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## Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of Durham Regatta held virtually, via Zoom, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Present (& by Zoom):** Attendance Sheet attached

**1. Apologies:** David Robinson, Eddie Bryant, James Lamb, The Mayor of Durham, Nigel van Zwanenberg, Colin Lawson

**2. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings:** Minutes of previous AGM 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 have been approved subject to small changes.

**3. Matters Arising:**

Nothing to report.

**4. Accounts of the year ending August 2023:**

See Treasurer's report attached. - No questions received.

**5. Executive Committee report for the year ending 31st August 2023**

See Chairmans report attached.

**6. Questions to the committee:**

**6.1.** Anything going to be put in place for the backlog of the regatta at the start especially due to the heatwave

⇒ 3 Main issues; is volume of rowers at any one time on the water, so going to be looking at the programme of events, significantly more races on Saturday than on Sunday; stake boat practice wasn't well attended, so getting on to stake boats with inexperienced crews delayed racing, not just college but also junior crews need to be experienced; the river itself due to the delay of dredging the river.

⇒ We do have procedures in place to limit number of crews on the water, ideal is no more than 5 or 6 races on the water queuing to keep crews under cover. Problem was training of the marshals due to turn over of volunteers – need to prepare volunteers in advance to keep queues at a reasonable length.

⇒ Regatta should have put out announcement over tannoy to inform crews of delay in racing on Saturday morning. Please let the regatta know if the PA system isn't working or isn't loud enough on the day.

⇒ Correlation for time taken to start and experience of Umpires on the start also – something which will be taken into account.

**6.2.** Not known about stake-boat practice until day before event.

⇒ Was told to members at the AGM and in members meeting prior to the regatta.



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⇒ Need to make sure that the changeover of Captains (since usually around DR) is communicated.

## 7. Officer elections:

Position	Standee	Proposer	Second
President	Charly Curtis	Izzy Friedlander	Richard Mortimer
Chairman	Michael Laing	Izzy Friedlander	Charly Curtis
Treasurer	James Lamb	David Squirrell	Chris Bell
Secretary	Izzy Friedlander	Michael Laing	Andrew Stephens
Entries Secretary	David Squirrell	Chris Bell	Michael Laing
Entries Secretary	Eddie Bryant	Debbie Mortimer	Charly Curtis
Sponsorship Officer	<b>Unfilled</b>		
Sponsorship Secretary	Debbie Mortimer	Izzy Friedlander	Andrew Curtis
Site Manager	Chris Bell	Charly Curtis	David Squirrell
Site Manager	Andrew Curtis	Izzy Friedlander	Andrew
Chair of R&T	Andrew Stephens Charly Curtis	Michael Laing	Izzy Friedlander
Press Officer	Colin Lawson	James Lamb	Richard Mortimer
Press Officer	Rachel Wilson	Izzy Friedlander	David Robinson
Safety Officer	David Robinson	Michael Laing	David Squirrell
Equipment Officer	Vaughan Gordon		
Welfare Officer	Sarah-Louise Wheeler	James Lamb	Izzy Friedlander
Volunteer Coordinator	Dan Lockey	Michael Laing	David Squirrell
Supporting Events Coordinator	Debbie Mortimer	David Squirrell	Eddie Bryant
Technical Advisor	Richard Mortimer	Michael Laing	David Robinson

No objections to any of the proposed officers for the Durham Regatta Executive Committee.

## 8. Future Planning

Hoping to run a full and successful regatta in 2024 as in 2023.

## 9. AOB

9.1. Nothing to report.

**The executive committee would like to give thanks to Stella van Zwanenberg for**



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**their dedicated service as Welfare Officer for many years**

Meeting Closed 19:41