AGM draft minutes

16th November 2021



Item	Minutes and Actions
1. Welcome by Chair	John Goddard opened the meeting and said he was delighted to see so many members in attendance.
2. Attendees/apologies	Lizzy Fuller and Paddy Robinson. A large amount of people were absent without apology – these haven't been recorded here.
3. Minutes of 2020 AGM	Beth Laidlaw and David Robinson moved and seconded the minutes of the last AGM as a correct record and this was agreed.
4. Minutes of 2021 EGM	Lyn Goldsmith and Simon Dobson moved and seconded the minutes of the EGM as a correct record and this was agreed .
5. Matters arising	No matters arising from these minutes.
6. 2020/21 accounts	Received the financial reports (documents uploaded to website). Treasurer gave highlights of the report. Noted that reports on the website were unsigned – the physical copies are signed (legal purposes).
7. Current financial position	 Noted that the bar operating under difficult conditions: closed for lockdown, opened under covid conditions, bar manager resigned. Despite the difficulties the bar turned a profit. John Goddard adds: new investments like the partition will help the club generate revenue by diversifying the space, and highlighted importance of investing in the facilities. David Robinson explained that the bounceback loan was used to pay back the city council loan earlier. By saving money on interest the club was able to make the investment into new facilities. MAB asked how much we owe the council – IS answered ~£70,000 until 2032
8. Trustees report	 Trustees report was received. Highlights: Deficit for the year recorded – £8956 John Goddard questioned about the deficit. Isabel Smales clarified that this was a depreciation in the value of the club's assets, as

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	opposed to a transaction that had given us a loss. - Savings from bounceback loan used for
	ventilation
	 Junior and senior L2R raised over £6000 for the club
	 Noted that the hard work of Colin,
	Liz, and John Ord was appreciated
	- JG reminded us of the objectives of the club, and thanked the volunteers of the
	club
9. Club manager's report	- Jo Gregory updated the club on the
	business and facilities.
	- Community activities and other businesses are now using the space more. This
	supports the club with money and also
	makes our name more prominent in the
	community. PhysioSmart is bringing in
	income for a largely unused room. The club
	might also be used for training camps, with some talks currently taking place.
	 We've had a big increase in social
	members.
	- Jo thanked Ben for his work as bar
	manager.
	- The partition and ventilation should be
	completed soon; highlighted that this will allow us to train while patrons enjoy the
	bar.
10. Captain's report	- TC gave captain's report.
	- Regaled the room with a story of the year
	past. Highlights from the report included:
	zoom ergs, squad reports will be given out, highlighted the achievements of the squads
	so far – on the regional and national scene,
	Tyne regatta and other events.
	- David Robinson added to captain's report:
	- Commended the juniors for their
	fundraising efforts. Spoke about the goal of increasing the middle ranks of the boats,
	and selling the lower ranks of the boats,
	are largely unused.
	- Thanked the committee for their hard
	work.
11. Election of trustees	- John Goddard asked that we approve as a
	new trustee Mark Styles. Some discussion about Alex Shaw as a trustee, but he was
	confirmed as a trustee. Pat Keown was
	added to the list (as pre-circulated) at the
	meeting.
	- Alan Ballantyne was elected as president.

	 Introduced by David Robinson: has been a member of the club for 60 years, captained the club for 5 years and was a friend to Brian Dalkin (the previous president).
12. Election of officers and committee members	 The Committee was approved as shown on the pre-circulated ballot.
13. AOB	 David Robinson proposed Ian Wagstaff as lifetime member of the club. This was approved to loud applause. John Goddard added that there will be a memorial event for Brian Dalkin in January. Thanked everyone for their attendance.