

# Annual General Meeting NOTE OF MEETING

19 November 2008

Version 1

## A note of a TRRC Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 19 November 2008 at Thames Rowing Club, London SW15

Confirmed at the Annual General Meeting on 16 November 2009

### Attendance

#### *Voting Members—Downriver (19)*

<b>Member Club/Event</b>	<b>Represented by</b>
Alpha Women's RC	Nina Padwick
Auriol Kensington RC	J Watson (Tideway Regattas Code of Conduct Co-ordinator)
Borne at Chiswick Regatta	R E Lambe
Cygnets RC	R E Lambe
Eyre Club	C J D George (Regional Water Safety Development Adviser)
HSBC RC	Matthew Chariton
London Oratory School BC	R T Adams
London RC	Martin Humphrys (Chairman)
Metropolitan Police RC	Edward Lloyd Rees (Honorary Secretary)
Metropolitan RC	Richard Philips (Chairman, Regional Coaching Commission)
Mortlake Anglian & Alpha BC	Nina Padwick
Putney Town RC	S Moorall
Putney Town Regatta	Paul Baldwin (Honorary Treasurer)
Thames RC	Emma James (TRC Representative)
Thames Tradesmen's RC	Bill Mitchell (Vice President; Tideway Code of Conduct Panel: PLA Liaison)
Tideway Scullers' School	Ruth Hatton (Projects' Officer)
Vesta RC	Paul Lorenzato (Div 19 Rep)
Vesta Scullers' Head	Paul Baldwin (Honorary Treasurer)
Vesta Veterans' Head	J Harlow (Downriver Representative)

#### *Voting Members—Upriver (14)*

<b>Member Club/Event</b>	<b>Represented by</b>
Burway RC	John Biddle (Div 14 Rep)
City of Oxford RC	Andy Weekes (Div 11 Rep)
Goring Gap BC	R Bowsher
Henley Town and Visitors' Regatta	Dave Hancock (Upriver Representative)
Kingston RC	Richard West (Div 15 Rep; EA Liaison)
Magdalen College BC	Mark Blandford-Baker (Div 10 Rep; COUR Rep)
Marlow RC	John Chapman (Independent Honorary Examiner)
Marlow Regatta	Tony Evans (Div 13 Rep; Events' Co-ordinator)
Oxford University BC	Lynch Mason (Safety Panel—Upriver Safety Adviser)
Reading Town Regatta	Peter Moore (Div 12 Rep; Recreational Rep)
Thames Ditton Regatta	Andrew Crawford (Chairman, Junior Rowing Cmsn Downriver)
Thames Valley Park Regatta	Peter Moore (Div 12 Rep; Recreational Rep)
Twickenham Regatta	E Wray (PR & Marketing Officer)
Weybridge RC	R J Packer (Equipment Officer)

#### *Non-Voting (5)*

Chas Newens	Chas Newens' Marine Co. Ltd. (President)
Chris Sprague	London RC (Vice President; Chairman, Regional Umpires' Cmsn)
Neil Jackson	Cygnets RC; Auriol Kensington RC (Div 18 Rep)
Sarah Birch	ARA Club Development Officer
Phil Simmons	ARA Club Development Officer

(Roles of Officers of the Council are indicated in parentheses.)

## Minutes

MH welcomed the Representatives of Member Clubs/Events and others present and thanked Thames RC for hosting the meeting. The meeting was declared quorate there being greater than 15 Members represented in total and greater than five each from Upriver and Downriver.

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies had been received from the following Member Clubs and Events: Crabtree BC (Tony Reynolds); Maidenhead RC (Laura Lion); Quintin BC (Martin Carr); St George's Ladies' RC (Margaret Adams *also* Vice President); University of London BC (Siobhan Cassidy *also* Div 17 Rep)
- 1.2 Apologies had been received from the following: Richard Goddard (Master, Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames *also* President-Elect); Rod Murray (Henley Town & Visitors' Regatta);

### 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 2.1 Mr Humphrys said that the minutes of the last meeting had not been forwarded to him from the previous Honorary Secretary and this item would therefore be carried over until the next AGM.

### 3 ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

- 3.1 Mr Humphrys referred to the Annual Report which had been circulated. He stated that the Annual Accounts were published in the Addendum to the Report. Mr Baldwin said that due to technical problems the Accounts had been produced later than anticipated and it had not been possible to have them audited in time for the Meeting.

Mr Sprague proposed and Mr Newens seconded a motion that the Accounts be approved subject to audit. **Resolved *nem. con.*:** that the Annual Accounts be approved subject to a satisfactory audit by the Independent Honorary Examiner.

*[Secretary's Note: Mr Chapman, Independent Honorary Examiner, audited and approved the Accounts on 21 November 2008, which have now been sent to the ARA in accordance with the Constitution.]*

Mr Baldwin referred to his paper regarding liabilities of rowing bodies produced for the information of Member Clubs and Events which appeared in the Addendum to the Annual Reports and Accounts.

### 4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 4.1 Mr Humphrys stated that when he was elected Chairman in December 2004 he had initially intended to take on the office for a period of not more than four years. With the proposed development of the Junior Rowing Centre at Hammersmith, Mr Humphrys said that he had been willing to remain Chairman until the Centre was opened. He stated that due to the current financial climate he needed to dedicate more time to his professional work and felt that he would be unable to devote sufficient time to the Council and to the ARA bodies on which he sits by virtue of his role on the Regional Council. He said that he had decided to stand down from the Chairmanship on 26 January 2009, which should allow sufficient time for the Executive Committee to find a new Chairman. He asked anyone willing to take on the role to notify him.

Mr Newens thanked Mr Humphrys for all his work on the Council. He noted the strength of the relationship which Mr Humphrys had built up with the Port of London Authority and the benefits the sport, as well as the wider river community, had seen as a result.

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- 4.2 There being only one nomination for each of the offices, the following Officers were elected unopposed:

Chairman	Martin Humphrys JP (London RC)
Honorary Secretary	Edward Lloyd Rees (Metropolitan Police RC)
Honorary Treasurer	Paul Baldwin ACA (Putney Town Regatta)
Upriver Representative	Dave Hancock (Henley Town & Visitors' Regatta)
Downriver Representative	Jim Harlow (Vesta Veterans' Head)
President	Richard Goddard * (Master, Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames)
Vice-Presidents	Chas Newens * (Chas Newens' Marine Co. Ltd.)
	Bill Mitchell (Thames Tradesmen's RC)
	Chris Sprague * (London RC)
	Margaret Adams (St George's Ladies' RC)
Events' Co-ordinator	Tony Evans (Marlow Regatta)
Equipment Officer	Richard Packer (Weybridge RC)
Marketing & PR Co-ordinator	Elizabeth Wray (Twickenham Regatta)
Regional Water Safety Adviser	Tony Reynolds (Crabtree BC)
Regional Water Safety Development Adviser	Chris George (Eyre Club)
Environment Agency Liaison Officer	Richard West (Kingston RC)
Port of London Authority Liaison Officer	Bill Mitchell (Thames Tradesmen's RC)
Chairman of the Tideway Conduct Panel	Bill Mitchell (Thames Tradesmen's RC)
Junior Officials' Co-ordinator	No nominations received
Courses' Administrator	No nominations received

\* non-voting

## 5 ELECTION OF, AND APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- 5.1 There being only one nomination for each of the chairmen, the following chairmen of committees and commissions were elected unopposed:

Chairman of the Coaching Commission	Richard Philips (Metropolitan RC)
Chairman of the Junior Commission (Upriver)	Laura Lion (Maidenhead RC)
Chairman of the Junior Commission (Downriver)	Andrew Crawford (Thames Ditton Regatta)
Chairman of the Veterans' Commission	Murray Litvak (Staines BC)

- 5.2 Council confirmed the appointment of John Biddle (Burway RC) as the Chairman of the Thames Regional Umpires' Commission from 1 January 2009.

## 6 TO APPOINT THE INDEPENDENT HONORARY EXAMINER

- 6.1 Council appointed John Chapman FCA (Marlow RC) as Independent Honorary Examiner.

## 7 TO FIX THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- 7.1 Dr Jackson proposed and Mr Humphrys seconded a motion that the Annual Subscription for the year to November 2009 be nil.

**Resolved *nem. con.*:** that the Annual Subscription for the year to November 2009 be nil.

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## 8 SPECIAL BUSINESS

### To approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution

- 8.1 Mr Rees referred to the proposed amendments to the Constitution which had been circulated to all Members with the Agenda.

**Resolved *nem. con.*:** that the following amendments to the Constitution be approved subject to ratification by the Amateur Rowing Association (*vide* Clause 11.2):

In Clause 1.4 "*and shall include those Clubs which are represented by Appointed Members on the A.R.A. Council.*" be added after the words "*on the A.R.A. Council*"

In Clause 2.4 the word "*the*" be substituted with "*any*" in "*on the grounds*"; that "*of gender, disability, martial status, creed, social class, ethnic origin, age or sexual orientation*" be deleted; and that "*in accordance with the A.R.A.'s equity policy.*" be added after "*relevant to performance*"

That the following Clause be added "*6.1.4 The A.R.A. Appointed Members for the Council for Oxford University Rowing, Leander Club, London Rowing Club and Thames Rowing Club, and any other Members which may so be represented from time to time on the A.R.A. Council.*"

In Clause 7.5 that "*Apart from the Annual General Meeting, all other General Meetings of the Council shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings. All business shall be deemed special business that is transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting.*" be deleted; and that "*also*" in "*shall also be deemed*" be deleted

That the following Clause be added "*7.6 Apart from the Annual General Meeting, all other General Meetings of the Council shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.*"

That Clause 7.6 be renumbered as 7.7; and that "*An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Council shall be held on the written requisition of not fewer than three members of the Executive Committee or on the written requisition of not fewer than three Members. The Honorary Secretary shall give written notice to all Members of such a meeting, which shall be called within 14 days of receipt of such request, specifying the matter(s) to be considered. 21 clear days shall be the required period for any General Meeting.*" be substituted with "*An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Council shall be held on the written requisition of not fewer than three members of the Executive Committee or on the written requisition of not fewer than three Members, specifying the matter(s) to be considered. The Honorary Secretary shall call such a meeting within 14 days of receipt of such request, in accordance with clause 7.9.*"

That the following Clause be added "*7.8 All business that is transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be deemed special business.*"

That the following Clause be added "*7.9 The Honorary Secretary shall give written notice to all Members of any General Meeting, specifying the matter(s) to be considered. 21 clear days shall be the required notice period for any General Meeting.*"

That Clause 7.6.1 be renumbered as 7.9.1

That Clause 7.7 be renumbered as 7.10

That the following Clause be added to the Schedule to the Constitution "*5. The Upriver Representative and the Downriver Representative shall deputise for the Chairman when required to do so.*"

[**Secretary's Note:** the ARA National Manager confirmed on 12 January 2009 that ARA Council had no objections to the changes]

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### Closing remarks

#### *Annual Dinner*

- 8.2 Mr Moore referred to the Annual Dinner to be held on Friday, 16 January 2008 at Leander Club, ticketed at £35 per person.

#### *Junior Rowing Centre Charitable Trust*

- 8.3 Mr Harlow stated that a company and a trust will need to be set up to operate the Junior Rowing Centre at Hammersmith. Whilst many trustees could be elected, initially two trustees were required for the registration paperwork. Mr Harlow proposed and Mr Rees seconded, subject to approval by the Executive Committee, Mr Humphrys and Mr Mitchell to become the two initial trustees. Both stated they were willing to take on the role.

#### *Immediate Past President's Closing Remarks*

- 8.4 Outgoing President Mr Newens thanked all the Officers of the Council that had served from November 2007 to November 2008 during his year as President of the Council. In particular he noted the work that had been done regarding safety. Mr Humphrys noted that the report by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents had praised the Council for its work and stated that the boat identification system which had initially been introduced on the Tidal Thames was being extended nationally by the ARA.

Agreed on 16 November 2009 by Council as a true record of the meeting.

E LI Rees  
Honorary Secretary, TRRC  
21 November 2008

Mrs R Hatton  
Chairman, TRRC  
16 November 2009

## Regional Awards Ceremony

Following the Annual General Meeting, an awards ceremony was held. Mr Humphrys introduced gold-medal-winning paralympic athlete Tom Aggar who had been invited to present the awards. The under-mentioned received awards.

#### *Tom Aggar*

Mr Humphrys presented Mr Aggar with two engraved cut glass whisky tumblers on behalf of the Council in recognition for the great achievement he had made in winning a gold medal having only been rowing since 2006.

#### *Richard Adams (London Oratory School BC)*

Mr Aggar presented Mr Adams with two engraved cut glass whisky tumblers on behalf of the Council and a certificate from the ARA for saving life on the River Thames. The citation on the certificate read, "in grateful appreciation for exceptional courage in responding to a life threatening incident in June 2007."

#### *Richard Bowsher (Goring Gap BC)*

Mr Aggar presented Mr Bowsher with two engraved cut glass whisky tumblers on behalf of the Council two certificates in recognition of his winning the Thames Region Open Club Volunteer of the Year Award 2008 and his being Runner Up in the ARA Volunteer of the Year Awards 2008.

#### *Ronnie Lambe (Cygnet RC)*

Mr Aggar presented Mr Lambe with two engraved cut glass whisky tumblers on behalf of the Council in recognition of his long service to rowing on the River Thames.