

## Minutes of the Durham Regatta Annual General Meeting

Held at Durham Amateur Rowing Club on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

**Present:** (TOWN members unless otherwise indicated)

Nigel van Zwanenberg, Charly Curtis, Chris Bell, June Clough, Doug Stewart, Joe Plunkett (SCSBC), Tom Morell (DUBC), Elizabeth Robertson (SMCBC), Mark Brian (Team Durham), David Squirrell (DCR), Charlie Noel (SACBC), Alicia Webster (HCBC), Janice Herrod, Andrew Stephens, Barry Hudson, Louis Schilders (GCBC), Fergus Walsh (SJCBC), Colin Lawson, Nellie Chadwick-Smith (DCR/HBBC), Liam Home (BCBC), Seb Bagley (SSBC), Dot Stewart, D Mortimer, R Mortimer, Chris Merchant.

**1. Apologies:** His Worship the Mayor of Durham, Andrew Curtis, Sarah-Louise Wheeler.

**2. Approval of Minutes from previous AGM 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017:** Taken as true record.

**3. Matters Arising:** None

**4. Accounts year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018:** The draft accounts were presented for the information of the meeting and questions invited.

A copy of the draft accounts are attached with the distribution of these minutes.

**5. Executive Committee report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017:**

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**6. Questions to the Committee:** There were no questions from the Members present.

**7. Retirement of outgoing President:** The meeting expressed its gratitude to Doug Stewart for his major contribution to the regatta over many years.

**8. Election of Officers for the 2019 regatta**

Nominations, appropriately proposed and seconded, having been received, the following officers were duly elected for the year 2018/2019:

**1. President:** C Curtis, proposed by N van Zwanenberg, seconded by C Lawson.  
Elected unanimously.

**2. Chairman:** N van Zwanenberg, proposed by R Mortimer, seconded by J C Merchant.  
Elected unanimously.

**3. Treasurer:** J Herrod, proposed by C Curtis, seconded by D Mortimer.  
Elected unanimously

**4. Secretary:** J C Merchant, proposed by N van Zwanenberg, seconded by R Mortimer.  
Elected unanimously

**5. Entries Secretary:** R Mortimer, proposed by C Bell, seconded by A Curtis.  
Elected unanimously

**6. Sponsorship Secretary:** D Mortimer, proposed by C Curtis, seconded by N van Zwanenberg.  
Elected unanimously



7. Site Manager(s): C Bell, proposed by D Mortimer, seconded by D Robinson and A Curtis, proposed by J Herrod, seconded by N van Zwanenberg.  
Elected unanimously
8. Chair(s) of Race and Technical Committee: A Stephens, proposed by D Robinson, seconded by R Mortimer and C Curtis, proposed by N van Zwanenberg, seconded by J C Merchant.  
Elected unanimously
9. Press & Publicity: C Lawson, proposed by C Curtis , seconded by C Bell.  
Elected unanimously
10. Safety Advisor – Chair of Safety Sub-Committee: D Robinson, proposed by A Stephens, seconded by C Curtis.  
Elected unanimously
11. Equipment Officer(s): No nominations received. The Committee will seek to co-opt an appropriate person(s).
12. Welfare Officer: No nominations received. The Committee will seek to co-opt an appropriate person(s).
13. Volunteer Co-ordinator: M Gilbank, proposed by R Mortimer, seconded by N van Zwanenberg.  
Elected Unanimously.

**9. Future Planning (areas for consideration):**

- Attracting more university / college crews to regatta - explore utilising student ambassadors to host visiting university/college crews.
- Improve marketing of the regatta - explore utilising resources within university marketing course to improve regatta reach.
- Improve Volunteer numbers - The university run schemes to encourage students to volunteer which we could tap into.
- Improve Racking within Boat Park – Availability of temporary racking / scaffolding

**10. AOB**      None

Meeting closed 20:35

Next Meeting: Members Meeting - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019