

TEES ROWING CLUB AGM 2023– HONORARY SECRETARY’S REPORT

COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE: March 2022 - february 2023

The General Committee held meetings virtually and face to face on 11 monthly occasions during the past year, compared to 12 the year before. Rebecca Graham and Stephen Heath attended the Northern Rowing Council AGM in November 2022.

2021/22 Committee attendance was as follows:

Role	Postholder	Meetings attended	Notes/Predecessor
President	Dilwyn Jones	4	Not required to attend
Chair	Bob Holdsworth	10/11	
Captain	Tom Hillier	10/11	
Honorary Treasurer	Louise Summers	7/11	
Honorary Secretary	Michele Holdsworth	10/11	
Safety Adviser	Steven Leigh	9/11	
Equipment Manager	Lucy Radley	9/11	
Vice Captain	Rebecca Graham	10/11	
Vice Captain	Greg Beswick	9/11	
Membership Secretary	Fiona Ventress	11/11	
Assistant Secretary	Sophie Whisson	7/11	
TUBC representative	Tom Horrocks	n/a	This role has been mostly vacant this year. Tom will take up post in March 2023
Ordinary Member	Richard Olver	8/11	
Ordinary Member	Jill Patterson	9/11	
Co-opted: Competition/Events Coordinator	Steve Heath	9/11	

Throughout the year, the Committee agreed to:

- Safeguarding courses to be paid for any member who regularly assists with coaching and for the cost of first aid courses to continue to be covered by the club.
- Change the definition of Yarm School membership to Rowing Schools membership so that this category is available to more students, inclusive of independent schools and state schools. (Oct-Dec)
- Order of kit from RS

Our Learn-to-Row programmes were organised successfully by Dick Wilkinson and Kate O’Sullivan.

The committee appreciates all the effort and time committed by all involved.

Dick and Janet Wilkinson have now stepped aside from the L2R, many thanks to them for their contribution over the years. If anyone is interested in assisting with L2R then please do speak with anyone from the committee.

THANKS

There are so many people to thank, so apologies if you’re not named personally. Behind a lot of these people, there are even more volunteers.

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Firstly thank you to the committee and wider club membership who have welcomed and supported me in what has been a steep learning curve since my election last year.

As mentioned above, Dick and Janet Wilkinson have stepped down from the adult L2R programme. The club are indebted to the time they have committed to L2R over the years.

Thanks to Mike Beever for his work in refreshing the club website. I hope that you have all had time to look at the new site which is now fully functional.

Thanks to Steven Leigh, who has, once again, done a sterling job as safety officer. As you will be aware, in addition to responsibility for ongoing safety issues within the club, along with Stephen Heath, he has prepared all risk assessments for the Tees Regatta and Small Boats Head. Steven is stepping down from this role, after several failed attempts! Thank you Steven.

Additional thanks to Lucy Radley, who continues to do a sterling job looking after the fleet. Thanks also to those members who support Lucy in maintaining our fleet.

Thanks to TRUT and RTWC administration and facility staff who work diligently to ensure that the RTWC is a safe space from which to operate our club.

Tees Regatta - SBH/LDS – Thanks to Ken Watson who leads the Events Team and acts as administrator on BROE. Thanks to all who assisted in the smooth running of these events.

Thank you to Louise Summers for her continued support to the club. Louise is stepping down as Treasurer but we hope to see her back at Tees in the coming years when her younger son learns to row.

Last, but not least, thank you to Tom Hillier who steps down from the Captain’s role. I think everyone will agree that during his time as Captain the club has gone from strength to strength.

COMMITTEE ROLE/JOB DESCRIPTIONS

All job descriptions have been reviewed and uploaded onto the Club website.

With effect from the date of the Annual General Meeting, all members of the committee are willing to stand for election for a further year except for the following that are standing down:

- Tom Hillier as Captain (nominated as Treasurer)
- Louise Summers as Treasurer
- Steven Leigh as Safety Adviser
- Rebecca Graham as Women’s Vice captain (nominated as Club Captain)

If you are interested and thinking of standing for ANY of the committee roles, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the committee.

In addition to the Committee positions, the following non-committee positions are also vacant posts:

Publicity Officer, Coaching Coordinator Entries

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Reluctantly the committee has had to increase membership fees. The proposed increases are necessary to cover increased contribution to TRUT, however, we have tried to ensure that increases are spread equitably across all membership categories.

PRIVATE BOAT INSURANCE

Please can I remind all members who have private boats racked in the boathouse that they should forward details of the insurance policy when renewed.

BENEVOLENT FUND

The benevolent fund is available to assist members, access to the fund is completely confidential.

Should any member need to access the fund they can approach any committee member for further details.

EASY FUNDRAISING

This is a good way of raising additional funds for the club whilst shopping online. www.easyfundraising.org.uk and

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search for Tees Rowing Club.

Finally, as a community club, the committee would like to welcome our extended families; we give condolences to those who have lost friends and relatives in the past year and wish a speedy recovery to those who are struggling with any issues physically or otherwise.

Michele Holdsworth

March 2023