

To all members of Tyne Amateur Rowing Club

Dear Member,

Future development of the club

TARC Trustees and the Management Committee have agreed on an exciting ambition for the Club giving a renewed sense of direction for our activities. We wanted to share this with you at the earliest opportunity and the following statement summarises our thoughts.

“The club has been very successful in managing the transition into its new premises and in adopting the new charitable governance structure, achieving increased membership and revenues as well as success on the water.

The club is now defining clear pathways for rowers to follow, facilitating, where desired, progression from recreational rowing through to competitive rowing at a national standard and in doing so, attempting to secure appropriate training and coaching for everyone.

With a growing membership, providing a more structured and supportive approach across the spectrum of engagement with the sport, along with more and better boats and appropriate coaching input and training facilities, will inevitably lead to cost pressures and the need to increase revenue generation. In short the club now also needs to be “developing a business which funds rowing”.

The club also needs to ensure that it is effectively managed on a day-to-day basis, able to address future capacity issues and provide for good maintenance and improvements in the new clubhouse, sweating the asset whilst exploring opportunities for growth. We are therefore advertising now for a Club Manager.

With these considerations in mind, the Trustees with the support of Management Committee have asked a sub group of Ian Stratford (Chair), Shelagh Lombard, Graeme Wheeler and Mike Windle to come up with specific recommendations that will help the club move forward. The group will report to us on a regular basis and we in turn will consult with Trustees and the Committee”

Best wishes,

John Goddard, Chair of Trustees

Phil Robinson, Chair of the Management Committee

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