

Hexham Rowing Club AGM
[November 22nd 2023](#)
County Hotel, Hexham

1. Present - please sign clipboard going round. In no particular order. Ben H-S, Barney H, Helen B, Matthew E, Simon A, Elizabeth W, Nicci S, Rob P, Gill P, James H, Phil M, Ana N, John Y, Kevin O, Catherine B.

2. Apologies

Andrew B, Kirsty F, Christine V, David G, Paul N, Stuart H, Sue H, Graeme W, Steve L.

3. Approval of Minutes 2022 AGM and 2023 EGM

2022 minutes previously circulated. One amendment re spelling of personal name.

4. Reports

Round up from Chair. CB gave a summary of the benefits of rowing, a short quote from constitution. We have 103 members, there have been L2R courses this year with new members, adults and juniors. Slight dip of members after covid is still being recovered. Experienced racers, new racers, GTR, Sunday League. Juniors won gold and silver at Nationals and bronze at Nat Schools and 3 bronzes at JIRR, punching above our weight, dedication of Helen and Nicci, Owen has gone to Uni, now Julia has slotted straight in. Masters squad, only 2, John and Rob were at nationals. 2 boats in Henley Masters finals with HRC rowers aboard. Fleet upgrade with 4 new boats £46000, open to all members and great addition. Balance of boats for all categories, experience and weights.

BH - very few clubs of our size can boast a fleet of our quality and size.

CB - focused on communication this year, with a new designed website. Members area, link to timetree, race requests, regatta kit, google sheets. Minutes of all meetings. Training programmes, kit ordering windows, links to weather, safety, river levels. Policies, constitution are all on site. Junior parents can access. Need to decide re individual junior access, for discussion at committee. Make people feel welcome is overriding aim.

Club Development Plan undertaken by Phil is well underway.

Possible open evening in January to discuss website and development plan and the club in general.

Had a really positive year, look forward to the rain stopping and head races actually going ahead and moving forward in 2024.

Other clubs actually ask how HRC achieves its success.

Long term, how to improve our facilities, Barney and Ben have been forthright in this area.

SA - well done Catherine for chairing club through the year.

5. Accounts

BH produced an annual statement of accounts.

6 Election of Officers

Chair Nominate CB by KO, BH seconded.

Treasurer Nominate BH by CB, seconded SA

Secretary Nominate KO by BHS, NS seconded

Captains SA nominate by KO, seconded by BH. Ladies captain AB nominated by NS, seconded EW

Welfare Officer EW/SH shared role. Nominated BHS, seconded BH
L2R Coordinator. AN nominated by CB, seconded by EW.

Junior Coordinators NS/HB nominated by KO, seconded by EW

Steward PN nominated by BHS, seconded by KO. (View for Paul to train up more sub members). Discussion re having a little more personal responsibility for boat maintenance.

Club Members. PM nominated by CB, seconded BHS. ME nominated by SA, seconded by JH

Committee 2024

Chair - Catherine B

Treasurer - Barney H

Secretary - Kevin O

Captain (Men) - Simon A

Captain (Ladies) - Andrew B

Welfare - Elizabeth W and Stuart H (Shared role)

L2R - Ana N

Junior coordinator - Nicci S and Helen B (Shared role)

Steward - Paul N

Club Members - Phil M and Matthew E

7. Membership Fees

Current membership £25 pm for juniors and £20 pm for adults.

Proposal to increase junior fees to £30 pm to cover projected coaching costs. Agreed.

Increase will be from January 2024. HB and NS to publish to parents asap to increase Standing Orders from January.

Discussion re L2R costs for adults and juniors. Agreed adults continue at £120, junior L2R will be on a course by course basis.

8. AoB

Brief discussion re Tyne Green Development. BHS in summary, the 2 other TGWA clubs are supportive, but it would be a project driven by HRC. How to consult the membership?

Integrate into open evening. Possible venue at QE.

At some point we need to bite the bullet and commit. BHS has been talking to lots of people who have experience in similar projects, eg Corbridge Cricket Club and Tyne ARC.

Thanked BHS for keeping the project steered in the right direction.

Its probably not going to happen in 2024, but.....



CB closed the meeting.

Next committee meeting 17th Jan 2024 730pm County.

Minutes recorded by Kevin O