



TYNE AMATEUR ROWING CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 21 November 2019

1 Welcome

- 1.1 Chair of Trustees John Goddard welcomed members present to the meeting, particularly the club's new manager Jo Gregory.

2 Attendance and Apologies for Absence.

- 2.1 The following members signed the attendance sheet.
Isabel Smales, Jo Gregory, Ian Stratford, Laura Gilbert, David Robinson, James Maclennan, Jackie Whitehead, Ben Stephens, Dan Hastings, David Smark, Graeme Wheeler, Ben Robinson, Diane Wheeler, John Mulholland, Liz Bray, Colin Percy, John Goddard, Martin Bell, Ian Wagstaff, Phil Robinson, David Higgins, Guy Clack, Michael Windle, Alex Johns, Lee Dixon, Adam Azzi, Jack Hickson, Martin Bell, Shelagh Lombard, Lindsay Miller, Ian Jeffery, Simon Dobson. (32)
- 2.2 Apologies were received from the following:
Lyn Goldsmith, Ryo Tachikawa Keith Hotchkiss, Brian Dalkin, Richard Page, Chris Watson, Julian Ringer, Richard Walker-Arnott, Connor Guerin, Jane Tyler, Rosie Lewis, Ellie Hayes, Alex Bain, David Sprague, Tony Ballantyne, Gillian Davies. (16)
- 2.3 One Proxy Voting Form was submitted.

3 Minutes of AGM held on 22 November 2019.

Agreed unanimously, with one correction in the list of apologies.

4 Matters arising from Minutes of 22/11/19 – no discussion.

4.1 The chair reported on the imminent appointment of locally-based accountants. Transition has led to delay in completing accounts for 2018-19 and another SGM will be needed in 2020 to receive these.

5 **Minutes of SGM held on 5 June 2019.** Agreed unanimously.

6 **Matters arising from Minutes of 05/06/19** – None

7 **Captain's Report**

7.1 Papers were tabled at the meeting.

7.2 Thanks were made to the vice captains and coaches and all who have helped to keep us rowing and racing during the year. New boats have been acquired and squads continue to expand allowing a broad range of participation.

7.3 Rutherford Head continues to be very popular with crews travelling from London, Scotland and many others from outside the region, to compete here. The Tyne is a very good venue for Head racing. There is now a new event: the Alumni 8s.

7.4 Successes were summarised, including the largest ever entry to Womens, Mens and Master's Head of the River Races on the Thames. (Total 4 Women's and 7 Men's 8s and the national Jackson Trophy was won by the first men's 8). Participation and good performances were sustained at local, regional and national level events. Many junior successes at all levels. The club's development squad crews (men and women) won the regional Sunday League and the pennant for the fastest men's crew in the great Tyne Row.

7.5 A weekend kitchen providing breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings has been successfully established and is well supported.

7.6 The chair proposed a vote of thanks to the Captain and her team, squad co-ordinators and coaches, concluding what was felt to be a very good year.

8 Report of Club Manager

- 8.1 Jo Gregory introduced herself and described her first few weeks in post, thanking Ian Stratford for “preparing the ground” and acknowledging the help and support she has received from many members.
- 8.2 There are lots of issues with building maintenance which are being addressed.
- 8.3 Tyne 1852 – as TARC’s trading company, has been responsible for the bar and functions since June 2019. The company is there to build and run a business in order to fund rowing and healthy activity at the club. Events and functions are essential for the bar to operate as a successful business and a substantial booking needs to be received at least monthly. Efforts are in hand to ensure that our space is as welcoming and multi-functional as possible, whilst meeting the needs of rowing. Quick turnarounds are often needed to accommodate the different functions.
- 8.4 The club’s space is still often under-utilised in the daytime and there is more scope for exercise classes, a wider range of meetings and activities and provision of a café / bistro for users of Hadrian’s Way. An estimated 300 people walk run or ride past our club each day and the aim is to try and capitalise on the potential passing trade. Jo hopes to build up much better community and visitor awareness of the club and what it can offer. Many local residents still don’t know we are here.
- 8.5 Bar performance will be improved to attract more users and groups and more income. A loyalty card scheme for club members is being investigated.
- 8.6 Jo’s key message is the need to have the building used to support the sport of rowing and associated activities, overseen by the club’s management team and the trustees. A member suggested that communication methods be reviewed to ensure there is advance warning of coming events and activities, and the implications for members’ parking, kitchen use etc. Currently most contact is made via Facebook and the “Diary” board inside our main entrance.

8.7 Thanks were proposed to Jo for her presentation and efforts to date.

9 Election of Trustees, Officers and Management Committee.

9.1 Nominations for Trustees and Management Committee were agreed without discussion – proposed by Ben Robinson and seconded by Martin Bell. Those standing down were warmly thanked for their contributions.

- Trustees: Martin Bell, Liz Bray, Dennis Hunter plus Freya Williams who left the club late summer.
- Management committee members: Steph Klein, Ian Jeffery, Ollie Bratley, Jen Brown, Guy Clack. Beth Laidlaw, Alex Spencer, Phil Robinson,)

10 **AOB** – none

Liz Bray Secretary to the Trustees