

Tyne Rowing Club

Special General Meeting

Held at the Club premises on 23 September 2010

Minutes - as approved on 18-11-10

Present: David Symes, David Herford, David Fuller, John Bolter, Martin Bell, Lynne Michelson, Michael Windle, Alan Denton, Ken Hardy, Keith Hotchkiss, Graeme Wheeler, Amy Ward, Celia Robbins, Lindsay Miller, John Bell, John Goddard, Martin Colquhoun (Treasurer), Chris Parsons (Captain), Nigel Sprague (President, in the chair).

1 Welcome and appointment of chair for meeting

It was agreed that Nigel Sprague as President take the chair.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were given from John Dalkin, Dave Robinson, Brian Dalkin, Tony Follows, John Mulholland, Guy Clack, Laura Clack, Laura Croisdale, Ailsa Hall, Julian MacBride, Jen Woodhouse, Colin Percy and Liz Bray.

3 Accounts for year ending 31 August 2009

The Treasurer presented the accounts for 2008-09 which had previously been accepted by the committee and circulated in advance with agenda. He also presented a report by the Independent Examiner, which indicated no reason to question the accounts. Clarifications were sought and given on the treatment of entry fees to regattas/head races and on the profitability of races and regattas hosted by the club.

A motion to endorse the accounts was proposed by Lindsay Miller, seconded by John Goddard and passed *nem con*. Michael Harle was proposed and accepted as the new Independent Examiner of the accounts, with Rob Watson standing down.

4 Report from the Community Sports Coach

Amy Ward presented a report on her first 6 months of activities in the role as CSC, including the proposed introduction of Explore Rowing, community based activities, working with Newcastle and Ponteland schools and the highly successful junior Learn to Row schemes run throughout the summer holidays.

A vote of thanks to Amy and those assisting her, especially Colin Percy and Liz Bray, was proposed by John Goddard, seconded by Lindsay Miller and passed *nem con*.

5 Development Group Report

John Goddard as Chair of the Development Group gave a presentation outlining the work done to date by the Group on the options for physical development of the boathouse, including much valuable work done by Dave Fuller and David Herford on detailed planning and costing.

A discussion followed on the club's requirements going forward, the suitability of each of the proposed designs, options and availability of funding streams to assist in financing of the development and the overall deliverability of the schemes.

At the end of the discussion the meeting resolved to thank the Group for their hard work thus far and to endorse the continuing work on fleshing out the proposals.

Notes taken by Chris Parsons, Captain.