

Meeting Particulars

Date & Time	Monday 15 January 2007 19.30 hours
Venue	Vesta Rowing Club (www.vrc.org.uk) The Embankment Putney SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 0326

Executive Committee Members

Initials	Name	Role	Apologies Rec'd?
AE	Tony Evans	Div 13 Representative <i>and</i> Competitions Calendar	✓
AR	Andrew Russell	Honorary Secretary	✓
AW	Andy Weekes	Div 11 Representative	✓
BC	Becky Chalk	Junior Officials Coordinator	APOLOGIES
BM	Bill Mitchell	President	APOLOGIES
CG	Chris George	Regional Water Safety Development Adviser	✓
CS	Chris Sprague	Umpires' Commissioner <i>and</i> Vice-President	ABSENT
EJ	Emma James	TRC Representative	✓
EW	Elizabeth Wray	PR / Marketing	✓
JB	John Biddle	Div 14 Representative	✓
JH	Jim Harlow	Downriver Representative	APOLOGIES
JP	Judith Packer	Upriver Representative	✓
KW	Ken Williams	Div 16 Representative	
MA	Margaret Adams	Vice-President	✓
MBB	Mark Blandford-Baker	Div 10 Representative	✓
MH	Martin Humphrys	Chairman	✓
MJ	Michael Jones	Leander Club Representative	✓
ML	Murray Litvak	Veterans' Commission	✓
MW	Mike Williams	LRC Representative	APOLOGIES
NJ	Neil Jackson	Div 18 Representative <i>and</i> RWSA	✓
NW	Nick Watkins	Deputy RWSA	✓
PB	Paul Baldwin	Honorary Treasurer	✓
PL	Paul Lorenzato	Div 19 Representative	✓
PM	Peter Moore	Div 12 <i>and</i> Recreational Representative	✓
PS	Phil Simmons	ARA Coaching and Development Officer	✓
RH	Ruth Hatton	Juniors' Commission	✓
RPa	Richard Packer	Equipment Officer	✓
RPh	Richard Philips	Coaching Commission	✓
RW	Richard West	Div 15 Representative <i>and</i> EA Representative	✓
SB	Sarah Birch	ARA Coaching and Development Officer	ABSENT
SC	Stan Collingwood	Tideway Event Code of Conduct Coordinator	APOLOGIES
	- vacant -	Div 17 Representative	- vacant -
NS	Nigel Smith	<i>On behalf of LRC Representative</i>	✓

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4	<p>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION, OR DECISION The Executive Committee is asked to consider the following:</p>		
4.1	<p>Coaching Courses The TRC Representative's report, and related issues, were discussed at length:</p>		
	<p><u>Coaching Sub-Committee & Level 2 Courses</u></p> <p>RPh agreed that the sub-committee created to develop a way forward for the region (e.g. considering the idea of "assessment centres" to facilitate Level 2 courses) has not made much progress, especially since Nigel Weare resigned from the TRRC.</p> <p>The Exec is still frustrated by the lack of consultation during development and implementation of the new coaching scheme, the impracticality of the new scheme, and the lack of dialogue and/or support from the ARA in helping the region understand and implement the scheme, especially in this time of urgent need for more coaches. PL reported that the ARA often tells Regions and Div Reps "you are the ARA", but they are given no support, nor delegated authority to act on their own – an untenable situation.</p> <p>JP felt that the real bottleneck in the system is that there are not enough tutors and assessors. RPh & Nigel Weare had investigated this earlier, and found that there were only 13 tutors and assessors in the region, which is insufficient for running the volume of courses required, especially now that the Level 2 is much more onerous. Worse yet, some of the 13 are no longer interested given the "inordinate amount of commitment and work required to run a Level 2". RPh does now have e-mails for all 13 tutors & assessors, but some are out of date.</p> <p>There was also discussion about the £195 fee.</p> <p>ACTION: RPh to contact all assessors & tutors; resume the mandate of the coaching sub-committee, especially investigation of "assessment centres".</p>	<p>To Note</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>ACTION</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>RPh</p>
	<p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>It was noted that "Awards for All" funded the coaches in WAGS.</p> <p>ACTION: PS to investigate how TRRC can apply for Awards for All.</p>	<p>To Note</p> <p>ACTION</p>	<p></p> <p>PS</p>
	<p><u>Instructors Award Obsolescence</u></p> <p>PL reported that he was approached by someone with an Instructor's Award, wanting to take a Level 3 course. They said that when they had contacted the ARA, they were told that they should just approach their Division Representatives for information, yet the Div Reps have not been given any information to offer. Furthermore, the ARA told this person that people with IA's should first take Level 2, as IA's are no longer valuable nor valid. PL and the Exec were outraged at this. ACTION: JP to investigate further and report back.</p>	<p>To Note</p> <p>ACTION</p>	<p></p> <p>JP</p>

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	<p><u>Level 1</u></p> <p>CG reported that he had attempted to pursue the Exec's earlier idea of creating a Level 1 course, based on earlier Exec meetings where it was agreed to be critical gap in the ARA's plans, especially now that Level 2 is so onerous for coaches, tutors, assessors and organisers. However, he reported that his work was quickly blocked by the ARA. CG offered to develop something, targeted at training assistant coaches, for TRC, and offer it up as a model for others, regardless of the ARA's resistance. Exec agreed. ACTION: CG to pursue this with RH.</p>	<p>To Note</p> <p>ACTION</p>	<p>CG & RH</p>
	<p><u>Grandfather Clause</u></p> <p>RW mentioned that he has been running coxing courses for many years, but does not have formal ARA coaching certification. For legal reasons, he would like confirmation of the "grandfather clause" that lets certain (e.g. well-known) coaches receive equivalent status, even though they have not taken the formal ARA training and certification. The TRRC Exec agreed that RW's experience is equivalent to ARA's Level 2 coaching certification course. However, for certainty, this "grandfather clause" needs to be explained. ACTION: MH to pursue with ARA to confirm existence of this clause, its standing in a court of law, and the details.</p>	<p>To Note</p> <p>ACTION</p>	<p>MH</p>
<p>4.2</p>	<p>Future TRRC Meetings</p> <p>Locations have been confirmed for the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 19 February at 19.30 at Burway RC • Monday 19 March at 19.30 – TBD ACTION: a downriver venue to be arranged by JH • Monday 16 April at 19.30 at Maidenhead RC • Monday 21 May at 19.30 at Thames RC • Monday 18 June at 19.30 – TBD ACTION: an upriver venue to be arranged by JP • Monday 15 October at 19.30 at Kingston RC • Sunday 18 November (AGM), Summer Common Room, Magdalen College, Oxford 	<p>To Note</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>To Note</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JP</p>
<p>4.3</p>	<p>Child Protection Seminar (see Upriver Representative's Report)</p> <p>Child Protection Seminar designed for Child Welfare Officers and a small number of others (e.g. coaches) to be held on Sunday 25 March at 2-4pm at Maidenhead RC. ACTION: RH to investigate date for similar seminar to be held at TSS. ACTION: JP will write letter and advertise via website once agreed, using CWOseminar@thames-rrc.org. ACTION: Div Reps to encourage clubs to reply to attend.</p>	<p>To Note</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>ACTION</p>	<p>RH JP</p> <p>DivReps</p>

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4.4	<p>Juniors Update</p> <p>RH gave an update on the JRC meeting held on Saturday 13 January, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing the “region” numbers and boundaries • Managing heats and finals • Info will be sent to Regions in early February • Flat fee per Region to encourage full entry • Order of racing • Adding J16 8+ giving 22 events • Junior Inter-Regional Trials will be held at Dorney on the day of the Men’s Head of the River Race. <p>RH also reviewed the results of the the National Championships questionnaire: juniors want to stay racing with adults. However, these may still need to be separated as the event grows. RH feels that a regional event at the end of the season (near Henley) for J12-13, J13-16, would be good as there are a few events for them after May. ACTION: MH to discuss idea of expanding Peterborough J14 events with them and Richmond & Twickenham.</p> <p>Region had no nominations for the national sculling camp. RH suggested this opportunity may be idea for 2 juniors from smaller J16 clubs. Nominations are due this Friday.</p> <p>RH is looking for a Team Manager for Thames Upriver. RH needs upriver contact details. ACTION: PS to get from SB and send to RH. ACTION: RH to contact Div Reps, and provide text to EW for TRRC.</p> <p>RH raised the issue of adjusting the split between up/down-river for the Junior Inter-Regional Regatta. Last year, clubs from Molesey upriver were part of the upriver region. Exec agreed, that for the JIRR, for 2007, the regions will be divided at Shepperton Lock.</p>	<p>To Note</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>To Note</p> <p>ACTION ACTION</p> <p>Decision</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p>MH</p> <p></p> <p>PS RH</p> <p></p>
4.5	<p>Sports Clubs of the Year Award (see SOCTY 2007 Application Form and Criteria)</p> <p>MH reminded everyone to recommend clubs for the Sports Clubs of the Year Award. However, JP pointed out her frustration at taking great effort last year to apply, but not hearing anything back from the ARA, so didn’t know if her application was forwarded on or not. Also, while the CCPR criteria for the award are clear, the criteria used by the ARA to select a maximum of three clubs for forwarding to CCPR for consideration have not been published. This lack of clarity, and lack of feedback from the ARA, discourages applicants. ACTION: MH to contact the ARA to obtain their criteria for selecting the applications to forward to CCPR, and secure their commitment to make the process transparent, providing feedback to applicants.</p>	<p>To Note</p> <p>ACTION</p>	<p></p> <p>MH</p>
4.6	<p>TRRC Dinner at Leander (Friday, 19 January)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM provided an update on the dinner, which is paid for by the attendees. The PLA Harbour Master and partner has been invited as personal guests of MH, at his expense. MH thanked PM for organising. 	<p>To Note</p>	<p></p>

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7	NEXT MEETING Executive Committee Meeting Monday 19 February at 19.30 Burway Rowing Club	To Note	

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List of Reports

Report	Status	Member
Chairman	Nothing to report	MH
Honorary Secretary	Nothing to report	AR
Honorary Treasurer	Nothing to report	PB
Upriver Representative	To discuss	JP
Downriver Representative	Nothing to report	JH
Division 10 (Oxford University) Representative	Nothing to report	MBB
Division 11 (Upper Thames) Representative	To note	AW
Division 12 (Reading) Representative	Nothing to report	PM
Division 13 (Middle Thames) Representative	To note	AE
Division 14 (Staines & Molesey) Representative	Nothing to report	JB
Division 15 (Kingston & Twickenham) Representative	NO REPORT	RW
Division 16 (Chiswick & Mortlake) Representative	NO REPORT	KW
Division 17 (University of London) Representative	NO REPORT	-vacant-
Division 18 (Barnes & Hammersmith) Representative	Nothing to report	NJ
Division 19 (Putney) Representative	NO REPORT	PL
London Rowing Club Representative	Nothing to report	MW
Thames Rowing Club Representative	To discuss	EJ
Leander Club Representative	Nothing to report	MJ
ARA Coaching and Development Officers	NO REPORT	PS & SB
Coaching Commissioner	NO REPORT	RPh
Competitions Calendar ("Events") Coordinator	To note	AE
Environment Agency Representative	NO REPORT	RW
Equipment Officer	To note	RPa
Junior Officials Coordinator (<i>combined in Upriver Rep's Report</i>)	To note	JP/BC
Juniors' Commissioner	Nothing to report	RH
PR & Marketing Officer	NO REPORT	EW
Recreational Representative	To note	PM
Regional Water Safety Adviser (RWSA)	To note	NJ
Regional Water Safety Development Adviser (RWSDA)	NO REPORT	CG
Tideway Event Code of Conduct Coordinator	Nothing to report	SC
Umpires' Commissioner	NO REPORT	CS
Veterans' Commissioner	Nothing to report	ML

List of Related Materials

Sports Club of the Year – Application Form	To discuss	MH
Sports Club of the Year – Criteria	To discuss	MH