

## Hexham Rowing Club AGM Minutes November 16<sup>th</sup> 2022

### 1. Present

Kevin O, Barney H, Simon A, Steve L, Graeme W, Andrew B, James W, Jonathon H, Nik T, Paul N, Helen B, Nicci S, Owen S, Lily T, Rose N, Ronan M, Rob P, John Y, Ana N, Jill Y, Gill P, Susan R, Beverley B, Christine V, James H, Tim B, Stuart H, Ben H-S, Phil M, Frances N, Anna N, Pamela W.

### 2. Apologies

Elizabeth W, Catherine B, Andrew C, Dorothy D, David G, Katherine S, Jenny L

### 3. Approval of Minutes 2021 AGM

Agreed by all present.

### 4. Reports

All reports had been previously circulated via email with AGM minutes.

Chair – CB stated the club had had a great year post covid and there had never been so many people on the river, No Questions.

Treasurer – Statement of accounts were circulated. Membership was in rude health. Income highlighted were insurance claims at £6077 in the main account and £7885 in the regatta account, totaling £13,962

Club funds were at £71852, plus TGWA Covid grant share, c. £10,000

Discussion re Sunday League costs ensued. Although the event lost £13 it is not designed as a fund raiser.

PW suggested a possible donation towards toilet hire next year via NRC.

Captains Report – See agenda. No questions.

Juniors Report – See agenda. No questions.

Learn to Row – See agenda. Suggested future event runs in March and format as a taster session for 2023. Gill and Rob were thanked for their work.

Safety Officer – See agenda. Collective capsized at Mowden hall between several northern clubs. Capsize list being kept updated. A discussion re the defibrillator at Hexham Canoe Club and access.

Steward – See agenda. Paul was congratulated on a great job, especially the landing stage work as a preventative damage measure. BH emphasized the need to report damage to have it fixed, don't try and hide it.

\*Action KO to re-contact Sam T at NCC re shutter door and possible outdoor cage storage

\*Action PN establishing spares and repair system for each boat.

### 5. Election of Committee Members

Chair – Catherine B nominated by SA, seconded by BH. No other nominations. Re - elected.

Secretary – Kevin O nominated by BH, seconded by PN. No other nominations.

Elected

Treasurer – Barney H nominated by CB, seconded by PW. No other nominations, re-elected

Captains

Men – Simon A, nominated by KO, seconded by GW. No other nominations.

Elected.

Women – Andrew B, nominated by GP, seconded by BB. No other nominations.

Elected.

Welfare Officer – A short discussion that BR guidance is to have 2 WOs. Agreed Elizabeth W happy to continue in the role with a second WO nominated as Stuart H by EW and seconded by AB. Both WOs elected.

Safety Officer - Andrew B nominated by SR, seconded by BB. No other nominations, re-elected.

Junior Coordinator. Nicci S and Helen B proposed by CB, seconded by BH re elected no other nominations.

Steward. Paul N nominated by KO, seconded PW, no other nominations. Re-elected.

Learn to Row – Christine V nominated by CB, seconded by PW. No other nominations. Elected.

Club Members – a discussion took place re appropriate numbers, and agreed 2 club members should be on the committee.

Phil M nominated by PN, seconded HB, re-elected.

Beverley B, nominated by PN, seconded by SA, re-elected.

SR requested minutes of meetings were distributed via mailchimp in future – agreed.

#### 6. and 7 Membership Fees and Proposals re Membership Fees

Proposal to increase junior fees to £25 per month. HN outlined the reasons to fund coaching wage increase and reduce need for sponsored events to raise shortfall. Costs still remained very good value for money. This had been proposed to parents and supported.

BHS queried if that increase would hinder access to rowing. Cost of rowing remained low compared to access to other sports locally. Fund raising could then go to support events and the club.

RM stated the quality of coaching was good, and results reflected that. Costs remained minimal.

Discussion re adult coaching, BH adult coaching is paid separately; CB highlighted the difficulty in differentiating between adult sessions/crews/coaching. SL stated club coaching could be discussed in the future for whole club.

NS stated that any junior hardship could be managed confidentially on an individual basis to ensure access for all.

CB acknowledged discussion and put the proposal to the meeting.

AGREED by show of hands that the proposal to increase junior membership fees to £25, Adult fees remain at £20, family membership £50.

From January 2023.

NS queried student membership, (University Students who wish to row at HRC during vacation), BH confirmed this is £50 p.a.

#### Proposal 7b Junior Coaching Fees

Proposal to increase junior coaching fees from £10 ph to £12.50ph. The proposal was outlined by HN, explaining that currently a £1500 shortfall was made up via fundraising, however, the increase in junior fees combined with the increase in coaching costs would lead to a probable shortfall of only £300, which equates to a small sponsorship project. This was a breakdown of costs based on 45 juniors. CB acknowledged the discussion and put the proposal to the meeting.

AGREED. Junior coaching fees increase to £12.50 ph from January 2023

#### Proposal 7c Draft Constitution

CB presented a model constitution as per British Rowing to replace the existing constitution and provide improved “future proofing”.

BH – suggested removal of Clause 16 that non members who are on the committee should have a vote and be classed as full members.

BHS disagreed, stating non members could be co-opted onto the committee, but would not be entitled to vote. SA agreed with BHS.

PN stated exceptional circumstances applied to the junior coordinators role.

CB proposed an EGM to discuss the constitution on a separate date.

The existing committee and those present agreed to the EGM.

HN stated parents could be coordinators and junior captains as voters.

BH proposed to replace the word “Shield”, with “Device”.

SA requested confirmation that the EGM would be to vote and decide on an updated constitution. Confirmed.

CB closed the meeting and thanked all 33 people for attending.

The meeting was closed.

EGM will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Minutes recorded by Kevin O