

Annual General Meeting MINUTES

20 November 2005

Time and venue 1400 hours, Magdalen College, Oxford

Membership in attendance A Birkenshaw (Putney Town RC), Andrew Russell (HSBC RC), Andy Weeks (Oxford City Royal Regatta), Ben Hunt-Davies (Leander Club), Bill Mitchell (Head of the River Fours), Charles Robinson (Oxford University Women's BC), Chas Newens* (London RC), Chris George (Safety Adviser & Eyre RC), Chris Sprague (President; Chairman TRUC & London RC), David Biddulph (Skiff Club), Edward Rees (Hon Secretary & Metropolitan Police RC), Elizabeth Wray (PR/Marketing & Twickenham Regatta), Harold Blogg (Maidenhead RC), John Chapman (Hon Treasurer & Marlow RC), John Parish (Thames Valley Park Regatta), Judith Packer (Upriver Rep & Weybridge RC), Ken Williams (Div 16 & MAABC), Kenton Sanmogan (Metropolitan Amateur Regatta), Mark Blandford-Baker (Div 10 & Magdalen College BC), Martin Humphrys (Chairman & Putney Town Regatta), Neil Jackson (Div 18 & Cygnet RC), Nigel Smith (Downriver Rep & Emanuel School BC), Nigel Weare (Upriver Juniors & Dorney BC), Patrick Lunney (City of Oxford RC), Paul Azzopardi (Isis Sculls), Paul Lorenzato (Div 19 & Vesta RC), Peter Moore (Div 12; Recreational & Reading Town Regatta), Rachael Lunney (Oxford Adaptive RC), Richard Packer (Weybridge Silver Sculls), Richard Philips* (Coaching; London RC), Richard West (Div 15; Equipment; TWWG Rep & Kingston RC), Sarah Birch* (CDO), Simon Blackburn* (CDO), Stan Collingwood (Thames Tradesmen's RC), Tony Evans (Div 13; Events & Marlow Amateur Regatta).

Upriver members: 16

Downriver members: 15

Non-voting members (indicated with *): 4

Total members in attendance: 35

MB-B welcomed those present to Magdalen College and introduced Chairman, Martin Humphrys.

1 Apologies

Apologies were noted for Ruth Hatton (Downriver Juniors & TSS), John Biddle (Div 14 & Burway RC), Margaret Adams (St George's Ladies' BC), David Porteus (Colet BC), Barbara Wilson (OUBC), Christopher Dodd, Alec Hodges, Jim Harlow (Vesta RC) and Murray Litvak (Staines BC).

2 Minutes of the last meeting

MH said that minutes of the last meeting had been circulated. David Biddulph noted that *D Kapica* should read *A Kapica*. A vote was taken and the minutes (as amended) were approved as a true and accurate record of the AGM held on 21 November 2004.

3 Annual Report and Accounts

A vote was taken and the Report and Accounts were approved.

4 Election of Officers

MH said that there was one nomination for each of the positions so they would be taken as read. ER read the nominations:

Chairman: Martin Humphrys

Honorary Secretary: Andrew Russell

Honorary Treasurer: John Chapman

President: Margaret Adams

Upriver Representative: Judith Packer

Downriver Representative: Jim Harlow

Water safety Advisor: Chris George

Events co-ordinator (Competition Calendar): Tony Evans
Equipment Officer: Richard West

MH thanked those who are standing down: ER (Honorary Secretary); NS (Downriver Representative) and CS (President).

5 Election of, and approval of appointments to, Committees and Commissions

MH said that there was one nomination for each of the positions so they would be taken as read. ER read the nominations:

Chairman, Coaching Commission: Richard Philips
Chairman, Junior Commission (downriver): Ruth Hatton
Chairman, Junior Commission (upriver): Nigel Weare
Chairman, Veteran's Commission: Murray Litvak.

The Council approved the appointment of Chris Sprague as Chairman of the Umpires' Commission.

6 Election of the independent honorary examiner to examine the books of the account maintained by the Honorary Treasurer

Council approved John Bateman AIB as the independent honorary examiner for the forthcoming year.

7 To fix the annual subscription

Council agreed that the subscription would remain nil.

8 To amend the Constitution

Council agreed that in line with the national Women's commission being removed from the ARA Constitution last year, the reference to it at clause 5.1 of the TRRC Constitution be deleted.

9 Any other business

- 9.1 MH as Chairman NDC updated the Council regarding WAGS. He said that NDC had formed a sub-committee to look into the matter. MH said that NDC is looking to see how they can help WAGS.
- 9.2 MH said that negotiations with PLA were progressing well and thanked Chris George and Bill Mitchell for their work. He was also very grateful for Chris Sprague's assistance in securing a superb working relationship with the PLA.
- 9.3 MH said that the Council is working very hard and many people are devoting a lot of time to it and this is paying off. He also thanked the Div Reps who sit on the Executive Committee but are not officers of this Council.
- 9.4 NJ asked for prompt updates to the officers' details on our website. **Action: AR and EW.**
- 9.5 RP reminded those present that a couple days remain for nominations for Coach of the Year Award. This year, a Team Coach award is included.

There being no further business, MH closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was followed by an Awards Ceremony and reception, and MB-B gave a tour of the College. In recognition for their contribution to the sport of rowing in the region, Olympic Gold Medal Winner (Sydney 2000), and TRRC representative of Leander Club, Ben Hunt-Davis presented awards to the following:

Margaret Adams
David Biddulph
Harold Blogg
Pauline Churcher
Stan Collingwood
Christopher Dodd
Alec Hodges
Bill Mitchell
Chas Newens
Judith Packer
David Porteus
Charles Robinson
Nigel Smith
Chris Sprague
Barbara Wilson

E L Rees
Honorary Secretary

Signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting:

Chairman

Honorary Secretary