**TEES ROWING CLUB**

**Minutes of the 72nd Annual General Meeting**

Held on Sunday 17 February 2019 at 10.30am at the River Tees Watersports Centre, The Slipway, North Shore, Stockton on Tees

**Present**

Robert Bainbridge, Fiona Barlow, Stuart Barlow, Mark Benson, Greg Beswick, Nick Boyne-Cross , Claire Bramley, David Brindle, Harry Clark, Liam Clarke, Daniel Condren, Rosie Cooper, John Corbey, Pauline Cornforth, Victoria Dektereff, Dionne Dunning, Neil Dunning, Sean Field, John Gibb, Rebecca Graham, John Green, Catherine Hatch, Louise Henderson, Ross Henderson, Tom Hillier, Bob Holdsworth, Dilwyn Jones, Sean Kenneally, Chris Kenyon, Liz Leigh, Steven Leigh, Jo Lloyd, Sarah Lowry, Denise McArdle, Paul McCartie, Iona MacLeod, Peter Mackfall, Emily Morton, Richard Olver, John Pattison, Ralph Pickles, Alan Puddick, Elizabeth Puddick, Lucy Radley, David Renn, James Renn, Liberty Regan, James Reynolds, Cloe-Louise Stone, David Storry, Karami Ure, Fiona Ventress, Angela Warburton, David Warburton, Michael Watterston, Janet Wilkinson, Graham York

The meeting was chaired by the Chair, Bob Holdsworth

**Apologies received from** Alan Ure, John Winton, Ken Watson, Roger Brisley

**The Minutes of the 71st Annual General Meeting** held on 11th March 2018 were received and approved at the meeting. Proposed by Dionne Dunning seconded by Bob Bainbridge.

**There were no matters arising from the Minutes**

**The reports from Club Officers** having been published prior to the meeting were presented for approval.

The **Captain’s Report, Honorary Secretary’s Report, Honorary Treasurer’s Report, and Regatta Report** were presented for approval.

Dilwyn Jones addressed the meeting briefly to thank all Regatta volunteers and inform the membership that there are spaces on the Regatta Committee for more volunteers. The 2019 Regatta will take place on May 18th.

There were no further questions on the reports which, on a proposal by Sean Keneally and seconded by Liz Puddick were accepted and approved by the meeting.

**The Annual Accounts** to the financial year ending 30th November 2018 having been published prior to the meeting, were presented by the Honorary Treasurer. On a proposal by Richard Olver and seconded by Sean Kenneally, the accounts were accepted and approved by the meeting.

**Membership fees for 2019-20**

The Honorary Treasurer proposed to hold fees at their current level but explained that future increases were inevitable due, amongst other reasons, to increases in fees from RTWC. The membership groups were also left as last year.

**Constitution change**

The Honorary Secretary informed the meeting that British Rowing had added a new requirement as a condition for affiliation. The constitution must include a statement of commitment to the guidance of water safety issued by British Rowing and through RowSafe. The attending members voted unanimously in favour of this change.

**Election of Officers and other Committee Members.** Nominations for the majority of positions had been published on the Meeting Agenda together with notice from Dan Reading to stand down as Captain, Chris Kenyon as Equipment Manager and Greg Beswick as Coaching Co-ordinator.

The following were the only candidates and agreed to continue in their role prior to the meeting:

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| President | Neil Dunning |
| Chair | Bob Holdsworth |
| Honorary Secretary | Nick Boyne-Cross |
| Honorary Treasurer | Mark Benson |
| Vice Captain | Lucy Radley |
| Safety Adviser | Alan Puddick |
| Publicity Officer | Lucy Radley |
| Assistant Treasurer | Fiona Ventress |
| Assistant Secretary | Karami Ure |
| Equipment Manager | Vacant |
| Ordinary Member | Dionne Dunning |
| Ordinary Member | Richard Olver |

Tom Hillier was the only candidate for Captain, nominated by Lucy Radley and seconded by Neil Dunning He was elected by an almost unanimous show of hands.

Greg Beswick was the only candidate for Vice Captain, nominated by Sarah Lowry and seconded by Ian Ronald. He was elected by an almost unanimous show of hands.

Steve Leigh was the only candidate for Coaching Co-ordinator, nominated by Greg Beswick and seconded by Lucy Radley. He was elected by an almost unanimous show of hands.

There were no nominations for the post of Equipment Manager and so it remained vacant.

The President spoke on behalf of the members of the Club to thank Chris Kenyon for his excellent contribution to the maintenance and condition of the fleet. Chris responded by pointing out that the Recreational Rowers have contributed to keeping the launches and other mechanical assets maintained. He also congratulated members on keeping the fleet clean and encouraged them to keep it up.

**The Captain, Tom Hillier, spoke briefly** to say his focus would be on the organisation of the squads and the organisation of events to bring the Club together. He will update the Five Year Plan and develop a refresh programme for the fleet. He would like to instill a sense of charity, extending the fund-raising at the mini-heads. He hopes to instigate a Club barbecue and generally enable people to have fun and enjoy themselves.

**Confirmation of the Appointment of the Tees Rowing Club representative to the Board of the Tees River Users Trust (TRUT)**

Dick Marlow was confirmed as Tees RC Representative on TRUT.

**Appointment of Auditors for 2018-2019.** Baldwins (formerly S V Bye and Co), Chartered Accountants have offered to continue to act for Tees RC as the Club’s Auditors, however, they must now charge for their services. The meeting accepted this offer and confirmed their appointment, proposed by Mark Benson, seconded by Graham York.

**AOB**

Chris Kenyon informed the meeting of the recent death of Roger Chicken, a life member of Tees and lately a member of Hollingworth Lake.

Chris also reminded the members present that the boat, David Bye, was named in honour of one of the family of the accountants, S V Bye, who was a member of the Club for many years.

A question was raised about using software from British Rowing for the mini-head results. Dilwyn Jones talked about the software developed by Richard Mortimer at Durham used for the region’s events. Dilwyn will raise with Richard.

**The meeting closed at 11.20 am.**

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