



Minutes of the Durham Regatta Annual General Meeting

Held (via 'Zoom') on Wednesday, 20th November 2019

Present: (TOWN members unless otherwise indicated)

George Adair, Chris Bell, Mark Bell, Ella Bicknell (HCBC), Mark Brian (Durham University/Director), Oscar Brown (SCCBC), Robin Byers (Durham County Council/Director), Charlotte Carter (SCSBC), Jack Chrisp (CCBC), Rebecca Clarke (SMCBC), Alice Cooper (TCBC), Charly Curtis, Mark Gilbank, Harry Green (GSCBC), Lewis Hall (JBCBC), Sam Hawes (GCBC), Ollie Hawken (UCBC), James Lamb (Director), Jake Lane (DUBC), Colin Lawson (DARC), Cameron Lee (UCBC), Ollie Le May (HBCBC), Yasmin Zhaung Mackie (SMCBC), Margot MacMahon (SCSBC), Benedick Meehan (CCBC), Debbie Mortimer, Richard Mortimer (Director), Holly Parkes (VMCBC), Franek Pauwels (SACBC/DCR), Hannah Rayden (VMCBC), David Robinson, Will Robson (JSBC), Dasha Scanlan-Oumow (HBCBC), Celina Shepherd (HCBC), Ian Shore (DUBC), David Squirrell (DCR), Andrew Stephens, Jessica Tempest (SCCBC), James Thompson (JBCBC), Phoebe Traquair (JSCBC), Nigel van Zwanenberg (Director), Ewan Wallace (TCBC), Caidan Whittaker (SJCBC)

In attendance: Ken Hastie, Jock Wishart

At the President's request the meeting observed a short period of silence in memory of former contributors to the regatta, including Clive Hole and May Parker, who have died during the past year.

1 Apologies: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Durham, Andrew Curtis, Jim Dulling

2 Approval of Minutes from previous AGM 20th November 2019: Taken as true record.

3 Matters Arising: None

4 Accounts year ending 31st August 2020:

The accounts are close to being finalised and will be made available to all members following sign off from the Directors. James Lamb, Director with responsibility for Finance, provided a summary to the meeting.

5 Executive Committee report for the year ending 31st August 2020:

A copy of the report is attached with the distribution of these minutes.

6 Questions to the Committee: Responses to questions on regatta planning for 2021 in the light of the continuation of Covid-19 and on dredging were discussed under items 8 and 9 below.

7 Election of Officers for the 2021 regatta

Nominations, appropriately proposed and seconded, having been received, the following officers were duly elected for the year 2020/2021:



- 7.1** President: Charly Curtis
- 7.2** Chairman: Nigel van Zwanenberg
- 7.3** Treasurer: vacant
- 7.4** Secretary: Andrew Fisk
- 7.5** Entries Secretary: Eddie Bryant
- 7.6** Sponsorship Secretary: Deborah Mortimer
- 7.7** Site Manager(s): Chris Bell and Andrew Curtis
- 7.8** Chair(s) of Race and Technical Committee: Andrew Stephens and Charly Curtis
- 7.9** Press & Publicity: Colin Lawson
- 7.10** Safety Advisor – Chair of Safety Sub-Committee: David Robinson
- 7.11** Equipment Officer(s): Dan Lockey
- 7.12** Welfare Officer: Stella van Zwanenberg
- 7.13** Volunteer Co-ordinator: Mark Gilbank
- 7.14** Technical Adviser: Richard Mortimer

- 7.15** The meeting noted the appointment of Mark Gilbank as Covid-19 Officer

8 Future Planning

The Executive committee has established small working groups to plan as flexibly as possible, currently for a spectator-free regatta in June 2021, with the intention of completing a draft Event Plan for submission in January 2021. Offers of assistance from the membership were welcomed and invitations to join the groups will be sent following the meeting.

9 AOB

The Chairman briefed the meeting on the latest position with the survey of the River Wear and the application on behalf of the regatta for a permit from the Environment Agency (EA) to carry out a capital dredge of the river in the vicinity of DARC and the upper reach of the regatta short course. As soon as the EA provide a list of EA approved contractors, the regatta will obtain estimates for the work and seek finance for its completion, planned for early spring 2021. Again offers of assistance from the membership were welcomed.

Meeting closed 7.50pm

Next Meeting: Members Meeting - Wednesday 17^h February 2021