in discussion as to how to take this forward and an update will be given at the meeting.

Situation at Chester-le-Street ARC

As far as I am aware the affiliation of CLS ARC to BR is still suspended. We are only peripherally involved in the discussions between the club and British Rowing. The Chair may be able to give a limited update.

AGM arrangements (incl need for nominations for Officer & Exec Cttee places)

Our AGM is on Monday 14 November 22 at 7.30pm at DARC. The constitution (<http://www.nerowing.com/nrrc%20constitution%20adopted%20at%20AGM%20on%2016-11-20%20and%20signed.pdf>) does not say (surprisingly in retrospect) what period of notice must be given but it would be prudent to issue formal notice in early October.

I will do this by sending a letter sent direct to club secretaries which will have attached a draft agenda plus details of who can attend and vote (1 rep per club plus 1 rep per affiliated competition) and how to nominate them. They can also nominate people (not necessarily in their own club) for officer and Executive Committee posts. This letter will be backed up by posting to social media. I will check I have the right contact details for secretaries in the next week or two. I already have names for reps from DARC!

The Chair need not seek nomination and election this year as his election last year was for a term of three years. However, the Regional Rep's three year term does run out this year. We need to confirm at this meeting how we propose to run the election for this post. **I propose that we seek nominations from clubs and competitions and vote as**

necessary at the AGM, as we do with other Officers and Executive Committee members.

The Executive Committee may like to discuss who of current members is happy to continue into next year and who is considering standing down.

Social media and web site (and possible new Exec Cttee post to be advertised)

A more organised approach to social media and discussions on how to tackle a web site revamp have not progressed. Members might like to consider creating a Social Media Officer post for inclusion in the list of officers to be filled at the AGM (or maybe through co-option at a later date).

Feedback from BR to regions

The Chair and I have not been able to discuss how to improve the flow of information from British Rowing down to this Committee and/or to clubs and even individual members. Information gleaned at the monthly Regional Chairs' Forum meetings should be useful and could perhaps be cascaded down more effectively. As it happens Charly is attending the September meeting and Colin the October meeting as the Chair cannot attend.

25-09-22

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