

Executive Committee MINUTES

18 September 2006

Meeting Particulars

Date & Time	Monday 18 September 2006 19.30 hours
Venue	Kingston Rowing Club

Executive Committee

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

Invited Guests

BM	Bill Mitchell	RRAIG representative	✓
SC	Stan Collingwood	Tideway Regattas Code of Practice	✓

Meeting Agenda

No.	Agenda Item	Note / Decision	Member
	<p>CATHY CRUICKSHANK The Chairman started the meeting by asking all present to rise for a minutes silence in memory of Cathy Cruickshank, who died on 14th September following a short illness; Keith Southan and F.E Bull.</p>		
1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Noted above.</p>	Noted	
1.1	The Chairman welcomed Phil Simmons to the Exec. Phil is taking over from Simon Blackburn as ARA CDO for the region.		
2	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</p>		
2.1	<p>Review and approval of minutes from meeting of 20 Feb 2006</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting on 19 June 2006 have not yet been made available to the Council for review.</p> <p>It was noted that the minutes from the May and June meetings are not yet available on the TRRC website.</p>	<p>Action Required</p> <p>Action Required</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>AR</p>
3	MATTERS ARISING	Not applicable	
4	<p>REPORTS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p>		
	<p>4.1 Chairman's Report</p> <p>The Chairman's report was noted.</p> <p>The meetings set up to discuss the extension of the Marlow Regatta to two days (Saturday and Sunday) were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MH had put forward the proposal that the extension should be given the Region's support for a one year trial period. The impact of the extension on the HWR and TVP would then be re-evaluated and if there was a notable negative impact Marlow would have to return to Saturday only. This approach had been accepted by all three regattas pending the approval of the TRRC. Decision The Exec <i>nem con</i> confirmed support of the proposal. MH reported that Marlow would be holding a meeting that evening to decide if the extension would go ahead as it was still a close run thing within their management committee. <p>The New Code of Practice for Rowing on the Tideway will be launched on the 6th October and a photo call has been arranged for the afternoon with squad oarsmen, the Harbour master and the Chairman. The TRRC flag was required, so MH has ordered one from the house of flags. Decision. The Exec agreed to the purchase of the flag <i>nem con</i></p> <p>MH asked for approval from the TRRC to approach ARA council with a proposal for amendment of the NDC rules whilst the region holds the chairmanship. The proposal is that the region should also be able to send an additional representative to the meetings – suggested to be one of either the Downriver representative or if they are unable to go the Upriver Representative (JH/ JP) but in the main should be . Decision. Approved by the Exec <i>nem con</i>.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Decision</p>	

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4.4	<p>Report Tideway Regatta Coordinator</p> <p>The Tideway Regatta Coordinator's Report was noted.</p> <p>Some debate ensued over the inclusion of a three lane race at Barnes and Mortlake which was given the go-ahead on the day by the duty TRUC rep, John Robson. This action was felt to be regrettable and MA recommended that the TRRC should write to the TRUC to comment on the action of the commissioner on the day.</p> <p>MH commented that thanks were due to Hammersmith & Chiswick and Richmond regattas for getting their act together and stated that the Exec may have to impress a new chair on the others if they don't start to tow the line.</p> <p>CG made it clear that, although the plan was to consider a return to three-lane racing on the Tideway in certain situations, he would not even consider it until the 2008 season, as the new code of practice needed time to bed down. PL felt it was important to have one rule when it came to three lane racing and that allowing only some of the Tideway regattas to do it would lead to problems.</p> <p>SC asked if any reports of the Hospital bumps and other intra-UL races had been received. CG replied that Jerry Mitchell had been very organised in his approach to the events and produced first rate plans that even CG couldn't find fault with.</p> <p>SC confirmed that he would ensure that Jerry Mitchell was invited to the next meeting of the Tideway regatta group</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Action</p> <p>Action</p>	<p></p> <p>MH</p> <p></p> <p>SC</p>
4.5	<p>Equipment Officer 2006-2007</p> <p>MH reported that Richard Packer has indicated that he will be willing to take over the role of Equipment Officer from Richard West in 2006/2007.</p> <p>Decision: The Exec approved the change which will come into effect after the AGM.</p>	<p>Decision</p>	<p></p>

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4.8	<p>Annual Report / AGM</p> <p>MH advised the Exec that the 2006 Annual report must be produced and sent to member clubs 21 days before the AGM. To meet these timescales all exec members must have submitted their reports for the year to the secretary / chairman by 21st October 2006.</p> <p>MH reported that he has asked BM if he will consider being the president of the TRRC next year. BM has indicated that he is willing to take on the role and his name will therefore be put forward to the AGM.</p>	<p>Action</p>	<p>All</p>
4.9	<p>Regional Junior Rowing Centre</p> <p>MH talked over the proposed changes to the plans for a regional junior rowing centre and indicated that the region would need to find £1.5m. The local public had indicated that they wanted the rowing centre but wanted the design changed.</p> <p>CG asked why the region was being expected to find the money if the developer had originally agreed that they would pay. MH replied that this was not the case as it was the PLA who had insisted on sports facilities not the council.</p> <p>The local council has recently changed to Conservative and have not yet put their money where their mouth is. Unfortunately, due to the public perception of rowing as a “wealthy” sport, people assume that we can throw money at it. At the end of the day the developers did not necessarily want the rowing site but have been forced into agreeing to it as a condition of the PLA agreeing to the site development plans.</p> <p>RH wanted to know who exactly would use the building. There followed a discussion about whether the centre would need to have a registered club name for racing or if some arrangement could be made with local clubs through a formal link with the centre. BM felt the centre was needed as experience at the Docks has shown that there is a high attrition rate with juniors and that it would take the pressure of local schools.</p> <p>BM and SC were concerned that the centre would have difficulty funding its on-going running costs (salaries, maintenance etc) and asked that a feasibility study should be undertaken to ensure that it won't turn into a white elephant.</p> <p>MA commented that the available space could be used for other activities which would help fund the centre and that this was always part of the plan. SC reiterated the need to see a robust business case and asked that Alan Meegan should be asked to help produce one.</p> <p>NJ agreed and felt it was very important as the whole management and layout of the interior would depend on the proposed business plan.</p> <p>It was also noted that although a restaurant would be a good way to make money, especially if parents would be waiting for their children to get off the water developers might not allow it to be considered.</p>	<p>Action</p>	<p>MH</p>

4.11	Other Reports to Note		
	Upriver Representative The upriver representative's report was noted	Noted	
	Division 13 (Middle Thames) Representative The Div 13 representative's report was noted	Noted	
	Division 18 (Barnes & Hammersmith) Representative The Div 18 representative's report was noted	Noted	
	Coaching and Development Officers The CDOs' report was noted	Noted	
	Competitions' Calendar Coordinator The Competitions calendar coordinator's report was noted	Noted	
5	ANY OTHER BUSINESS		
5.1	Electronic Safety Audit CG asked permission from the council to spend money in the order of a few hundred pounds, on the 2007 electronic audit. The Exec approved the spend <i>nem con</i> .	Noted	
5.2	Tabard Colours CG put forward the proposal that the day-glo vest colour for novice crews should be red/orange whilst those for coxes and steers should be yellow. It was pointed out that the term "steers" should not be used as it was possible to steer a coxless boat from any seat and the term "bow man" should be used to reduce confusion. EW asked if this meant that all scullers would be expected to wear yellow. CG confirmed that scullers were included in the definition but that the proposals were not mandatory and would only be encouraged for the foreseeable future.		
5.3	Veteran's Commission MH reported that he had received a letter from Harry Harvey, the Chairman of the National Vets Commission expressing concern about the appointment of Murray Litvak as the Thames Region representative and challenging the region's authority to criticise the management of the NVC. MH re-iterated that ML has the full support of the Thames Region and that he will continue to be the TRRC rep on the NVC until either the AGM or ML decides otherwise. The Vets Commission is planning to meet on 18 th November and the NDC have requested full information on who is attending from the various regions.		

