# COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE: 18 March 2021 – 17 February 2022

The General Committee held meetings virtually and face to face on 12 monthly occasions during the past year, compared to 16 the year before. In addition, the Operations Committee met up on a further 2 occasions to review the 5-Year Plan and discuss boat purchase and the hiring of vehicles. Tom Hillier, Rebecca Graham and myself attended the Northern Rowing Council AGM virtually in November.

2021/22 Committee attendance was as follows:

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| **Role** | **Postholder** | **Meetings**  **attended** | **Notes/Predecessor** |
| President | Neil Dunning | - | Not required to attend |
| Chair | Bob Holdsworth | 11/12 |  |
| Captain | Tom Hillier | 12/12 |  |
| Honorary Treasurer | Louise Summers | 11/12 |  |
| Honorary Secretary | Angela Warburton | 8/12 |  |
| Safety Adviser | Steven Leigh | 9/12 |  |
| Equipment Manager | Lucy Radley | 12/12 |  |
| Publicity Officer | Lucy Radley |  | Lucy relinquished this position part way through the year |
| Vice Captain | Lucy Radley | 12/12 |  |
| Vice Captain | Greg Beswick | 12/12 |  |
| Membership Secretary | Fiona Ventress | 12/12 |  |
| Assistant Secretary | Rebecca Graham | 11/11 |  |
| TUBC representative | Liam Reekie | 3/5 | This role has not been filled upon Liam’s end of term |
| Ordinary Member | Richard Olver | 9/12 |  |
| Ordinary Member | Fiona Mortimer | 9/12 |  |
| Co-opted: Competitition/Events  Coordinator | Steve Heath | 6 |  |

Throughout the year, the Committee agreed to:

* First Aid courses being provided free of charge – March
* All entry fees *(for all groups)*, including associated trailer costs to major events be paid by the committee – April
* The purchase of 12 lifejackets – April
* Change the definition of student membership in the Club Rules – May
* Source the accommodation for a Junior Coach at Junior events; giving the option for the coach to pay the extra for upgrade – June
* Promote the purchase of kit from Rival Kit - July
* Match fund NRC for 2 members on the Club Coach Level 2 course
* The role of Publicity Officer being given the option to attend committee meetings, with no voting rights, akin to that of Events Co-ordinator
* The change the definition of rehabilitation in the Club Rules to include injury and temporary medical conditions – November

The beginning of the year was full of good intentions and we hoped to celebrate our return to the water with a BBQ, which did not transpire. Things were delayed as we appropriately took on board Government and British Rowing Covid-19 advice. Not surprisingly, as restrictions started to lift, the number of competitions attended and boat usage has also increased.

Our Learn-to-Row programmes were organised successfully by Dick Wilkinson and Kate O’Sullivan. The committee appreciate all the effort and time committed by all involved.

**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.

Thanks to Steven Leigh, who has done a sterling job in not only educating the membership on safety issues, but also continues to be proactive in the maintenance of safety equipment. Additionally, he and Stephen Heath can be commended on their preparation of risk assessments and attention to detail regarding the Tees Small Boats Head.

Additional thanks to Lucy Radley, who initially covered the role of Equipment Manager temporarily before deciding to take it on board on a more permanent basis. Thanks to those members who support Lucy in maintaining our fleet. Appreciation also to Greg Beswick for his support with fleet management and erg/bike coordination, and to Greg and Sean Kenneally for their time given to club circuit organisation.

Thanks to TRUT and RTWC administration and facility staff who have beenworking in the best interest of its members throughout the pandemic. Reaction to Government changes has been quick. Views by the committee have been taken onboard and practice has been adjusted in a safe way to ensure the continuity of our sport.

Thanks to Liam Reekie who was pinnacle to the review of the agreement between the University and TRC.

Thanks to Liz Puddick and Dick Wilkinson for their years of service as umpires. If anyone is interested in ‘having a go’ at umpiring please contact Dilwyn Jones.

SBH/LDS – Thanks to Ken Watson who agreed to lead the Events Team and act as administrator on BROE. Furthermore, thanks to Dilwyn Jones for his deputisation on BROE.

Without going into detail, I would personally like to thank all of the committee for their understanding and support for me this year. Due to a change in personal circumstances and reduced time in being able to fully commit, it is with regret that I step down as Secretary. Special thanks to Tom Hillier, Louise Summers and Lucy Radley for their empathy and caring support throughout the year and to Rebecca Graham for her valued support as assistant secretary.

**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:

* Angela Warburton as Secretary
* Steven Leigh as Safety Adviser
* Neil Dunning as President

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, Catering Leader, Entries Secretary

# MEMBERSHIP FEES

Despite the increase imposed from TRUT, the committee proposes that our fees remain unchanged for 2022/23.

# PRIVATE BOAT INSURANCE

Following the review of members Private Boat insurance, in line with club policy I am pleased to report all members fully comply.

# BENEVOLENT FUND

We are pleased that this fund is being used for the benefit of club membership.

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 send strength and wish a speedy recovery to those who are currently facing their own battles.

Angela Warburton March 2022