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## Special General Meeting

**7.00pm on Thursday 1 April 2010**

**At the clubhouse, Water Row, Newburn**

I confirm that there will be a Special General Meeting of Tyne Rowing Club at 7.00pm on Thursday 1 April 2010 at the clubhouse. The following business only will be transacted:

- 1 Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2008 - *enclosed*
- 2 A financial update to the present day - *verbal on the night*
- 3 Report on the Community Rowing programme and work of the Community Sports Coach - *enclosed*
- 4 Report on developing a long term physical development plan for the club's land and premises - *verbal on the night.*

The papers indicated are enclosed (electronically or hard copy as appropriate). Paper copies will be available in the clubhouse between now and the night of the meeting.

Can coaches and squad coordinators please ensure that there are no rowing or training sessions at this time?

Thanks, Colin

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## **Tyne Rowing Club**

### **Report on Community Rowing Programme**

#### **For Special General Meeting - 1 April 2010**

The Club has employed (through Newburn Activity Centre) a Community Sports Coach (CSC). Funding for two years has been secured from Sport England via British Rowing and the City Council, with further income to be derived from work with schools. The new CSC, Amy Ward started on 15 February 2010. Her work will be invaluable in demonstrating to British Rowing and Sport England that we are meeting their new (and still evolving) 'participation' priorities.

The target groups for Amy are under-19s for Sport England and over-50s, BME communities and women for the Council. Although neither funder has specified a geographical area we are giving initial priority to schools and communities closest to club. It is likely that Amy will work about 60% of the time with young people (mainly school students but also younger students in higher or further education) and the remaining 40% with adults.

Amy has established links with three secondary schools - Walbottle Campus, Excelsior Academy (Scotswood) and Kenton - and has been working one afternoon a week in each for four weeks at the time of writing, Tuesday to Thursday. The intention has been to deliver both curriculum time and after-school sessions in the same afternoon to cut down on travel, etc. After four weeks (at the time of writing) there have been mixed results; discussions are in hand with our contact at the Newcastle School Sport Partnership to see if we might change what we offer to some of these schools in the summer term and perhaps free up time for another school or two in Newcastle. Time is also set aside for work with the Ponteland High School pyramid from next term and discussions with the school are imminent.

Work so far with schools has been on-site using their own (nice new) ergos, but we hope to progress down to the water next term for the after school sessions, Tuesday to Thursday in the late afternoon. Help with these sessions (and with everything else!!) would be most welcome, though the CRB position would have to be checked out. During the course of the summer term we will assess with the teachers and our own coaches what scope there is for bringing in the keenest rowers from the schools into our mainstream club junior squad (which is itself examining what sessions it can run and when). Ideas for the summer holidays will also be looked at shortly.

The community side is developing a little more slowly, but the intention is to open the club in the morning, again Tuesday to Thursday. Following an excellent example at Tees RC, we will probably label Tuesday and Wednesday as for the over-50s, but anyone old-at-heart and with free time will be welcome. Tees advise building this up slowly so that the first wave of recruits can start helping with the second wave coming in and so on. Thursday will probably be for women only, if the Committee agrees. We'll work with Newburn Activity Centre on some aspects of this and we have had valuable advice from the Council on getting started. Again help down on the water on these mornings from late April onwards would be very gratefully received - contact Amy on [csc@tynerowingclub.org](mailto:csc@tynerowingclub.org) or on 07584 246486.

One aspect of developing both junior and adult community rowing is having suitable training boats that are easier to balance and row and are thus quicker to get away in. British Rowing are currently offering £12,500 to clubs under the *Explore Rowing* banner, as long as they can find the same again, for purchase of wider, more stable boats; this may seem like a step backwards to the practice common years ago (no doubt still happening in some clubs), but it does seem to make a lot of sense (to me, anyway). We have just been awarded £2,000 grant from the Council's Newburn Ward Committee as the first step towards our £12,500 and other 'feelers' are out.