

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HANTS & DORSET AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE ITCHEN IMPERIAL ROWING CLUB, SOUTHAMPTON, ON SATURDAY, 19th MARCH, 2016 at 10.30am.

There were 33 delegates in attendance when, in the absence of the Chairman Martin Bradbeer, the President, John Purkess opened the meeting with all Clubs represented except Worthing and all events issued with a permit represented.

Apologies were received from – Martin Bradbeer, Chairman and Itchen – who had been called away for work and Mike Green, H&D VP and Christchurch.

The Association Started the meeting by proposing that in the absence of the Chairman, the Association President. John Purkess be asked to chair the meeting which was agreed unanimously

The minutes of the previous AGM had been circulated in advance of the meeting and were agreed to be a true record on a proposal from Bob Sivier, seconded by Jeff Watling subject to a minor error that was noted – where under Race Officials for the SCC the minutes had stated Swanage when it should have read Wimbleball. The Matters arising from previous meeting of the Association – the Council Meeting of the 17th October, that would not be covered in the agenda were – 1) The H&DARA still had to pay the agreed financial contribution from the Hants & Dorset ARA to the Wessex Regional Rowing Council of £250 for 2015 – the Association Treasurer – Sue Sothcott would arrange. 2) The First boat from Southampton mold to be built by Burgashell had still not been completed. 3) The need to purchase more H&D Championship Medals - where the usual supplier having appeared to have gone out of business. Denny Woodford, H&D VP and BTC – has agreed to undertake this task and provided the meeting with quotes – a Chinese version at £2.65 per medal plus a one off set-up/die charge of £90 and a 10 - 12 week delivery or a British version – at £5 per medal plus a one off set-up/die charge of £504 and delivery of 8 weeks. With delivery not the critical issue and the Chinese quote being significantly cheaper – but with some concerns over the quality of the product – the meeting agreed with Denny Woodfords proposal that we should order 100 from the Chinese provider – to check the quality and if satisfactory to purchase a larger quantity – and he agreed to do this on the Associations behalf. Note: We have sufficient medals to cover the 2016 season. 4) Issues at Newport Regatta – inadequate radios, poor boat marshalling – needs dedicated marshals and PA system closer to boat park and perhaps a new “system” – was, as requested discussed at the Race Officials Meeting and a and a set of recommendations sent to Newport with the offer of a meeting with Race Officials Committee to discuss. The Newport delegates confirmed that the list of recommendations had been received and were under consideration and that a response would be forth coming soon. 5) Swanage Regatta – it was confirmed that the repairs to the Swanage Trophies promised by the Mayor of Swanage had been completed with the Council paying half the cost. 6) The Regatta & Head Race dates for 2016 - Lymington is planned to take place on Saturday, 28th May – subject to H&D AGM agreement. 7) The “Rules Sub-Committee had been asked to reconvene prior to the AGM to consider some proposals to go before the AGM for consideration and had meet as requested and their report has been circulated and was an Agenda item. 8) The Association Secretary had been tasked to write a letter of thanks to Alex Barnes of Lymington – and his company South Coast Journalism for his reporting on the 2015 Hants & Dorset season and this had been sent.

The Secretary's Report on the 2015 Season had been previously circulated so was not read at the meeting – but was accepted without amendment on a proposal from Denny Woodford, seconded by John Bailey [*see attached. Appendix 1.*]

The Association Secretary then reported on the correspondence he had received and undertaken on behalf of the Association since the Council Meeting in November noting that all matters of correspondence that relate to Agenda items would be reported on and considered at that point in the

meeting. He reported that he had undertaken all the usual correspondence relating to Hants & Dorset ARA activities including preparation of information on the 2015 season for the British Rowing Almanac and South Coast Rowing handbook. He had made arrangements and sent out notices for the Racing Officials Meeting at BTC in January and the Water Safety Meeting at Poole in February. He stated that Communication from the Association is, in almost every case, now electronic and by E Mail only including notices, agenda's and related documents for these meeting and the minutes from them – plus this AGM – and these are also all downloadable from the H&D ARA Web site. The Association the Association Secretary detailed the meetings he had attended on behalf of the including the National Water Safety Meeting's described the element of secretarial and administrative services he had provided for the Associations Umpires Committee and the Safety Committee. Following the Annual Presentation Dinner in November he had written to Paula Williams to thank her for organizing the event last year - and to Barbara Carr to keep her informed on whom won the Trophy donated in memory of her late husband Hank and as requested at the Council meeting to Alex Barnes of Lymington – and his company South Coast Journalism – to thank him for his reporting and publicity of the Association which has been well received.

There were twenty-six fines imposed for Late Scratching but none for failure to attend a pre-regatta briefing. Thirteen of twenty-six fines imposed were the subject of appeals - which were reviewed by the Associations Executive Officers at the Autumn Council meeting with 11 appeals upheld and the fines refunded.

A fixture list from WEARA – but no list of Association Officers and Club and Regatta officers as yet – and nothing had been received from CARA -who's AGM is not until the end of April. Both these Associations have had a copy of the H&D ARA Fixture List for 2016 and it was noted from the WEARA Fixture List that that the date of the Port of Bideford Regatta – which is traditionally the first week in September – and would have clashed with the South Coast Championships at Herne Bay has been moved to the last Saturday in August - to avoid this clash and hopefully they will be equally accommodating in 2017.

There has been no Association Bulletin sent out since the Autumn Council meeting – with information being spread in the main via the posting of updates on the H&D Web Site and via the Associations Twitter feed and Face Book page. Between 1/3/15 and 1/3/16 – 104 Updates & Tweets and face book posts were sent out. The Secretary reported that in line with this and the move towards E Mail Communication the various forms required by Clubs, Events and Racing Officials for the forthcoming season would be sent out by E Mail – and would available to be downloaded from the Hants & Dorset ARA Web. The Association Secretary is equally happy – indeed would prefer - to receive all these completed forms electronically by E Mail. Hard copies can be provided on request.

The Hants & Dorset ARA Web – at www.hdara.co.uk has been maintained – and is reasonably up to day – although information often changes and so keeping it completely up to date can be a challenge. Any updates posted are automatically sent to the Associations Twitter feed (@hdara) and to its Facebook page. Where possible Event invitations and draws are added to and can be downloaded from their respective calendar entries on the Association Calendar on the home page. The minutes of all the H&D Meetings are available to down load from the site, there is an expanding safety sections including links to safety related videos and documents. I have started, but not completed, adding maps to event locations and event course maps – see each event entry in the events section. Between 1st March 2015 and 1st March 2016 the Web site had 43,167 page views – an average of 3,597 a month – and 23,035 visits – an average of 1,919 per month – significantly higher than the previous year. The H&D Twitter feed has 241 followers at the moment – up 20% on last year.

The website also host's the website for the 2017 South Coast Rowing Championships- in a special section – which had a well-publicized “quick link”. This in the early stages of development and more information will be added as the event draws nearer.

As advised at the Autumn Council three requests for additional Hants & Dorset ARA Championship Medals for 2015 had been received - one for the Ladies Junior Four – Itchen Imperial – Rosie Daniels; one for Ladies Masters Fours – Christchurch – Rachael Williams and two for the Men's Junior Pair – Westover & Bournemouth – R. Shaw & J. Williams. The results for these Championships was analyzed and the agreed rule applied and reviewed by the Associations Executive Officers – who's recommendation was that all applications should be accepted which was endorsed by the meeting. The Association Secretary would arrange for the additional medals to be issued to the respective clubs.

An application for affiliation to the Association had been received from a newly formed Rowing Club – the Dolphin Rowing Club, based in Emsworth, Hampshire. All the criteria for affiliation, under the Rules of the Association had been met including the payment of the initial affiliation fee and a delegate from the Club – Jessie Lyones – was in attendance at the meeting. He introduced the Club to the meeting and gave some additional background and after the briefest of discussions the Meeting agreed to the Affiliation of the Dolphin Rowing on a proposal from Denny Woodford, seconded by Pete Staddon, with a unanimous vote. Contact information for Jessie Lyons/Dolphin Rowing Club is as follows - Postal Address: 11, Bosmere Gardens, Emsworth, Hants. PO10 7NP. Mobile: 07773 364969. E Mail: jesseloynes@gmail.com.

The meeting then considered the Treasurer's Report and balance sheet which was circulated at the meeting [see attached. Appendix 2]and included the accounts of Swanage Regatta. They showed the Associations accounts to be in a reasonable situation with a very healthy South Coast Championship fund. The Association auditor confirmed that he had audited the accounts and found them to be all in order. The meeting then adopted the accounts – including the accounts from 2015 Swanage Regatta on a proposal from Denny Woodford, seconded by Peter Jacobs. It was noted that the new weights and swivels for the Marker buoys had been purchased from the Swanage Regatta profits at a cost of £158.28 and a contribution of £350 had been made to the Trophy repairs – Swanage Council paying the balance.

The Election of the Association Officers for 2016 then took place as follows - President – John Purkess of BTC having served the maximum of two years stood down, with the thanks of the Association – and Pete Staddon of Christchurch Rowing Club was unanimously elected in his place on a proposal from John Purkess, seconded by Ian Hutchings – his first duty on taking office, having thanked the Association for the honor, being to present John Purkess with his past Presidents Medal. Chairman – Martin Bradbeer of Itchen Imperial was unanimously re-elected, in his absence, for a third year on a proposal from Max Maxwell, seconded by Bob Sivier. Treasurer – Sue Sothcott of Poole Rowing Club was unanimously re-elected for a second year on a proposal from John Purkess, seconded by Pete Jacobs, The Association Secretary – Steve Bull – was also unanimously re-elected on a proposal from Bob Sivier, seconded by John Adams and this included the agreement of a continued Secretaries Honorarium of £500. Following his re-election the Association Secretary stated that further to his statement made last year he had given further consideration to his situation and had decided that, subject to re-election over the next two years – he would be standing down as the Association Secretary at the AGM of March, 2019. The meeting thanked Steve for making his intentions clear and briefly discussed ways of spreading the workload of the Association Secretary and beginning to hand over some of the roles. It was thought best, due to a conflict of interest, that the Hon. Auditor – Pete Staddon – having been elected as Chairman of the Association should stand down and on a proposal from Steve Bull, seconded by Denny Woodford Keith Warland of Coalporters Rowing Club was elected in his place. Trustees to the Association - John Bailey, Ian Hutchings and Mike Green were re-appointed unanimously on a proposal from Denny Woodford, seconded by Bob Sivier. It was noted that Hon. Member Jimmy Jewell and the Associations Life Vice Presidents – C. Eales, I. Hutchings, B. Hartland, E. Shergold, S. Moody, M. Green, P.

Glover, P. Trist, K. Warland, S. Bull, J. Bailey, D. Woodford, R. Sivier, M. Viner, A. Wigmore. J. Bryant, K. Ayles, J. Purkess, John Adams and S. Sothcott retained their positions.

The meeting was advised that the South Coast Rowing Handbook, where it was a bit more of a struggle to gather in the information this year, is due for publication in late April/ Early May and will be in the same format as last year and at a similar cost so there is no need to increase the Club contribution.

The South Coast levy on entry fees - currently £1 per seat – was reviewed by the meeting and there was a brief discussion on whether there was need to increase this in view of the three year cycle between hosting the event but, on a proposal from Gary Joyce, seconded by Pete Jacobs it was agreed to keep this the same. It was noted that the balance available from the South Coast Levy for the funding of future championships currently stood at - £21,554.

The rates of subscription permit fees and entry fees for the year were then discussed by the meeting and it was agreed on a proposal from John Purkess, seconded by Sue Sothcott that these should also remain unchanged at - Subscriptions - £2.50 per registered member/minimum £60 + £46 Handbook contribution making minimum £106; Regatta permit - £20; Entry fees - £4.00 per seat + £1.00 South Coast Levy total per seat - £5.

The Regatta dates for 2016 were confirmed as follows -

<u>REGATTA DATES – 2016</u>			<i>H&D ARA Championship Regatta's are shown in CAPITALS.</i>	<i>Approx. start time if advised.</i>	<i>Earliest Date Entries can close. (3 week rule)</i>
Sat	21 st	February	Itchen Eights & Fours HARR. <u>CANCELLED.</u>	10.00am	14/02/16
Sat	12 th	March	Christchurch Hd of the Stour.	11.00am	05/03/16
Sat	26	March	BTC River & Coastal HARR.	12.30pm	12/03/16
Sat	9 th	April	Southampton Coastal HARR.		
Sat	14 th	May	COALPORTERS.	10.30am	23/04/16
Sat	21 st	May	RYDE.	10.00am	30/04/16
Sun	22 nd	May	SHANKLIN.	11:00am	01/05/16
Sat	28 th	May	LYMINGTON/MILFORD-ON-SEA,		07/05/15
Sat	4 th	June	CHRISTCHURCH.		14/05/15
Sat	11 th	June	POOLE		21/05/15
Sat	18 th	June	NEWPORT.		28/05/15
Sun	19 th	June	NEWPORT Junior & SMALL BOATS.		29/05/15
Sat	25 th	June	SWANAGE. <i>subject to confirmation from STC.</i>		04/06/15
Sat	9 th	July	BOURNEMOUTH.		18/06/15
Sat	16 th	July	SOUTHSEA		25/06/15
Sat	23 rd	July	WOOLSTON		02/07/15
Sat	13 th	August	ITCHEN	11:00am	23/07/15
Sat	20 th	August	BTC	11:30am	30/07/15
Sun	21 st	August	Championship/SCC selection row-offs – if reqd	11:00am	Dock Head.
Sat	3 rd	September	South Coast Championship Regatta. Herne Bay.		13/08/15

Dates still to be advised -
 Itchen Junior Regatta.
 Wessex Junior Regatta, Bryanston.

Other dates to note -

Sat	19th	March	Tideway HARR
Sun	27 th	March	University Boat Race
TBA		April	Junior Inter Regionals, Nottingham? TBC
Wed.	29 th	June	Henley Royal Regatta
Sun.	3 rd	July	

TBA July National Junior Championships.

With the balance sheet for Swanage Regatta having already been approved by the meeting the format of the Committee was given consideration and with most of the Clubs and individuals who had supported the event in recent years pledging their continued support the meeting agreed that the existing format should continue with the Association Secretary coordinating the preparations as he had in the past few years.

A report on the recent South Coast Council Meeting and changes to the South Coast Council Rules was then reviewed – a report on the AGM having been circulated in advance by Hants & Dorset ARA SCC delegate Denny Woodford. [*see attached – Appendix 3.*]

The Association Secretary queried why WEARA had not been fined for their failure to provide a race Official – a Boat Inspector (for at least the 2nd year running) at the 2015 SCC. Apparently WEARA had stated that a Boat Inspector had been provided – although no one at the meeting had seen him – and all inspections had been undertaken by H&D ARA's Steve Bull and CARA's Phil McCorry. The Secretary asked that this matter be brought to the attention of the South Coast Council again at the next meeting.

Denny Woodford then reported in more detail on the CARA proposals for Changes to the South Coast Council Rules and the results of the discussions and vote that had taken place at the SCC AGM. It was noted that after our Association Autumn Council Meeting – but prior to the Associations AGM – we received a block of proposed changes to the Rules of the South Coast Council from CARA. With no opportunity to debate these in an Association General Meeting but with the need to provide our South Coast Council delegates with some guidance on which way they should vote at the South Coast Council AGM in January – we consulted as widely as possible with the Associations affiliated clubs via E Mail – circulating a copy of CARA proposals and they were also debated by the Associations Rules Sub Committee – at its January Meeting and at the January's Race Officials Meeting – with the Associations Executive Officers – considering the views expressed and then advising our delegates on which way to vote at the South Coast Council AGM. The meeting agreed that this had been an acceptable and appropriate procedure for considering the CARA proposals – and it was clear that consultation within the H&D ARA was significantly more than took place within either of the other two Associations – some CARA Clubs appearing to be totally unaware of the rule changes that were proposed in their name.

The Rule Changes were duly considered at the South Coast Council AGM in January where the Hants & Dorset ARA Delegates views were presented to the meeting. The CARA proposals – the H&D ARA view – and the result of the results of the vote at the South Coast Council AGM are attached. [See Appendix 4].

The Race Officials for the 2016 South Coast Rowing Championships at Swanage, following the recommendation from the Race officials meeting were then appointed, on a proposal from Alan Wigmore, seconded by Pat Glover, as follows –
Race officials for 2016 South Coast Championships Regatta at Hearne Bay on 3rd September, 2016 is as follows -

CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE – Sharon Ayles.

STARTER – Pete Staddon.

JUDGE - John Adams.

OPEN UMPIRE – Andy Parsons.

RESERVES – Penny Budd, ~~Dan Angell~~ Collins, Martin Bradbeer.

Boat Inspections – Steve Bull.

and the Associations delegates to the South Coast Council - Bob Sivier, Denis Woodford, and Andy Sothcott were unanimously re-elected on a proposal from Steve Bull seconded by Adam Radcliffe.

[Note. H&D Life Members of the South Coast Council are - Brent Hartland, Ted Shergold, and Keith Warland.]

A brief update on the arrangements and organization of the 2017 South Coast Championships Regatta to be hosted by the Association, at Dorney Lake, Eton on the 2nd September, 2017 was presented to the meeting by the Organising Committee Chairman – John Purkess. This was based on the presentation made to the AGM of the South Coast Council in January, 2016 and circulated to the Associations affiliated VP's Club and Event Secretaries in March, 2016. John commented that the Committee was still in price negotiations with Dorney Lake.

The notes from last meeting of the Competition and Rules Sub Committee which had been previously circulated were briefly discussed – with Adam Ratcliffe confirmed as Chairman and Jeff Watling as Secretary, before the meeting moved on to consider the amendments and additions to Association Rules that resulted from the Sub Committee Meetings, the consultation process and proposal from Clubs. This included the annual review of the number of wins a Novice is required to get before promotion and the meeting agreed to leave this at one for Fours and two for Scullers.

Inevitable after the major revision of the rules some minor errors had been discovered which need amending & ratification at this AGM. These had already been discussed in detail and agreed at the Autumn Council meeting – and so minimum further consideration was necessary – the meeting approving the following amendments -

HANTS AND DORSET ARA RULES FOR BOAT RACING.

Part A. RULES FOR BOAT RACING.

Change to wording – was a bit “garbled” – was -

4.0 THE START.

4.1. Each crew is responsible for being at the start and ready to race in good time or as directed by the boat marshal or race official the scheduled time if the race or as directed by any boat marshal or race official.

Now -

4.0 THE START.

4.1. Each crew is responsible for being at the start and ready to race at the scheduled time of the race or as directed by any boat marshal or race official.

HANTS AND DORSET ARA STATUS RULES

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SCULLERS.

Error in wording of rules found.

Was –

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SCULLERS.

11.0. JUNIOR SCULLER STATUS.

11.1. A Junior Sculler. A Junior Sculler is one who has won two sculling Championship points at novice status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status.

11.2. When he/she has won a sculling Championship point he/she becomes ineligible to row as a junior sculler in the following season but may continue to row in Junior sculling races for the rest of the season in which he/she has won their second Championship point.

11.3. He/she is eligible to compete in sculling races at Junior or Senior status and a qualifying win (see rule 15.1.) at any of these will count as a win at Junior status for him/her.

12.0. SENIOR SCULLER STATUS.

12.1. A Senior Sculler. A Senior Sculler is one who has won a sculling Championship point at Junior status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Senior status.

Now –

Section 11.0 Junior Sculler status should read.

11.0. JUNIOR SCULLER STATUS.

11.1. A Junior Sculler. A Junior Sculler is one who has won two sculling Championship points at novice status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status.

11.2. Immediately he/she wins two Championship points at junior status or above he/she becomes a Senior Sculler but may continue to row in Junior sculling races for the rest of the season in which he/she has won their second Championship point.

11.3. He/she is eligible to compete in sculling races at Junior or Senior status and a qualifying win (see rule 15.1.) at any of these will count as a win at Junior status for him/her.

Also found an error in section 12.0 Senior Sculler Status – should read –

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12.1. A Senior Sculler. A Senior Sculler is one who has won two sculling Championship point at Junior status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Senior status.

“J16” Rule.

At the Autumn Council meeting a delegate The point made was that this rule limited their club’s ability to put out crews in J events because some of his J members had won at Novice and were now Junior status which left the club with insufficient qualifying J members to form a crew and that this was depriving other J members from racing at J events.

The “Rules Sub-Committee was asked to reconvene prior to the AGM to consider changes to the “J16” Rule following a request from Shanklin Rowing Club asked if the ‘rule’ which prevents only Novice status oarspeople from rowing at J16 events (or below) could be rescinded. Having discussed various options the recommendation from the Rules Sub-Committee was that the “Rule” is unchanged – as there is no H&D rule that prevents any status from entering J races. In other words there is no rule to rescind as requested by Shanklin RC. However, Regatta Committees have the right to impose additional rules and byelaws which are binding at their regatta providing they do not contravene any statutory H&D rules (rule 24.0 Additional Bye-Laws at Regattas under H&D Regatta Rules). Some regatta committees whose regatta includes J races have exercised this right and included a regatta bylaw which limits entry to their J races to Novice status. It was, however noted that Novice fours was a sweep event and winning novices in sweep events would not affect ability to row in J16 quad events.

The Rules Sub Committee has also discussed the changes to the Rules of the South Coast Council by CARA and had been part of the Associations consultation process.

The Election of Racing Officials for 2016, a report on the Officials Meeting of 23/1/16 [see attached. Appendix 5] and Election of the Umpires Committee was then discussed and agreed. The Racing Officials were reelected on bloc, as follows –

Association Racing Officials.

FULL OFFICIALS.

John Adams, John Bailey, Steve Bull, Pat Glover, Carole Wall, Ian Hutchings, John Purkess, Pete Staddon, Mark Viner, Keith Warland, Alan Wigmore, Denis Woodford, Martin Bradbeer, Andy Sothcott, Alan Stewart, Andy Parsons, Sharon Ayles, Penny Budd. (18).

Pending promotion to full Official

Ray Murphy, Simon Clements, Steve Maxwell (3).

ASSISTANT OFFICIALS.

Karen Fancett, Bill Dalby, Dave Lathem, Dan Angell-Collins (5). Additional – Roger Hames.

The umpires committee was also agreed as follows - Chairman – Andy Parsons. Commission Members - John Purkess, John Bailey, Martin Bradbeer, Keith Warland, Alan Wigmore – and all other recommendations proposed by the Race Officials meeting were accepted by the meeting including the £100 charge, per official, for each club staging a Hants & Dorset ARA Event where a permit was issued, that failed to provide two race officials who were available for at least three events.

Colin Eales, Chairman of the Wessex Regional Rowing Council, who regularly attends BR Council Meetings to represent the region gave a brief report on the Wessex Region's activities and on British Rowing. He was able to report that Wessex Region BR Membership had increased although the BR planned Wessex Region Seminar had been cancelled through lack of support; that the new BR Web Site was now live; there was an ongoing debate on the membership types and fees and that the competition committee had announced their changes to the status system – and were considering the re-introduction of day tickets. With regards to the Wessex Region there was an ongoing debate about the manufacture, or lack of manufacture of Coastal Boats and the possibility of Wessex funding a new mold for a Coastal boat with a local Southampton firm producing shells.

The meeting agreed, on a proposal from Pat Glover, seconded by Pete Jacobs to make a financial contribution from the Hants & Dorset ARA to the Wessex Regional Rowing Council of - £300 for 2016 – and it was agreed that that a similar contribution be sought from CARA – although the H&D donation would be “ring fenced” for activities involving Hants & Dorset Clubs. The question was asked if CARA had made a contribution to Wessex last year – but this was not known – and the question was to be asked.

The meeting then reviewed the report from the Safety Committee and the Associations Safety Meeting of 13/2/16 at Poole Rowing Club, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting [See attached Appendix 6] with all the recommendations made accepted by the meeting and a Safety Committee for 2016 of - Chairman – Mark Viner and Sub Committee Members – Steve Bull, Gary Joyce, Mick Gisborne and Adam Radcliffe appointed. Concern was expressed at the failure of Newport and Westover to send delegates to the meeting. Steve Bull, as Wessex Region SA updated the meeting with regards to the drowning of a Rowing Coach on the Thames at the end of January and the activities of the National Water Safety Committee.

The Prize Presentation arrangements for 2016 and balance sheet adoption for 2015 was then discussed by the meeting. The arrangements for the 2016 dinner, which Paula Williams of Coalporters, had agreed to organize on behalf of the Association once again and who was in attendance at the meeting, were well in hand. The event would take place at the Novotel, Southampton, on Saturday, 12th November – to avoid bonfire night.

The balance sheet for 2015 showed that Ticket monies collected was £6,708.00 and costs were Novotel - £6, 126.00; DJ - £150.00; Heads/Tails x2 - £100.00; After Eights - £16.00; shortbread - £16.16; Guest Speaker & DJ tickets - £48.00; Book raffle tickets - £8.75; Raffle Prizes - £246.29 – a Difference/profit of £3.20. The meeting then adopted the accounts – on a proposal from Denny Woodford, seconded by Peter Jacobs

The meeting also discussed an idea Paula had to promote the Association and its activities via an expansion of the contents on its existing Facebook page – to include new and old photos and blogs to showcase the Association. She would be assisted in this venture by Dan Angell-Collins of BTC – and the association endorsed the plan and the Association Secretary was instructed to give Paula and Dan – administrators access to the H&D Facebook page.

There were no items of Any other business discussed.

It was agreed that the date, time and place of the Autumn Council Meeting would be agreed by the Associations Executive Officers once the Southampton F. C. Fixtures were known – and the Chairman then brought the meeting to a close at 3.35pm.

[The Minutes were taken and written by Steve Bull, Association Secretary in June, 2016 and he attached appendices form an integral part of these minutes].

_____ Chairman, Hants & Dorset ARA.

Date: _____

List of appendices attached –

Appendix 1. The Secretary's Report on the 2015 Season.

Appendix 2. Treasurer's Report and balance sheet. Including Swanage Regatta.

Appendix 3. Report from AGM of the South Coast Council AGM.

Appendix 4. CARA proposals for Changes to the South Coast Council Rules.

Appendix 5. Report from the Hants & Dorset ARA Race Officials Meeting.

Appendix 6. Report from the Safety Committee and the Associations Safety Meeting.

Appendix 1.

The Association Secretaries Report on the 2015 Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association Season.

Unlike the 2014 season for 2015 there was very little disruption, due to the weather, to the pre-season head races – a pattern that continued throughout the season – where apart from Lymington/Milford-on-sea Regatta – where the first attempt was lost to the weather – all the Championship Regatta's were staged as planned - although the odd event was lost due to the prevailing conditions or time and tide constraints – and with Lymington also staged on its revised date the full thirteen event regatta program was completed.

Entries across the thirteen championship regattas, including non-championship events, were 1691 – a fall of 50 on 2014 which had shown a significant rise of 199 on the 2013 season. Poole had a huge entry in 2014 – which dropped back to more normal levels and accounted for most of the drop. Entries at eleven regattas exceed 100 – 1 more than last year – with Southsea Regatta, an event covering two Associations had, as ever, the largest entry at 236 – 114 of these coming from Hants & Dorset ARA Clubs – with the ever popular Association run Swanage Regatta the largest H&DARA only regatta with an entry of 165.

Itchen were comfortable winners of the Men's Senior Fours Championship with 9 wins and points, the limited opposition coming from Coalporters and BTC with 2 points and 1 point respectively. Itchen and Coalporters duly went on to represent the Association at the South Coast Championships where Itchen will be disappointed with their 2nd place behind Bexhill.

In contrast the Junior Senior Fours produced the anticipated close contest with Westover securing the Championship with 6 points over Poole with 5 – with Newport and Coalporters gaining one a piece. Westover and Poole represented the Association at the South Coast Championships – Westover taking 2nd place behind Deal

In the men's coastal Junior Fours event BTC's eight wins and points gave them the Association Championship – the only competition coming Westover who won the remaining five regatta's although they were deducted one point for failing to register an oarsman. These two clubs represented the Association at the South Coast Championships where a change of form saw Westover emerge as Champions with BTC as runners-up.

Nine different Clubs had wins in the Men's Novice Fours Championship with Christchurch emerging as Champions with their three wins with Poole's two wins making them runners-up with single wins for Coalporters, Southampton, Shanklin, Itchen, Westover, BTC and Southsea.

Itchen Imperial dominated the Ladies Senior Fours winning eleven of the thirteen regattas – with Coalporters and BTC winning the other two. Itchen and Coalporters represented the Association at the South Coast Championships – where Itchen continued their domination to take the title.

It was Itchen Imperial again who won the Ladies Coastal Junior Championship with eight wins – chased by Westover who won three and Coalporters and Poole who won one apiece. Itchen went on to win the South Coast Championship event with Westover finishing as runners-up.

The Ladies Novice Fours Championship was a much closer contested competition – with nine clubs winning races – but with Poole, Shanklin, Southampton and Lymington each winning twice these Clubs share the Association Championship – with Itchen and Westover recording single wins.

The Masters Fours was another event dominated by Itchen – as they took the Championship with nine wins with Poole winning three times and BTC once. All three crews represented the Association at the South Coast Championships as WEARA failed to provide a crew – with Itchen taking the title and BTC finishing in 3rd place.

The Ladies Championship Masters event – introduced for the first time this season – was well supported and won by Christchurch with seven wins in a close contest with BTC who won five events – Southampton claiming a single win.

In the Coxed pair's events Itchen retained the Senior Men's title with eight wins from BTC with two and one apiece for Lymington and Shanklin. The Men's Coastal Junior Pairs was dominated by Westover – with two different crews who won ten points between them – with single wins recorded by Southsea and BTC. Itchen also retained and completely dominated the Ladies Senior Pairs event taking all twelve points awarded and in the newly introduced Ladies Coastal Junior Pairs Championship there was another dominating performance – from Westover with eleven points won – with Lymington picking up a single win.

The Men's Senior Sculls was quite closely contested with Itchen's Tom Foad's five wins giving him the Championship over Club rival Mark Wardell and BTC's Richard Hume who both won twice. Alex Robertson of Shanklin, Olly Hayward from Newport and Malc Hume from BTC all picked up single points. The Men's Coastal Junior Sculls was the most closely contested Championships of the season and required a row-off between Newport's Joe Fuccio and Shanklin's Joe Evans-Murry as they finished the season with four points apiece – the Shanklin sculler winning the row-off. Single wins were also recorded by – Williams of Coalporters, Verdon of Lymington and Radcliffe of BTC. Shanklin also claimed the Men's Novice Sculling Championship with four wins from their two scullers – Evans-Murry and Misslebach – with BTC Runners-up thanks to Adam Radcliff's two wins. Single wins were recorded by Ryde, Southampton, Coalporters and Itchen. In the ladies Sculling events Jess Bull of Itchen won the Championship with 5 points from club colleague K. McGregor-Ritchie with a single win. Katie Crane of Poole comfortably won the Junior Ladies Championship with seven wins from Townly of Itchen, Green from BTC and Webb from Newport who recorded single wins. Finally BTC – with four wins – two each from Cook and Gooch – won the Ladies Novice Sculls Championship with Itchen runners-up thanks to two wins from Daniels and single wins were recorded by Newport, Poole and Christchurch.

The R. S. O "Hank Carr" Memorial Trophy for the Club winning the most Hants & Dorset ARA Championship points was once again awarded to Itchen Imperial Rowing Club who had another

outstanding season – and they also secured the Archie Fraser Memorial Trophy for the best H&D Club in the Championship and Open events at the South Coast Championship Regatta – and as the major contributor will also hold the Eric and Eileen Crowe Memorial Challenge Cup on behalf of the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association who won this trophy once again.

The prestigious Coxswain of the year Trophy went to Penny Budd of Coalporters – a long overdue acknowledgment of her abilities –with previous winner – Sophie Maxwell of BTC runner-up.

Two safety awards were made – to Itchen and Shanklin - for completing the season with no faults found in boat inspections.

Finally The Evening Echo Trophy, presented in memory of Arthur Chatfield, to an individual who has made a significant contribution to Hants & Dorset and Coastal Rowing was awarded to Gary Joyce, of Itchen Imperial Rowing Club for his outstanding work for the Association especially with regards to Safety, the Rules review and the organisation of H&D ARA hosted South Coast Championship Regattas.

Registration have fallen by around 6% - at 741 – against 808 in 2014 - with Christchurch still the largest Club and Coalporters 2nd. 430 (461) of those registered were men, 311 (347) women – a similar breakdown to last year. The percentage of those registered that were Novices at the start of the season has dropped to less than 50% which is where the significant increase had taken place over the last two years. The fall in registration probably reflects the national trend in rowing and other Olympic sports where the “2012 Olympic” legacy in terms of participation appears to have peaked – and dropped back.

The Association can feel relatively comfortable about its situation – while the Bideford Bowl may have eluded us – we clearly remain the dominant South Coast Rowing Association with regards to participation and performance and our domestic events were successfully completed and well supported with some excellent racing and no major issues to contend with. However plenty of challenges remain – not least our relationship with British Rowing – and concerns regarding the relatively poor standard and entries in the highest statuses.

Steve Bull,
Association Secretary,
November, 2015. [1346]

Appendix 2.

Hants & Dorset ARA Accounts 2015

<u>Income</u>			<u>Swanage</u>		
Affiliation Fees	£3,280.50		Entry Fees	£2,675.00	
South Coast Levy	£4,577.00		Itchen Donation	£50.00	
Racing Permits	£365.00		Programme Sales	£22.81	
Fines	£140.00				
H&D Dinner Dance Raffle	£330.00				
Interest	£9.91				
		£8,702.41			£2,747.81
<u>Expenditure</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>		
H&D Safety Kit	-£272.47		Buoy Weights & Swivels	-£158.28	
Marker Buoys	-£574.34		Safety Boat Fuel	-£98.00	

Handbook Printing	-£734.80	Trophy Repairs	-£345.00
SCC Travel Expenses	-£150.00	South Coast Levy	-£488.00
SCC Levy	-£370.00	Umpire Boat	-£150.00
Life Jacket Service	-£271.90	Trophies	-£461.21
Secretary Honorarium	-£500.00	Liability Insurance	-£106.00
Engraving	-£285.00		
Officials BR Fee Refunds	-£342.76		
Postage	-£94.77		
Printing & Stationery	-£161.01		
IT Expenses	-£89.33		
Medal Ribbons	-£85.14		
Boat Inspection Labels	-£32.37		
	-£3,963.89		£1,806.49
Surplus / Deficit on H&D ARA Activities	£4,738.52	Surplus / Deficit on Swanage Regatta	£941.32
Surplus / Deficit on Swanage Regatta	£941.32		
TOTAL Surplus / Deficit	£5,679.84		

Reserves B/F from Previous Year	
Bank Account	£6,610.64
Savings Account	£19,347.59
Cash in Hand (with Secretary)	-£20.54
	£25,937.69
Profit / Loss for Period	£5,679.84
TOTAL RESERVES	£31,617.53

Financed by:

Bank Account	£7,672.19
Savings Account	£23,934.50
Cash in Hand (with Secretary)	£10.84
	£31,617.53

Club / Regatta	Affiliation Fees	SCC Levy
BTC	£361	£365
Christchurch	£391	£268
Coalporters	£241	£304
Itchen	£201	£390
Lymington	£218.50	£284
Newport	£216	£370
Poole	£201	£398
Ryde	£171	£328
Shanklin	£128.50	£320
Southampton	£223.50	£391
Southsea	£383.50	£356
Swanage		£488
Westover	£438.50	£315
Worthing	£106	
	£3,280.50	£4,577

Appendix 3. Report from SCC AGM.

REPORT FROM SCCRC AGM HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH ON SAT 30th JANUARY 2016

In Attendance:

WEARA - R. Mallet. J. Perry. S. Worley
CARA - J. Hutton. G. Dawes. P. Challen
H&D - D. Woodford. B. Sivier. A Sothcott.
Life Members - J. Jewel. H. Bastone. K. Warland.
Visitors - A. Worley (Wimbleball) T. Hodge (Dartmouth)

Jeff Hutton has completed his 3 years as Chairman and Jane Perry WEARA (Paignton) was elected to the Chair. Minutes from 2015 AGM, and special meetings Sat 11th April, Friday 11th September, Sat 12th September, all approved.

Finance- Balance held in Building Society £2266. 00

Report on Wimbleball Regatta

Council members agreed that the organisers produced a well-run two day event given the remoteness of the venue.

Items discussed:

Start boat limitations.

No boat aligner beyond start line.

Slight dog-leg in course.

No lane numbers on boats as per the rules leading to confusion.

Toilet facilities very poor.

Some felt that at the Friday night reception there were too many speeches.

Organisers were disappointed with CARA letter advising which extra events they would/would not support but were pleased that H&D stepped in where required.

Communications

A letter of complaint was received from G. Joyce of Itchen Imperial ARC concerning the Bideford Bowl race. This was discussed in detail and a letter replying will be sent to Itchen ARC when the nine delegates have agreed the content.

Herne Bay 2016

J. Hutton presented an update on preparations for the event which will be a one day event in coastal fours only, with alternative course at Folkestone.

The main course will run parallel with Beacon Hill sea front and will be 1850 metres long and 1000 metres for the U16's Events. The racing will be held over a straight six or eight lane course for both Championship and Open events. Depth of water will be confirmed during our meeting at Herne Bay on Saturday 9th April. The start and finish positions will be from a covered unit. Umpires will boat from a small pontoon off the beach and be transported by rib to large umpires boat.

The Friday night reception and Championship Draw will take place at Herne Bay Rowing Club, each Association will receive 50 tickets for this event. On Saturday after the event the presentation of the prizes and celebrations will take place in the Kings Hall on the sea front, capacity 450 people. A band has been booked for this occasion.

Eton Dorney 2017

A presentation document was circulated to all present and confirmed that the Chairman of the organising committee John Purkess would be present at the 2017AGM to confirm all details. A vote was taken to agree two dispensations:-

(1) There is no alternative course available (Rule 19)

(2) The No.1 position will be on the port/left-hand side of the Course (Rule 33)

This was carried 9 votes to nil.

2018 Venue WEARA

Tony Hodge and Hilary Bastone advised that Dartmouth would be willing to host the Championships and asked if the rotation could be altered by CARA to host 2018 to enable Dartmouth to host 2019 to celebrate 150 years of Dartmouth ARC. The Coast will report at the Herne Bay Special Meeting on April 9th with a decision.

Rule Changes Proposed by CARA

The H&D delegates stated that the proposals had been circulated to all their clubs including the Rules and Umpires Committees and the results are as follows.

- Rule 3c** - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
Vet 50 - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
Rule 15a - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
Rule 15b - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
Rule 16 Pt 1 - Accepted by 9 votes to 0
Rule 16 Pt 2 - Accepted by 9 votes to 0
Rule 30 - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
Rule 25a - ejected by 6 votes to 3
Rule 25b - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
Rule 26 - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
Rule 62 - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
10 out of 12 CARA proposals rejected – by H&D & WEARA.

Recommendations

- A - Accepted by 9 votes to 0
B - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
C - Accepted by 9 votes to 0
D - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
E - Accepted by 9 votes to 0
F - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
G - Accepted by 9 votes to 0
H - Accepted by 9 votes to 0
I - Rejected by 6 votes to 3
All 6 – 3 votes were supported by H&D and WEARA delegates.

4 out of 9 CARA proposals rejected – by H&D & WEARA.

Rule Implementation

Under Rule 21 – CARA have been penalised for failing to supply the correct number of officials and umpires for the Saturday Events and suffered a penalty of £100 payable to the South Coast Council.

Report supplied by Denis Woodford H&D delegate to South Coast Council.

[Appendix 4]. CARA proposals for Changes to the South Coast Council Rules.

CARA proposals for Changes to the South Coast Council Rules.

Format - RULES then RECOMMENDATIONS.

- The CARA proposal.
- *The existing Rule/Recommendation*
- **The H&D ARA view/recommendation.**

- The result of the vote at the SCC AGM.

RULES.

1) This Association (CARA) wish to voice in the strongest terms possible that under no circumstances should any of the Rules of the South Coast Rowing Championships be broken or pushed aside for whatever reason by any officer, Regatta Official, Regatta Organizer, or Council member. These Rules have stood for 60 years and many good officials have stood by them over these years and if we as the elected Council Delegates cannot stand by these Rules, how can we expect the competitors to abide by them. This should be added to Rule 3c

3. (c) All items submitted for inclusion on the AGM agenda and significant proposed changes to these Rules must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the Council not later than 30th November each year and the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer will circulate all the relevant information to all the delegates by 31st December. All proposed Rule Changes shall only be considered by the Council at its AGM unless via an Extraordinary Meeting

Recommendation – reject wording. 3c has stood the test of time.

REJECTED - 6 votes to 3.

2) This Association wish to again propose that this Council “adopt a Veteran 50+ Championship Event and if adopted Folkestone Rowing Club wish to be allowed to donate an Annual Challenge Cup”

Recommendation – reject until H&D have a championship event which we should recommend to be piloted in 2016.

REJECTED - 6 votes to 3.

3) To amend Rule 15a to add “In any Open races, heats will only be permitted when entries exceed 8 crews or more. To amend Rule 15b to add “In any U16 or U14 races, heats will only be permitted when entries exceed 8 crews or more.

15. (a) The Open Events course, where possible, shall be a straight 2000 meters (one and quarter miles) maximum, and 1650 meters (one mile) minimum. These Open events will be offered for Men's Senior, Men's Junior/Senior, Men's Junior, Men's Novice, Ladies' Senior, Ladies' Junior, Ladies Novice, Veteran 40+ and Veteran 50+ coxed fours. However, the organizing committee is not bound to hold those races for which there are insufficient entries, or if there is insufficient time in the Regatta Programme. The draw for lane positions will be done by the organizing committee after the closing date for entries and printed in the Programme.

15. (b) The Junior Regatta course, where possible, shall be a straight 1100 meters maximum, 900 meters minimum. The events offered must include Boys U/16 coxed Quad Sculls, Girls U/16 coxed Quad Sculls, Boys U/14 coxed Quad Sculls and Girls U/14 coxed Quad Sculls. Other events may be offered if time and conditions permit.

Recommendation – reject on the basis that many courses, Dorney included, cannot accommodate 8 crews in a race.

BOTH REJECTED - 6 votes to 3.

4) To amend Rule 16 To take out the word shall and insert the word May. In the sentence “The local organizing committee shall/may offer races for Men`s and Ladies single sculls and coxless pairs at Junior, Junior-Senior and Senior status.

Recommendation – reject don't understand the need to change wording

ACCEPTED - 9 votes to 0.

5) To amend Rule 16 To read “All events intended to be held in the Open & U16 Regatta`s must be put forward to the Council at its April meeting prior to that year`s Championship regatta for Council approval. A race will only be permitted, if there are THREE or more entries submitted by the closing date for entries.

16. All Open and Junior races to be non-status, restricted to the three Associations. The Novice races are to be rowed where possible, and Clubs shall enter Novices as defined in the Rules of their Association, but any oarsperson who has won either the Men's or Ladies' Novice Fours at these Championships shall not be eligible to compete in either race in subsequent years. The local organizing committee shall offer races for Men's and Ladies' single sculls and coxless pairs at Junior, Junior/Senior and Senior status. However, it is not bound to hold those races for which there are insufficient entries, or if there is insufficient time for the Regatta Programme.

Recommendation – accept

ACCEPTED - 9 votes to 0.

6) To amend Rule 30, To add after the first sentence “ If after any scratching have been done, a race will only be permitted to be started if there is a minimum of TWO crews coming under starters orders. (This applies to all races).

30. Any changes to crew personnel and crews scratched after the closing date for entries must be notified to the organizing committee on the official form provided. Only two changes per crew are allowed and changes in crew personnel for Championship events must be notified before the draw for positions. Changes to crew personnel in the Open and Junior Regatta events must be submitted before the Captains' Briefing on regatta morning. Only in exceptional circumstances will the Council consider changes to crew personnel after these deadlines. Failure to notify these changes or scratching's, or non-arrival at the start by the required time, will result in a fine of £25 and will be considered a disciplinary offence reportable to the South Coast Rowing Championships Council. Any fine imposed will be levied against the offending club and must be paid within 28 days to the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer of the South Coast Rowing Championships Council. The Council will preside over all disciplinary matters at their January meeting.

Recommendation – reject, that happens if crew is on start and another fails to appear due to technical reasons or accident? It is safer to allow crew to row over.

BOTH REJECTED - 6 votes to 3.

7) To amend Rule 25b To change the wording to read “The Association that cannot fulfil their full crew representation must try to give the other two Associations as much notice as possible, being no later than two weeks before the advertised date of that Championships. Of their failure to fulfil.

25. (a) Each Association has the right to nominate the crews that will represent them in the six Championship events, and are not bound to nominate their Champion crew or runner-up. Crews must come from Clubs affiliated to the Association that they are representing and must all be registered members of that Club. In the event of a crew in a Championship race becoming incomplete before the start of the Championships, the Association concerned shall have the right to nominate a substitute oarsperson from the same Club, or to replace the entire crew by another crew from another Club.

Recommendation – reject, not always practicable if association regattas run up to a week before SCC. In 2016 BTC is just 2 weeks before SCC.

REJECTED - 6 votes to 3.

8) To amend Rule 26 To change in the sentence “The organizing committee shall notify each Association Secretary of the closing date, so that each Association can/may submit its selected Championship crews before the closing date for entries. This is subject to the conditions as laid down in Rule 25b.

26 All Clubs are responsible for putting in their own entries (together with entry fee) for all Open and Junior races before the closing date for entries set by the organizing committee. The closing date for the Open and Junior entries must not be earlier than three weeks prior to the date of the Championships. The organizing committee shall notify each Association Secretary of the closing date, so that each Association can submit its selected Championship crews before the closing date for entries. Clubs entering crews in supporting events before selection to represent their Association shall be entitled to a refund of the entry fee on having to withdraw from the supporting event on being selected and the Championship entry fee being paid by the Association.

Recommendation –reject rule adequate as is.

REJECTED - 6 votes to 3.

9) To amend Rule 62 To add “Second place prizes will and should only be permitted in U16 and U14 races only.

62 The medals and ribbons produced by the Council shall be awarded for the Championship events only and awarded to the winning crew including the coxswain. Past winners shall not be entitled to purchase the same. Each Association shall purchase from the South Coast Rowing Championships Council enough medals to cover their hosted Championship Regattas. Championship pennants will be provided by the organizing committee for Championship, Open and Junior events for all winning crews, one pennant per crew.

Recommendation – reject, up to organizing committee.

REJECTED - 6 votes to 3.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

10) Under Recommendations the following changes are proposed: A. should be removed as covered in Rule 9.

A. If bad weather could cause cancellation, preparations should be made for an alternative course, and details published before the Championship Regatta.

Recommendation – accept

ACCEPTED - 9 votes to 0.

B should be made a Rule.

B. Sufficient non-Championship boats should be available from the Monday preceding the Championship Regatta to enable the crews to train over the Championship Regatta course.

Recommendation - reject not practicable

REJECTED - 6 votes to 3.

C should be made a Rule.

C If the course is not completely straight, facilities should be available for coxswains/strokes to be taken over the course prior to the Championship Regatta

Recommendation – accept

ACCEPTED - 9 votes to 0.

D should be made a Rule.

D. In the supporting events not more than eight crews should be started in a heat where possible.

Recommendation - reject rule should not contain “if possible”

REJECTED - 6 votes to 3.

E should be made a Rule.

E. In the supporting events priority should be given in the following order to Men's Open Senior coxed fours, Ladies' Open Senior coxed fours, Open Veteran coxed fours, Men's Open Junior/Senior coxed fours, Men's Invitation Junior coxed fours, Ladies' Invitation Junior coxed fours, Men's Invitation Novice coxed fours, and Ladies' Invitation Novice coxed fours. Additional events should only be included if these will not interfere with the remainder of the Programme. The core events of the Junior Regatta should be Boys' Under 16 coxed quadruple sculls, Boys' Under 14 coxed quadruple sculls, Girls' Under 16 coxed quadruple sculls and Girls' Under 14 coxed quadruple sculls.

Recommendation – accept provided does not affect freedom to run events in race order determined by organizing committee

ACCEPTED - 9 votes to 0.

F should be made a Rule.

F. The West of England ARA should provide boats where possible capable of being rigged Coast side.

Recommendation - reject rule should not contain “if possible”

REJECTED - 6 votes to 3.

G should be removed and added to Rule 7

G. In accordance with Rule.6. any additional funds should be raised within the host Association, and the other two Associations should not be asked to sell raffle tickets, etc.

Recommendation – accept

ACCEPTED - 9 votes to 0.

H should be made a Rule.

H. A draft copy of the draw for a Championship Regatta, including time of heats and the names of crews participating in those heats and the date, time and venue for the Captains' Briefing to be in the post at least seven days prior to the event, and should be sent to all participating Clubs, officials of the day, and all Council members. Any invitations, information, etc., should be sent to the foregoing also.

Recommendation – accept.

ACCEPTED - 9 votes to 0.

'I should be made a Rule.

'1. At every Championship Regatta there shall be an Officials' Briefing of all prerace information. Additionally the officials should be given the opportunity of viewing the course prior to the Championship Regatta. Coxswains should also be given the opportunity to join the officials for the course viewing. At the Officials' Briefing a draw should be made by the starters for the starting of Championship race.

Recommendation – reject, keep as recommendation

REJECTED - 6 votes to 3.

Appendix 5. Report on the Officials Meeting of 23/1/16.

Report from the Hants & Dorset ARA Race Officials Meeting, Saturday, 22nd January, 2016, Southampton to the Associations AGM, Saturday, 19th March, 2016. Extract from the Minutes.

All communication by E Mail. 20 Full and Assistant Race Officials attended with apologies from 3. It was agreed that Pete Diffey who had not officiated or contacted the committee for a couple of years would be removed from the list and clarification on a number of Assistants sought.

During Chairman's report a discussion on the starts and the possibility of dropping the "set" command was discussed. The meeting agreed to ask the H&D AGM for approval to trial a start procedure at Coalporters and Ryde Regatta's in 2016 that has no "set" command i.e. instruction to line up the crews then "go". It was also agreed that a Coxswain shouting "Go" to his crew before the starter should be disqualified. Agreement from AGM required.

A representative of the BR Umpires Committee would be invited to a Coastal Regatta – probably Southsea to view our approach to multi-lane umpiring.

It was suggested that there should always be a formal hand over between Race Officials – by radio during races. – Carole Walls useful notes on this to all Race Officials. Concerns raised regarding the use of a Personal Loud Hailer on the Start boat at the SCC.

Membership of the Umpires Committee. Recommend to the Association's Annual General Meeting that the following be appointed and that the terms of reference for the committee should remain unchanged – Chairman - Andy Parsons, Coalporters Rowing Club; Commission Members - John Bailey, Southampton A. R. C.; Keith Warland, Coalporters A. R. C.; Alan Wigmore, Shanklin Sandown Rowing Club; Martin Bradbeer, Itchen Imperial R. C. and John Purkess, BTC Rowing Club. Plus, Andy Parsons and Keith Warland would organize and allocate the Assistant Race Officials. Agreement from AGM required.

The examination of Full and Assistant Racing Officials. The full official due to take their three-year exam – who would be sent their question papers shortly were – Steve Bull, Keith Warland, Alan Wigmore, Mark Viner, Andy Sothcott, Martin Bradbeer, Andy Parsons - a total of seven. Simon Clements, Max Maxwell and Ray Murphy would be put forward for promotion to full official.

An appeal for more assistants should be part of the AGM Notice.

Reports completed by Race Officials the meeting agreed that the current method of reporting should remain unchanged. The poor response to completing the reports after the South Coast Rowing Championships was noted – a WEARA and CARA issue.

The charge made on H&D Affiliated Clubs who run a Regatta but who do not provide a minimum of two racing Officials available for at least three Regattas was reviewed (currently £100 per official) – and it was agreed that the recommendation to the AGM should be that this should remain unchanged for 2016. However, the meeting also expressed the opinion that some Clubs may just be accepting the fine – rather than trying to find officials – which was the purpose of the fine and that perhaps the fine should be increased – and even doubled for the 2017 season – or impose a charge for each Race Official used at an event – where the Club did not contribute to pool of Race Officials. Agreement from AGM required.

The Minutes of the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 19th March, 2016.

The analysis of race official's availability in the 2015 season (*see attached, Appendix B*) means that Southsea and Westover – with no race officials would be charged £200 each and Newport and Southampton, with one Race Official £100 each.

Race Officials availability forms had been received from nearly all race Officials.

Recommendation to AGM of the selection of race officials for 2016 South Coast Championships Regatta at Hearne Bay on 3rd September, 2016 is as follows -

CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE – Sharon Ayles.

STARTER – Pete Staddon.

JUDGE - John Adams.

OPEN UMPIRE – Andy Parsons.

RESERVES – Penny Budd, Dan Angell-Collins, Martin Bradbeer.

Boat Inspections – Steve Bull.

Agreement from AGM required.

Recommendations on improvements for Newport Regatta. After some discussion the following recommendations for Newport to consider were made -

Radios used are inadequate. Better equipment needed (Murphy).

Try and marshal crews at the finish/off the boat park – and send races up together.

Dedicated Newport appointed Boat Marshals.

Less than ½ hour between races – must use different boat/equipment/cox.

Time table races in blocks.

Better marshalling on the water.

Umpires to follow races.

Greater emphasis on Captains controlling their crews.

A restriction to be imposed on multiple entries especially on the Sunday.

PA expanded to boat park.

Lane numbers on boats.

In program diagram to be included clearly showing lanes.

The Association Secretary was to write to Newport to advise them of these recommendations and advise them that the Umpires committee would be prepared to meet with the Newport Regatta Committee to discuss the recommendation further at a mutually convenient time and place.

Discussion at AGM required

The method of selecting the H&D Coxswain of the Year. Recommendation that the current method, where race officials on the day nominate up to three coxswains in order should be continued – with points awarded as follows – 1st nominated 3 point + “Cox of the Day awards; 2nd nominated – 2 points; 3rd nominated – 1 point, that the “Cox of the Day” award was a positive move and that Regatta's should make sure a prize awarded – and if possible all three Coxswains should be mentioned at the prize giving and that the terms of reference would remain the same.

Agreement from AGM required.

There were no existing rules where the meeting required clarification and no recommendations for changes to the Associations Rules, for forwarding to the Associations AGM. However, the meeting did review and accept the recommendations from the Rules Sub Committee Ref. Rules for Boat racing and Regatta Rules and the Rule changes proposed by CARA to the South Coast Council Rules.

The Insurance of Race Officials via British Rowing Membership. (2015 - £29 – BR non-racing/Silver membership – refunded in full). It was a recommendation that the H&D ARA continue to reimburse racing officials for the cost of a BR Silver membership + at the rate of £29. **Agreement from AGM required.**

The Minutes of the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 19th March, 2016.

The Safety equipment provided for Racing Officials was reviewed by the meeting. No additions were considered necessary by the meeting.

Steve Bull. Association Secretary.

For the H&D Umpires Committee.

January, 2016.

Appendix 6. Report on the Safety Meeting of 13/2/16.

Report from the Hants & Dorset ARA (Wessex Region) Safety Meeting on Saturday, 13th February, 2016 at Poole A. R. C.

The only H&D Rowing Clubs/Events not in attendance were Newport and Westover & Bournemouth (+ Bournemouth Regatta). Neither had sent apologies. Chairman and expressed his disappointment at the non-attendance of Newport and in particular of Westover – who were host Club Pool's closest neighbors.

RRSA give a brief summary of the activities and meetings of British Rowing National Safety Committee (NSC) which he attends in his capacity as the regions Regional Rowing Safety Adviser (RRSA).

HRSA/BR still don't seem to have any idea of our type of Coastal Rowing – they assume that "Coastal" is "Gig" or "FISA" style Coastal Rowing and have little understanding of our type of coastal rowing in spite of frequent explanations given.

It is important that the Club Safety Adviser's contact with BR is correct and that it is kept up to date - the RRSA was concerned that – Bournemouth University, Lymington, Newport, Poole, Coalporters, Winchester and the University of Portsmouth may have the wrong E Mail addresses registered and they were asked to check this.

BR Club Safety Audits. RRSA reported that all were eventually completed. The questions were much the same as last year - the key difference this year is that once a club selects the option declaring that they do have a Risk Assessment they were asked to upload the document to the system. The Clubs represented at the meeting agreed to share these with other Clubs in the region if/when appropriate. There were a few issues with the audit noted - you can't now look back at last years and will have to start again; some experienced a Web Site could not save their audits. BR have changed the software – without any consultation with the NSC which is a big problem for RRSA's who have to approve them as all we are now going to get is a pdf copy E Mailed to them and there is no longer any on line platform where we can analyze the responses or download into a spread sheet for ease of use. As a result, the RRSA has been unable to provide the usual analyses of the results. The questions will be reviewed next year.

On Line Incident Reporting – analysis of sixth year. The meeting briefly reviewed the reasons why incidents need to be reported – and the process involved. The RRSA did not have a full analysis of incidents reported nationally but more than 2000 incident reports had been submitted nationally between 1st January and 30th September. Nationally collisions – the majority with a moving object (i.e. another boat) are by far the biggest incident type reported – with over 1600 recorded. Capsize is the 2nd largest incident at around 300.

In the Wessex Region there had been 83 incidents reported during the year – 6 of these related to H&D boat inspections and 8 were from CARA Clubs and 1 was incomplete leaving 68 – of these 11 were from Wessex only Clubs and 57 were from H&D Clubs and 23 were in Competition and 45 in training. 5 duplications leaving 63 individual incidents recorded in the Wessex West/H&D Region.

The RRSA had requested improvements to the incident reporting system – 1) Any Club mentioned in an incident report automatically get a copy. 2) Incident Report App. for smart phones.

The RRSA opened 16 Incident Reports for comment – 6 of these related to the Boat inspections which did receive some comments/responses. Most of the others were opened because more than one club was involved – and/or an Incident report was only received from one of them – or only from an Event Official. Very few of these received any further comment. The RRSA was invited to comment on 45 reports from other regions and did so where there was something to contribute.

The summary of incident types within the Wessex Region was – Boat Inspections – 6; Capsize – 27; Collision – 16; Swamping – 3; Boathouse – 4; Equipment – 1; Health – 10, Land training – 1; Obstruction – 1. There were 4 summaries of incidents at H&D Events by Event RSA's – which was considered by the meeting to be good practice and to be encouraged. Christchurch had reported 15 incidents, Itchen 8, Shanklin & Bournemouth Collegiate - 7 and Ryde 6. Lymington, Winchester College, Bryanston and Canford Schools and Bournemouth and Portsmouth Universities reported no incidents during the year – and Newport – just one – by a race official. Seven incidents of note were reviewed by the meeting – including the cardiac arrest suffered by a Poole Oarsman in training. An incident reported submitted this year on the Itchen had led to a Special Commendation from the BR HRSA.

The tragic death of Michael Hill. [Tin Fish 005. Man Overboard with resulting Fatality (Michael Hill)] and the Conclusions and Recommendations following the Incident investigation by the PLA was discussed.

Safety incidents Reported by H&D (& Wessex) Clubs in 2015 and at the 2015 Hants & Dorset Events. It was noted that the Race Officials Reports had recorded 33 safety related incidents at H&D ARA events but only 12 BR Incident Reports had been received for incidents during competitions – proof of significant under reporting. Incident summaries had been received from four Regattas – Ryde, Shanklin, Southsea and Swanage.

Boat Inspections undertaken in 2015 and the plans for 2016. Unannounced and random boat inspections were undertaken by the H&D ARA Safety Committee at four H&D events during the season – Christchurch, Woolston, Swanage and BTC Regatta's. A total of 84 boats of all types were inspected with 18 faults found. The number of boats inspected was slightly less than last year (2014 - 89) but the number of faults found showed a significant improvement on the 29 recorded in 2014 – which is an encouraging trend. As ever the largest fault found was heel restraints – at 18 – around 80% - the other 3 being no boat ID. Two Clubs – Itchen and Shanklin – went through the inspection process with no fault found during any of the inspections – and have received an award in recognition on this. A full heel restraint check on every boat present was undertaken at Bournemouth – with 50 boats checked and a full inspection of Coxswains Life Jackets was undertaken at Swanage – with 26 Life Jackets examined with 9 failures. The BR Incident reporting system was used to summarize the results of the boat inspections. The meeting agreed that the process should remain the same for the 2016 season.

Agreement of H&D ARA AGM required.

Regatta/Event Audits received and a report on last season's audits and discussed the plans for 2016. All H&D (Wessex) events submitted an event safety audit with risk assessments, safety and communication plans – with emergency plans accompanying most. These were reviewed and approved by the RRSA and BR advised so that the BR Event Public Liability Insurance would be issued by BR on payment of the appropriate fee – which for 2016 will be £110. All H&D Events except Newport use the BR Public Liability insurance scheme – Newport use another provider. The policy in 2015 had been that – that the meeting recommended should continue for 2016, is that re-audits would only be undertaken where requested or where concerns were raised and on an occasional random basis. It was felt that the race officials reporting system already highlighted safety concerns and this would be used alongside safety commission

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member's observations to hi-light events where a re-audit would take place. No events were re-audited in 2015 but it was proposed that Newport should be re-audited in 2016. Agreement of H&D ARA AGM required.

The Association Safety equipment was discussed including its status after 2015 season. Gary Joyce had undertaken to check the kits and life Jackets reporting that - H&D Safety kit 1 - Missing 1 x Mediwrap blanket and 1 x air horn, H&D Safety kit 2 - Megaphone not working. H&D lifejackets (11 in total) have all been serviced. Apart from replacing the missing and repairing the damaged parts it was agreed that no additions or changes to the kits or Life Jackets were required. Agreement of H&D ARA AGM required.

BR Row Safe – and the Coastal Section. Wessex has submitted a re-draft of the Coastal section for consideration and adoption – after extensive consultations within the region however little progress had been made with the review as a whole. Stephen Worley, the HRSA, has been asked to produce a time plan; the aim is to complete RowSafe by end 2016.

Format of the Hants & Dorset Water Safety Commission. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Terms of reference for the Water Safety Sub Committee should remain unchanged and the Chairman, Mark Viner of Lymington Rowing Club, Wessex Regional Rowing Council Safety Advisor, Steve Bull of Ryde R. C. and Sub Committee Members - Gary Joyce, of Itchen Imperial Rowing Club, Adam Radcliffe of BTC Rowing Club and Mick Gisborne of Southsea Rowing Club should be re-elected on block – subject to ratification at the Associations AGM. Agreement of H&D ARA AGM required.

The Venue for 2017 Meeting. The meeting agreed that the venue for the 2017 Meeting, to be held February on a date yet to be decided, would be BTC Rowing Club in Southampton, in line with the current rota. Agreement of H&D ARA AGM required.

Steve Bull.
Association Secretary.
February, 2016.