

TRRC Executive Committee

MINUTES

20 March 2006

Meeting Particulars

Date & Time	20 March 2006 19.30 hours
Venue	Burway Rowing Club Thameside, Laleham, Middlesex, TW18 1UQ 01784 454860

Council Present

Initials	Name	Role	Apologies Rec'd?
AE	Tony Evans	Div 13 <i>and</i> Competitions Calendar	✓
AR	Andrew Russell	Hon Secretary	✓
AW	Andy Weeks	Div 11	✓
BHD	Ben Hunt-Davis	Leander Club Representative	ABSENT
CG	Chris George	Regional Safety	✓
CS	Chris Sprague	Umpires' Commissioner	✓
EJ	Emma James	TRC Representative	✓
EW	Elizabeth Wray	PR / Marketing	✓
JB	John Biddle	Div 14	✓
JCh	John Chapman	Hon Treasurer	Apologies rec'd
JCo	Jill Cobbett	Div 17	ABSENT
JH	Jim Harlow	Downriver Representative	Apologies rec'd
JP	Judith Packer	Upriver Representative	✓
KW	Ken Williams	Div 16	✓
MA	Margaret Adams	President	Apologies rec'd
MBB	Mark Blandford-Baker	Div 10	Apologies rec'd
MH	Martin Humphrys	Chairman	✓
ML	Murray Litvak	Veterans' Commission	Apologies rec'd
MW	Mike Williams	LRC Representative	ABSENT
NJ	Neil Jackson	Div 18	✓
NW	Nigel Weare	Juniors' Commission (upriver)	✓
PL	Paul Lorenzato	Div 19	✓
PM	Peter Moore	Div 12 <i>and</i> Recreational Representative	✓
RH	Ruth Hatton	Juniors' Commission (downriver)	✓
RP	Richard Philips	Coaching Commission	✓
RW	Richard West	Div 15 <i>and</i> Equipment	✓
SaB	Sarah Birch	ARA Coaching and Development Officer	✓
SiB	Simon Blackburn	ARA Coaching and Development Officer	✓

In Attendance

BM	Bill Mitchell	PLA Implementation Working Group	✓
RM	Rosie Mayglothling	ARA Technical Coordinator	✓

Meeting Agenda

No.	Agenda Item	Note / Decision	Member
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Noted above.	Noted	
2	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING This item was deferred to the next meeting.	Deferred	
3	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>3.1 The new ARA Coach Education Programme</p> <p>ARA Technical Coordinator Rosie Mayglothing presented a summary of the new ARA Coaching Awards. Rosie promised to make her presentation generally available.</p> <p>In the interim, key points include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A task force established by the DCMS produced several recommendations including the standardisation of coaching education programmes across all UK sports, now known as the UKCC (UK Coaching Certificate), similar to the Canadian NCCP. Each of the five levels are based on the capabilities, competencies and skills of the coach (e.g. can work supervised, can conduct coaching sessions, can plan a season, etc.), rather than the abilities/level of the athlete. For example, the old "IA" was for coaching beginners, the new "Level 2" is for beginner coaches. The Council raised concerns about the focus on coaching skills and process rather than content, the lack of assessors and verifiers, and lack of advance work with the coaching commission. • For rowing, the new programme is designed to be more flexible in its implementation, to be delivered "close" to the coaches (e.g. in their club setting), and to be tailored and organised regionally rather than centrally. The Council were concerned about the downloading of responsibility onto the regions, and the lack of "modularity" – necessary for most coaches who are volunteers. However, Council noted that regional implementation might mean that it could be delivered in a way more suitable to the Thames region. For example, it might be possible for the regional seminar programme and its presenters to be certified such that participation would count towards a coaching certificate for those enrolled. • There is also a skills matrix that explains the various skills athletes are expected to have as they progress through their development. • Level 2 includes risk assessments, capsized drill, communications skills, and courses have started. Level 3 is still under development, will take a minimum of 6 months to complete, includes 32 hours of seminars and a technical assessment. Level 4 will likely take at least one year to complete. • Other developments underway include a coxing award, a new website, coaching tools and a mentoring scheme. <p>Decision: The TRRC agreed to establish a sub-committee to identify how best to make the new ARA coach education scheme (based on the UKCC) work for the region and its constituent clubs, coaches and rowers. NW has agreed to chair this sub-committee, and will include RP, SiB, amongst others to be invited by NW.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Decision</p>	

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	4.12 Environment Agency Representative's Report The Environment Agency Representative's Report was noted. RW felt that this information would help answer the Downriver Representative's questions on EA licenses.	Noted	
	4.13 Upriver Representative's Report NO REPORT RECEIVED.	NO REPORT	
	4.14 Division 10 (Oxford University) Representative's Report Nothing to report	Nothing to report	
	4.15 Division 11 (Upper Thames) Representative's Report The Division 11 Representative's Report was noted.	Noted	
	4.16 Division 12 (Reading) Representative's Report NO REPORT RECEIVED.	NO REPORT	
	4.17 Division 13 (Middle Thames) Representative's Report Nothing to report	Nothing to report	
	4.18 Division 14 (Staines & Molesey) Representative's Report Nothing to report	Nothing to report	
	4.19 Division 15 (Kingston & Twickenham) Representative's Report The Division 15 Representative's Report was noted.	Noted	
	4.20 Downriver Representative's Report The Downriver Representative's Report was noted. Decision: RW felt that the information in his report as Environment Agency Representative would help answer the Downriver Representative's questions on EA licenses.	Noted Decision	
	4.21 Division 16 (Chiswick & Mortlake) Representative's Report Nothing to report	Nothing to report	
	4.22 Division 17 (University of London) Representative's Report NO REPORT RECEIVED.	NO REPORT	
	4.23 Division 18 (Barnes & Hammersmith) Representative's Report The Division 18 Representative's Report was noted.	Noted	
	4.24 Division 19 (Putney) Representative's Report NO REPORT RECEIVED.	NO REPORT	
	4.25 London Rowing Club Representative's Report NO REPORT RECEIVED.	NO REPORT	
	4.26 Thames Rowing Club Representative's Report The TRC Representative had nothing to report.	Nothing to report	

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	4.27 Leander Club Representative's Report NO REPORT RECEIVED.	NO REPORT	
	4.28 Coaching and Development Officers' Report The CDOs had nothing to report.	Nothing to report	
	4.29 Equipment Officer's Report The Equipment Officer's Report was noted.	Noted	
5	ANY OTHER BUSINESS There was no other business.		
6	NEXT MEETING Decision: Ruth Hatton volunteered TSS to host next meeting. Executive Committee Meeting Monday 24 April 2006 7:30pm Tideway Scullers School Dan Mason Drive, Chertsey Rd, London W4 2SH Clubhouse telephone: 020 8994 3502	Decision	