

THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HANTS & DORSET AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE ROWING CLUB, SOUTHAMPTON, ON SATURDAY, 18th MARCH, 2016 at 10.30am.

There were 29 delegates in attendance when the Chairman Martin Bradbeer opened the meeting – with a minutes silence in memory of those associated with the Association who had passed away in the last year – Andy Sothcott, Race Official, South Coast delegate and member of Poole ARC; Kathy Glover and Margaret Wigmore of Shanklin; Dave Lickman and John Williams of Coalporters and Chris Moyse, President of WEARA and Plymouth A. R. C.

All affiliated Clubs except Worthing were represented as were all events issued with a permit. Apologies were received from – Jane Bailey, Shanklin; Mike Green, Christchurch & H&D LVP; Colin Eales, Southsea and Chair of Wessex Regional Rowing Council; Adam Ratcliffe, BTC and Ray Murphy of Poole.

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 Mark Viner, seconded by John Bailey. The Matters arising from previous meeting of the Association – the last AGM and the Council Meeting of the 5th November, that would not be covered in the agenda were – from last AGM – the First boat from Southampton mould to be built by Burgashell had still not been completed – but the first from the Wessex mould was due to be launched at BTC on Saturday, 25th March; the need to purchase more H&D Championship Medals. The die had been found and two hundred medals ordered plus ten Past President medals and these should be available within a few weeks – with thanks to Denny Woodford who had arranged this; the question was asked if CARA had made a contribution to Wessex last year as the Hants & Dorset ARA does but no answer had been forthcoming from Wessex on the question asked; Our South Coast Council delegates had been assured by the South Coast Council that the outstanding fines from WEARA and CARA for failure to provide race officials would be paid; The two proposed changes to SCC Rules that the H&D Council Meeting had agreed should be forwarded to the Secretary of the South Coast Council for discussion and voting on at the SCC AGM in January were duly submitted and approved.

The Secretary's Report on the 2016 Season had been previously circulated so was not read at the meeting – but was accepted without amendment on a proposal from Bob Sivier, seconded by Gary Joyce [*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.

The Association Secretary reported that since the Autumn Delegates Meeting in October, he had on behalf of the Association, undertaken all the usual correspondence relating to Hants & Dorset ARA activities. This included preparation of information on the 2016 season for the British Rowing Almanac and South Coast Rowing handbook – which includes a comprehensive set of results including all winning crews and results from all Regatta's. The BR Almanac is published this month - March - and the Handbook in early May. He had sent out the notices of and arranged the Racing Officials Meeting at BTC in January and the Water Safety Meeting at BTC in February and both had separate reports as part of the Agenda. He reported that communication from the Association is now, in almost every case, 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. On behalf of the Association he had attended, on a regular basis the Wessex Regional Rowing Council Meetings and National Water Safety Meeting held since the Autumn Council meeting in his capacity as Regional Rowing Safety Advisor to the Wessex Region and as a member of the Hants & Safety Commission and had provided an element of

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secretarial and administrative services to the Associations Umpires Committee and the Safety Committee. He also attended the meetings of the Associations Rules and Competitions Sub Committees and most of the 2017 South Coast Championships organizing committee meetings and he represented the Association at Kathy Glover, from Shanklin and Andy Sothcott from Poole's Funeral. Following the Annual Presentation Dinner in November he wrote 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. Following the January Race Officials meeting he wrote to Southsea Rowing Club regarding their lack of Race Officials.

There were only fourteen fines imposed for Late Scratching against twenty-six last year so nearly halved - but none for failure to attend a pre-regatta briefing. Four of the fourteen fines imposed were the subject of appeals - which were reviewed by the Associations Executive Officers at the Autumn Council meeting with all 4 upheld and the fines have been or will be refunded.

A fixture list had been received from CARA but not from WEARA – but no list of Association Officers and Club and Regatta officers as yet from either. Both these Associations have been provided with a copy of the H&D ARA Fixture List for 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 1/3/16 and 1/3/17 around 100 Updates & Tweets and face book posts were sent out.

The Hants & Dorset ARA Web site – 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 also automatically sent to the Associations Twitter feed (@hdara) and to its Facebook page. Between 1st March 2016 and 1st March, 2017 the Web site had 41,319 page views – an average of 3,443 a month – slightly less than last year - and 23,245 visits – an average of 1,9179 per month – slightly more than last year. The H&D Twitter feed has 291 followers – up 20% on last year. No analysis is available for the Face Book pages – but through the efforts of Paula Williams and Dan Angell-Collins thousands of photos have been uploaded leading to many “likes” and comments.

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 has been significantly expanded during the last year and more information will be added as event draws nearer. Since November, 2016 a monthly E Bulletin of the event has been sort out to an E Mail circulation list of 184 names and these bulletins can be downloaded from the web site. They are “themed” each one having a different subject relating to the event.

One requests for additional Hants & Dorset ARA Championship Medals for 2016 from Southsea Rowing – for G. ELDER – for the Men's Coastal Junior Pairs Championship had been received and approved by the Associations Executive Officers and this was endorsed by the meeting.

A delegate questioned the amount of H&D Affiliation fees that can be deducted from the British Rowing Affiliation fees and the Association Secretary explained that this was based on the affiliation fee paid to the Hants & Dorset ARA the previous year – less any Association fines imposed but including the handbook levy. All clubs had already been advised of this figure and it could be extracted from the published Association accounts.

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 and the Presentation Dinner. The Association Treasurer apologised to the meeting for the late submission of the accounts, their unaudited state, and the repayments of fines and BR Membership fees that were

overdue – all due to the unfortunate circumstances she found herself in – which were fully understood and appreciated by the meeting. The accounts showed the Associations accounts to be in a reasonable situation with a very healthy South Coast Championship fund. The Association auditor, Keith Warland, confirmed that following a very brief examination the accounts appeared to be in order. With the agreement of the meeting he would examine the books fully over the next few weeks and hi-light any issues to the Associations Executive Officers to resolve and bring to the attention of the Association if required – and they would then “rubber stamp” the audit and accounts after any issues had been resolved. On this basis the meeting then adopted the accounts – including the accounts from 2016 Swanage Regatta and Presentation Dinner on a proposal from Denny Woodford, seconded by Steve Bull. It was noted that the SCC levy payment of £375 was still due to be paid to Herne Bay – which the Association Treasurer would do, that the income for the presentation dinner included the sale of the “memento” blades and that the South Coast Levy stood at £28,587 including an estimated levy of £3,500 in 2017 - which was available for this year’s South Coast Championship Regatta.

The Election of the Association Officers for 2017 then took place as follows - President – Pete Staddon of Christchurch Rowing Club, having served for one year was unanimously re-elected, on a proposal from Steve Bull, seconded by Ian Hutchings. Chairman – Martin Bradbeer of Itchen Imperial was unanimously re-elected, for a fourth year on a proposal from Max Maxwell, seconded by Bob Sivier. Treasurer – Sue Sothcott of Poole Rowing Club was unanimously re-elected for a third year on a proposal from Keith Warland, seconded by Alan Wigmore. 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 reiterated his intention to stand down at the Association Secretary at the AGM of March, 2019. Keith Warland of Coalporters Rowing Club was re-elected as Hon Auditor on a proposal from Sue Sothcott, seconded by Pete Staddon. 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 and did not need re-electing.

The continued publication of the South Coast Rowing/Hants & Dorset ARA Handbook had been agreed at the Autumn Council Meeting which had been advised that Jimmy Jewell has agreed to be the editor of the handbook once again and his printer has indicated that the cost is unlikely to change. The Association Secretary has been processing the various reports, results and changes required and most of these are now with the Printers – with just the changes made at this meeting to be submitted plus the updated directory. The only Club who had yet to submit their details was Dolphin and their representative promised to send this to the Association that evening. As it’s a H&D Hosted South Coast Championships in 2017 – the Handbook will form part of the information package sent out to CARA and WEARA Clubs so the Council Meeting had agreed that some additional copies to be printed – around 25 – which should only have a small impact of the printing costs but would allow us to maintain the current distribution level to H&D Clubs. The meeting agreed to maintain the current charge on clubs of £46 – and that the Association would cover any increase in printing costs from general funds – on a proposal from Pat Glover, seconded by Alan Wigmore.

The South Coast levy on entry fees - currently £1 per seat – was reviewed by the meeting and it was agreed on a proposal from Gary Joyce, seconded by Sue Sothcott to keep this the same for 2017. It was noted that the balance available from the South Coast Levy for the funding of future championships currently stood at - £28,587 if we assume that the contribution received in 2017 would be the same as in 2016.

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 Steve Bull, seconded by Sue Sothcott that these should also

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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 2017 were confirmed as follows -

REGATTA DATES – 2017

H&D ARA Championship Regatta's are shown in CAPITALS.

Sun	12 th	March	Christchurch Head of the Stour.
Sun	19 th	March	Itchen Eights & Fours HRR
Sat	1 st	April	Southampton Coastal HRR.
Sat	13 th	May	RYDE
Sun	14 th	May	SHANKLIN
Sat	20 th	May	ITCHEN
Sat	27 th	May	LYMINGTON/MILFORD-ON-SEA. TBC.
Sat	3 rd	June	CHRISTCHURCH
Sat	10 th	June	Possible alternative-LYMINGTON/MILFORD-TBA.
Sat	17 th	June	SWANAGE [confirmed by Swanage Town Council]
Sat	24 th	June	WOOLSTON
Sat	1 st	July	COALPORTERS
Sat	8 th	July	NEWPORT – Fours.
Sun	9 th	July	NEWPORT – Small & Junior.
Sat	15 th	July	SOUTHSEA
Sat	22 nd	July	BTC
Sat	29 th	July	POOLE
Sat	12 th	August	BOURNEMOUTH
Sun	13 th	August	Championship/SCC selection row-off's – if reqd
Sat	2 nd	September	South Coast Championship Regatta.
			Dorney Lake, Eton.
Sat	23 rd	September	Itchen Junior Sprint Regatta.

Dates still to be advised -

BTC River & Coastal HRR

Other dates to note -

Sat	25 th	March	Tideway HRR	
Sun	2 nd	April	University Boat Race	
Sat	22 nd	April	Junior Inter Regionals, Nottingham.	
Wed	24 th	May to Mon	29 th May	The Great Coal Row, Southampton.
Wed	28 th	June to Sun	2 nd July	Henley Royal Regatta
Fri	14 th	July to Sun	16 th July	National Junior Championships.
Sat	21 st	Oct to Sun	22 nd Oct	GB National Championships

The Fixture list was approved by the meeting on a proposal from John Adams, seconded by James Foad. It was noted that Coalporters request to Lymington to switch the date of their Regatta from the 27th May to accommodate the BR Great Coal Row over that weekend was rejected.

Kevin Bennett, representing Newport Regatta also advised the meeting that there was a problem with the Newport events scheduled to be held over the weekend of 8th/9th July because of a clash of dates with the Charity Triathlon "Race for the Sun" where the canoe section was scheduled to take place over the same part of the Medina as the rowing on Saturday, 8th July. Newport had only learnt of this clash within the last few days and had, as yet, been unable to arrange a meeting with the event organisers to discuss the situation and possible solutions. He promised to advise the Association and Clubs as soon as these discussions had taken place. Possible solutions were – just a

fours regatta on the Sunday, or switching the fours to the Sunday and racing the small boats and juniors over a shorter course on the Saturday or switching the regatta to a different venue. He was not very optimistic because of the charity nature of the event. It was not clear what the view of the River and local authority – regarding permissions given – was at this time.

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. One area of concern was expressed and that was the need for clubs to clear-up after themselves after the regatta – and not leave this to the volunteers running the event. 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.]. It was pleasing to note that the disputed fines imposed on CARA and WEARA for failure to provide Racing Officials were to be paid and that our Associations proposed Rules changes had been accepted with others withdrawn or rejected.

The Race Officials for the 2017 South Coast Rowing Championships at Dorney Lake, following the recommendation from the Race officials meeting were then appointed, on a proposal from Alan Wigmore, seconded by Pat Glover, as follows –

Championships & Open Regatta.

CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE – Martin Bradbeer.

STARTER – Andy Parsons.

JUDGE - John Adams.

OPEN UMPIRE – Mark Viner.

RESERVES – Ian Hutchings,

Junior Regatta.

Umpire – Max Maxwell.

Starter – Andy Parsons.

Judge – Ian Hutchings.

Reserve – Keith Warland.

Boat Inspections – Gary Joyce.

The Associations delegates to the South Coast Council – were then elected. Bob Sivier had decided to stand down and had been elected an Hon. Member of the South Coast Council at the AGM – and Andy Southcott's position also had to be covered. Denis Woodford, of BTC, indicated he was happy to continue and was re-elected on a proposal from Steve Bull, seconded by Bob Siver. Denny Woodford then proposed that Andy William of Coalporters and Ray Murphy should be elected as the replacement delegates, this was seconded by Steve Bull and unanimously endorsed by the meeting. H&D Life Members of the South Coast Council are - Brent Hartland, Ted Shergold, Keith Warland and Bob Sivier. A vote of thanks was passed to Bob Sivier for his long service as a Hants & Dorset ARA South Coast Council delegate.

An 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 had been circulated prior to the meeting (see attached – Appendix 4). The Chairman of the Organising Committee Chairman – John Purkess – went through the briefing in some details and responded to a few questions including a question about training at the Lake prior to the Championships – which was available but had to be booked through Dorney Lake – and a link to their site to book this would be added to the 2017 SCC Web site. The booking of space for Gazebos/Event Shelters would be sent out in May. It was emphasized that the committee were still seeking volunteers to help with a number of roles including, car park, marshalling, boat marshalling and boat inspections and also needed someone to take on the role of coordinating the Junior Regatta. Delegates were reminded that this

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was a Hants & Dorset ARA hosted Championships and all affiliated clubs were expected to play their part.

The meeting then briefly considered reports from Rules and Competitions Sub Committees which now only meets on an “as required” basis. With rules amendments, including some relating to competitions agreed without amendment at the Autumn Council meeting the Sub Committees have not met so far this year, However they will need to meet at some point to consider changes required to Status Comparison Rules between H&D and BR following introduction by BR of Ranking System – where some confusion reigns – but which should be fully in place at BR events for 2018 season. Jeff Watling agreed to continue as Secretary to these Sub Committees.

The meeting then considered amendments and additions to Association Rules which had been approved by the Autumn Council and the Race Official Meeting – and circulated prior to the meeting. They include changes/re-wording to clarify the status rules and winning at a higher status as it was agreed that one of these rules has been poorly worded and was open to misinterpretation and does not convey the intent of the rule correctly. The Association’s Executive Officers in consultation with the Rules Sub Committee have agreed that this was misleading and were satisfied that this was not the intent of the rule which was designed not to penalize an oarsman who has a single win at a higher status. Therefore the rule had been applied in this way for the 2016 season – but subject to ratification at this AGM. Basically the rule change stated that – for Junior oarsman winning one Junior Senior or Senior race – this would count as a win at Junior status – but that after a 2nd win at Junior Senior status or above – the oarsman would immediately become a Junior Senior or Senior Oarsman and would have to race at Junior Senior or above for the rest of the season and would become a Senior Oarsman the following year. This ruling applies equally to Junior Senior Oarsman and to Junior Ladies rowing up at a higher status i.e. - if you win TWO SENIOR Races as a Junior Senior - or a Coastal Junior - Men or Ladies - you immediately become a Senior Oarsman/woman - and must compete at this status for the rest of the season. Further changes to the rules for Boat Racing were agreed – with the meeting agreeing that, following the season long trial, the new start procedure should be adopted and minor changes to the conditions covering the Championship Trophies, to add the two new Championship Trophies to the list, which had not been discussed by the Rules Sub-committee, was agreed. The changes to the wording for the proposed rule changes agreed by the meeting are attached. [*See Appendix 5 – attached*].

The meeting also discussed and agreed that a new recommendation to regatta committees should be added that where practical two buoys be placed a minimum of two lengths before the start line to assist the crews and the starters in lining up for the races.

Finally the meeting briefly debated 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.

The Election of Racing Officials for 2017, a report on the Officials Meeting of 18/1/17 and the Election of the Umpires Committee [*see attached. Appendix 6.*] was then discussed and agreed. The Racing Officials were re-elected 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, Alan Stewart, Andy Parsons, Sharon Ayles, Penny Budd, Ray Murphy and Steve Maxwell (20). Pending promotion to full Official - Simon Clements. (1). ASSISTANT OFFICIALS. Dave Lathem, Dan Angell-Collins, Garry Walters, Roger Hames, Alex Robertson, Simon Whiting and Alison Houlton (7). The umpires committee was also re-elected 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 refunding of British Rowing Membership Fees of £29 that race Officials are obliged to take out for insurance purposes and 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

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least three events. The analysis of race official's availability in the 2016 season means that Southsea and Westover – with no race officials would be fined £200 each and that Itchen, Lymington and Newport – with one - should be fined £100 each.

A discussion on the charge on Clubs who run an event but have less than two active Officials available for at least three events followed. As the Race Officials meeting had expressed its concern about Southsea's attitude towards providing Race Officials – as they were the one club who did not appear to be making any effort in this direction – almost seeming to prefer to pay the fine and the Association Secretary had written to Southsea expressing the meetings concerns and warning that further measurers may be considered if it did not appear that Southsea making efforts to address the situation. The Southsea Captain made a statement to the meeting explaining Southsea's difficulties – although these also applied to other Clubs in the Association. Southsea stated that they were trying to resolve the situation and that they hoped to have at least one volunteer in place as an Assistant official for the 2017 season. The Association confirmed that they had no wish to impose further penalties on Southsea and would much prefer that the situation was resolved by members of Southsea coming forward to officiate and welcomed their plans to resolve the issue.

Unfortunately Colin Eales, the Chairman of the Wessex Regional Rowing Council had been unable to attend the meeting or submit a report from the Wessex Regional Rowing Council. The Association secretary therefore briefly updated the meeting on the progress of the "Wessex Coastal Four" project where the first boat from the new Wessex owned mould was due to be launched at BTC the following Saturday – 25th March – with all welcome to attend.

The meeting agreed, on a proposal from Pat Glover, seconded by Steve Bull to make a financial contribution from the Hants & Dorset ARA to the Wessex Regional Rowing Council of - £300 for 2017 – and it was agreed that that a similar contribution should be sought from CAR but this was not made a condition. The question was asked again if CARA had made a contribution to Wessex last year – but this was not known.

The meeting then reviewed the report from the Safety Committee and the Associations Safety Meeting held on of 11/2/17 at BTC Rowing Club, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting [*See attached Appendix 7*] with all the recommendations made accepted by the meeting and a Safety Committee for 2017 of - Chairman – Mark Viner and Sub Committee Members – Steve Bull, Gary Joyce, Mick Gisborne and Adam Radcliffe re-appointed. Concern was expressed at the failure of Newport, Coalporters and Christchurch to send delegates to the meeting – as a result of which their respective regattas would receive an audit from the Safety Committee. The meeting also approved a recommendation from the safety Sub Committee that any Hants & Dorset ARA event that is issued with an Association Permit should have a defibrillator available on site or have a first aid provider who has a defibrillator and trained staff to operate it. A proposal was made and agreed that the Association should purchase a Defibrillator to be passed from event to event along with the Race Officials Safety Kits and Life Jackets. It was agreed that the Associations affiliated clubs should contribute £60 per club to fund this. A further recommendation was made that First Aid Provision should be available at least an hour before the start of the event.

The Prize Presentation arrangements for 2017 was then briefly discussed, the balance sheet having already been approved earlier in the meeting. The arrangements for the 2017 dinner, which Paula Williams of Coalporters had agreed to organize on behalf of the Association once again, were well in hand. The event would take place at the Novotel, Southampton, on Saturday, 18th November.

The only matters of Any other business discussed was – a brief discussion on Trailer Driving licenses and Shanklin recorded that their athlete Daisy Faithfull had won a gold medal in her age group at the National Junior Indoor event and that Itchen athletes had won two bronze medals at the same event.

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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 1.52pm.

[The Minutes were taken and written by Steve Bull, Association Secretary in April, 2017 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 2016 Season.

Appendix 2. Treasurer's Report and balance sheet. Including Swanage Regatta & HDARA Presentation Dinner.

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

Appendix 4. Briefing on plans for the 2017 South Coast Championships Regatta.

Appendix 5. Agreed changes to the Rules.

Appendix 6. Report from the Hants & Dorset ARA Race Officials Meeting.

Appendix 7. Report from the Safety Committee and the Associations Safety Meeting.

Appendix 1. The Secretary's Report on the 2016 Season.

The Association Secretaries Report on the 2016 Hants & Dorset ARA Season.

A full program of thirteen championship Regatta's was planned for the 2016 Hants & Dorset ARA season – with one lost to the weather – Bournemouth, run by Westover Rowing Club – which they were unable to reschedule. Another was nearly lost – the BTC Rowing Club Regatta scheduled to take place on Western shore, Southampton faced the strong possibility of cancellation with heavy winds forecast. So, a brave decision was taken a few days before to switch the Regatta to the Coalporters course which required a reduced program – with most of the small boat event being cancelled – and some excellent cooperation between the BTC and Coalporters Rowing Clubs to ensure the Regatta could go ahead. Of the pre-season Head Races – the Itchen event was surprisingly cancelled due to lack of entries and the BTC River & Coastal Fours Head was cancelled due to the weather but eventually took place in October. The Head of the Stour and the Southampton Coastal Head both took place as planned as did the Junior events at Itchen and Newport.

Overall Regatta entries had dropped back a little from 2015 with just over fifteen hundred entries across all Championship Regatta's during the season although eleven of the Regatta's had entries of more than one hundred crews – with Southsea having the highest entry at 196 – although this event is also combined with CARA – and the Association run Swanage Regatta next with 171.

The Men's Senior Fours Championship was a closely fought contest with Itchen Imperial emerging as Association Champions with four wins and the point for their 2nd place at Southsea Regatta giving them a total of five points against BTC's four – these two crews going on to represent the Association at the South Coast Rowing Championships where Itchen finished as runners-up to hosts

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Herne Bay. Coalporters also had two Senior wins and Ryde one in a season where the standard of Senior Crews was disappointing.

In contrast Christchurch Rowing Club dominated both the Men's Junior Senior Fours and the Men's Coastal Junior Fours Championships with a group that were all Coastal Juniors at the beginning of the season and such was the quality of the squad they were able to divide to take on both Championships and win them both – the Junior Senior crew taking seven points and the Coastal Juniors ten.

The runners-up in the Junior Senior Championship were BTC who won the five races and along with the Christchurch Champions represented the Association at the South Coast Championship Regatta but here the Christchurch charge stalled as they were beaten into 2nd place by Deal.

There were no such problems for the H&D Championship winning Christchurch crew in the men's Coastal Juniors at the South Coast Championship where they represented the Association and swept to victory. The issue here was the reluctance of either off the other Hants & Dorset Clubs with winning Juniors crews – Westover and Poole – to take up the 2nd representative slot which very nearly resulted in the Association failing to provide a full quota of Championship crews for the first time. Ryde – who were only promoted from Novice status in mid-season are to be thanked for agreeing to step up.

In addition to Ryde there were single wins in the Men's Novice Fours during the season for BTC, Poole and Christchurch with Westover and Itchen claiming two wins and the Hants & Dorset Championship being awarded to Coalporters for their three wins.

In the Ladies Fours events – the Senior Fours was dominated once again by Itchen Imperial who won all but one of the twelve races staged – BTC taking the other win. These two crews represented the Association at the South Coast Championships with Itchen winning and BTC finishing in 3rd place.

The Ladies Coastal Junior Fours Championship was won convincingly by Poole with nine wins from Southampton with three. These two Clubs went on to represent the Association at the South Coast Championships along with 3rd placed Ryde who qualified because WEARA failed to fulfil their quota. These three crews dominated the Championship event finishing 1st, 2nd and third with Southampton turning the table on Poole to secure the win.

In the Ladies Novice Fours two wins each for Christchurch, Coalporters and Ryde led to a shared Hants & Dorset Championship with BTC, Shanklin, Itchen, Poole and Lymington taking single wins.

The Masters Fours event was closely fought with Itchen narrowly retaining the Hants & Dorset Championship taking six wins to BTC's five – with Poole securing the remaining win. Itchen and BTC represented the Association at the South Coast Championships with Coalporters making up a 3rd representative crew when WEARA once again failed to fill their quota. Again, the H&D crews dominated finishing in the top three places with Itchen retaining their title.

The 2nd Ladies Masters Hants & Dorset Championship was dominated by Southampton who won ten of the twelve available races with BTC and Poole securing single wins.

In the coxless pairs championships Poole were the surprise winners of the Men's Senior event with six wins from Itchen with two and BTC and Lymington with one a piece. Southsea dominated the Men's Junior Pairs with nine wins the only serious challenge coming from Poole with one win.

The Ladies Senior Pairs was won comfortably by Itchen with their seven points from two different crews – Coalporters taking the other point and the Junior Ladies Pairs Championship – in its second season was totally dominated by Lymington who won all ten races.

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In the single sculling event the Men's Senior Championship was a two-close fought contest between Mark Wardell of Itchen and Alex Robertson of Shanklin with was only decided at the last regatta where Wardell's win secured the Championship. BTC's Adam Ratcliff performance on the Men's Coastal Junior Sculls was more comfortable as his eight wins secured the Hants & Dorset ARA Championship with single wins for Misslebach of Shanklin and Buckett of Ryde. The three wins by Ryde's Novice Scullers secured the Club that Championship with Southsea and BTC runners-up with two wins and single win for Itchen.

In the Ladies Senior Sculls Jess Bull from Itchen won the three events held to take that Championships and there was a first ever Hants & Dorset ARA Single Sculls Championship for Newport with Anna Webb comfortably winning the Ladies Junior Sculls with seven wins with Hume and Gooch of BTC and Paul of Itchen securing single wins. The two wins a piece for Shanklin and Westover secured them a share of the Championship in the Ladies Novice sculls where there were single wins for Southampton, Poole, Coalporters and Christchurch.

A rare event – the affiliation of a new Club – Dolphin R. C. based in Emsworth, Hampshire took place during 2016 and they are a welcome addition to the Associations affiliated Clubs – bringing the total to fourteen – including the dual affiliated Southsea and Worthing Rowing Clubs. They competed for the first time at BTC's rescheduled River and Coastal Fours Head in October. It is a difficult enough task to keep an existing club running successfully let alone trying to start up a new one! We wish them well.

As a result of the seasons racing Itchen Imperial Rowing Club were presented with the R. S. O. Carr Trophy as Championship Club once again with BTC as runners-up and Itchen will also hold the Eileen and Eric Crow Aggregate Cup on the Associations behalf for being the major contributors to this award for the best performing Association at the South Coast Championships in the Championship events – Southsea receiving the Archie Fraser Memorial Trophy for best performing club in all events at the Championships.

There were safety awards to BTC, Newport and Ryde for going all season without any equipment inspection failures and the prestigious Coxswain of the Year award went to Chez Hill of Poole Rowing Club with Max Moody of BTC runners-up.

Finally – for his long commitment to Hants & Dorset and Coastal Rowing and for his service as a race official where he regularly makes himself available for nearly every event – the Evening Echo Trophy, presented in memory of Arthur Chatfield was awarded to former H&D President, Ryde's John "Henry" Adams.

By the end of the season registrations at 750 were slightly up on 2015 (741) – 643 Of these were at first registration with 107 added during the season. The split between men and women was 409 men (54%) against 341 women (46%) – an increased percentage of women over 2015 (2015 – 59% Men/ 41% women).

To conclude – 2016 can be regarded as a successful season where we have at least held our own – with some excellent competition – and where we have maintained our position as the top South Coast Rowing Association even if the Bideford Bowl continues to allude us. However, challenges remain – the attitude of some Hants & Dorset Clubs to the South Coach Championships and the continued poor support from WEARA Clubs are an issue – especially in a year in which we host the event and registrations appear stagnant – with no real "Rio" effect apparent yet – and the attitude and understanding of Coastal Rowing by the sport's governing body – British Rowing – remains an issue. But 2016 was a satisfactory season and with the affiliation of a new Club is encouraging.

Steve Bull,
Association Secretary,

November, 2016.

Appendix 2. Treasurer's Report and balance sheet. Including Swanage Regatta & HDARA Presentation Dinner.

**Hants & Dorset ARA Accounts
2016**

2015 / 2016 COMPARISON

<u>Income</u>	2016	2015
Affiliation Fees	£3,180.50	£3,280.50
South Coast Levy	£3,553.00	£4,577.00
Racing Permits	£320.00	£365.00
Fines	£80.00	£140.00
H&D Dinner Dance Raffle	£437.00	£330.00
Interest	£11.85	£9.91
	<u>£7,582.35</u>	<u>£8,702.41</u>

Expenditure

H&D Safety Kit	-£105.64	-£272.47
H&D Umpires Kit	-£79.10	
Handbook Printing	-£787.00	-£734.80
SCC Levy	-£550.00	-£520.00
Secretary Honorarium	-£500.00	-£500.00
Engraving	-£295.00	-£370.14
Officials BR Fee Refunds	£13.88	-£342.76
Postage	-£189.86	-£94.77
Printing & Stationery	-£49.05	-£193.38
Marker Buoys		-£574.34
Life Jacket Service		-£271.90
IT Expenses	-£177.89	-£89.33
	<u>-£2,719.66</u>	<u>-£3,963.89</u>

Surplus / Deficit on H&D ARA Activities	£4,862.69	£4,738.52
Surplus / Deficit on Swanage Regatta	£964.07	£941.32

TOTAL Surplus / Deficit £5,826.76 £5,679.84

Swanage

<u>Income</u>	2016	2015
Entry Fees	£2,584.00	£2,675.00
Itchen Donation		£50.00
Programme Sales		£22.81
	<u>£2,584.00</u>	<u>£2,747.81</u>

Expenditure

Buoy Weights & Swivels	-£20.52	-£158.28
Safety Boat Fuel	-£72.41	-£98.00
First Aid	-£350.00	-£345.00
South Coast Levy	-£480.00	-£488.00
Umpire Boat	-£150.00	-£150.00
Trophies	-£438.00	-£461.21
Liability Insurance	-£109.00	-£106.00

Surplus / Deficit on Swanage -£1,619.93 -£1,806.49

Surplus / Deficit on Swanage £964.07 £941.32

Reserves B/F from Previous Year

Bank Account	£7,672.19	£6,610.64
Savings Account	£23,934.50	£19,347.59
Cash in Hand (with Secretary)	£10.84	-£20.54
	<u>£31,617.53</u>	<u>£25,937.69</u>

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Profit / Loss for Period	£5,826.76	£5,679.84
TOTAL RESERVES	£37,444.29	£31,617.53
Financed by:		
Bank Account	£13,190.13	£7,672.19
Savings Account	£24,237.35	£23,934.50
Cash in Hand (with Secretary)	£16.81	£10.84
	£37,444.29	£31,617.53

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

SOUTH COAST ROWING CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA COUNCIL AGM HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH ARC ON SATURDAY 28th JANUARY 2017

Report by Denis Woodford Hants and Dorset ARA delegate.

In Attendance:- H&D - R. Sivier. D. Woodford. R. Murphy. A. Williams.
K. Warland. T. Shergold. J. Purkess.
WEARA J. Perry. R. Mallett. S. Worley. H. Bastone. J. Jewell.
CARA - J. Hutton. G. Dawes. J. Holmes.
Hon. Sec. C. Eales.

On commencement of the meeting a minutes silence was observed in memory of Andy Sothcott.

Delegate Members

Both Bob Sivier, H&D and Phil Challen, CARA have been made Life Members of the Council in appreciation of their long service to the Council.

Minutes from the 2016 meetings were read and approved.

Matters arising from 2016 meetings

1. Fines imposed for CARA and WEARA for non-supply of sufficient officials at Wimbleball 2015 were confirmed at £100 per Association. Both Associations were in agreement with this and Colin Eales agreed to action.
2. An under 16 mixed crew competed at Herne Bay. Although it was not within the South Coast rules it was decided unanimously by the delegates to accept their entry and allow them to compete. A long debate concerning under 16's and under 14's took place and the delegates are to discuss this with their respective Associations to seek ideas for the future development of junior racing.

Championship Medals – WEARA and CARA have approximately 30 in stock and H&D have 204.

Herne Bay 2016 – All Delegates agreed that this was an excellent Regatta with only minor problems arising with the P.A. system and the seating arrangements at the Kings Hall which were outside of the Organisers control.

Eton Dorney 2017 – John Purkess as Venue Chairman made a presentation of facilities and events to be held. Various minor items were raised which John will take to his Committee to clarify and report back to Council.

Deal 2018 – Jeremy Holmes presented details of this event on behalf of CARA who had agreed to change rotation with WEARA (Dartmouth). The date proposed was Saturday, the 1st September 2018. All racing will be at Deal, three courses are proposed. **Course A** – will be from Walmer Sea Scout HQ through the pier finishing at the boat house. **Course B** – will be from Kingston to Walmer finishing close to the pier. **Course C** – will be from the North at Sandown Castle, racing South and finishing at the Club.

Should racing be abandoned on Saturday due to bad weather, Sunday racing will proceed on one of the three courses with priority given to Championship races and a review to other events weather permitting.

After this presentation was completed Ray Mallett, WEARA Delegate, stated that as Bideford have moved their Annual Regatta to July 2017 to facilitate the South Coast Championships at Eton Dorney, they would not be willing to change again in 2018 to facilitate the Deal Championships and would consider withdrawing the Bideford Bowl from competition should this happen. H&D and CARA Delegates were concerned with this statement. Deal Delegates made telephone calls at lunch break and confirmed that they would hold the Regattas one week later - **Saturday, the 8th September 2018**

On Friday 3rd February the South Coast Council received an e-mail from the Port of Bideford Regatta Secretary, Heather Godfrey, stating that they are unsure where this information regarding the withdrawal of the Bideford Bowl had come from as it was not the subject of a Committee Meeting held in November 2016 and their 2017 Meeting was not until 12th February. They categorically confirmed that they have no intention of withdrawing the trophy and that both Bideford Reds and Blues will continue to support this prestigious event, stating that they know the Bowl is a much sought after trophy and long may it continue to be so.

Dartmouth Saturday 14th September 2019

Hilary Bastone presented a preliminary promotional document to celebrate the holding of the South Coast Championships, Open and Under 16 Regattas at Dartmouth, being the Sesquicentennial of Dartmouth Amateur Rowing Club.

Rule Changes

Rule No 2 - H&D proposed that the Council should comprise three Delegates from each Association, one from each of three separate Clubs. The vote was 9 – 0 for.

Rule 25d - Novices must have competed in at least one Championship Regatta within their Association in the current season of the South Coast Championship Regatta or have been a registered Association member for 12 months for the Club they are representing. The vote was 9 – 0 for. This was based on the proposal of Southsea and Christchurch.

Rule 25d - Proposal from CARA withdrawn.

Championship Events

CARA proposed a Veteran 50+ Championship Event and the vote was 6 – 3 against.

Appendix 4. Briefing on plans for the 2017 South Coast Championships Regatta.

**BRIEFING UPDATE FOR SOUTH COAST ROWING COUNCIL MEMBERS
FOR THE SOUTH COAST ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

TO BE HELD AT DORNEY LAKE – 2nd SEPTEMBER 2017

Please note that H&D ARA has no arrangement with Eton Dorney Lake Services for training on the lake prior to the 1st of September, any club wishing to use this facility would need to arrange this direct with EDLS themselves. Contact their Reception on 01753 832756 asking for 'Casual Users' Terms & Conditions.

AS AGREED BY COUNCIL, THIS REGATTA WILL BE A ONE-DAY ONLY EVENT, WITH NO PROVISION TO CARRY OVER RACING TO SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER. IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS THE 'CHAMPIONSHIP' RACES ONLY WILL ATTEMPT TO BE RUN.

Friday 1st September

Car park is open from 10am, with Parking Marshals in attendance in Hi Vis jackets with radio contact with Regatta control (correct money would be appreciated to speed up entry to the site)

Costs for parking; Cars £10 to include one programme of events; Minibus £20 to include two programmes;

Coaches £30 to include three programmes. No charge for trailers

Club Pitches to be booked through Tim Bull (organising committee's sec. timothy.bull@tiscali.co.uk) Gazebos maximum size 6x6 metres per pitch. Applications for pitches will not be accepted until after 1st May 2017

Umpires and Officials Meeting scheduled for 15.00hrs. in the Lake Room.

South Coast Rowing Championships Delegates Meeting TBA. (Traditionally at 4:00pm)

Reception for V.I.P.'s / SCRC Delegates and Race Officials scheduled for 18:30hrs, Championship races draw to follow at approx. 19:30 – 19:45hrs Championship crews will be invited to attend the draw.

H&D ARA to provide guests with one drink on arrival and will also provide a selection of nibbles. A cash bar will operate until 21:30 hrs.

Saturday 2nd September

Car Park opens at 06:30am, arrangement for parking and pitches/gazebos etc. as per Friday 1st Sept.

Race officials meeting scheduled for 07:30

Safety Briefing / Club Captains meeting scheduled for 08:00

Boat Inspections commence at 08:30 (H&D ARA will supply Inspectors, plus others from the other two rowing associations)

Safety Boats, there will be four safety boats on the water during racing. Suitably manned by RYA trained crews.

Umpires Boats, there will be four catamaran style Umpires boat available to umpire all races during the day

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Toilet Facilities, **separate Ladies and Gents toilets located near the finish line, Porta loos located at the 2000 and 1000 meters starts.**

First Aid, 1 ambulance plus 2 paramedics located near the finish line, 1 paramedic with car located at the 1000 metre start, both teams in radio contact with the regatta controller.

Race Timing, Microtime will be timing all races as they did in 2011

Crew Photos, **It is planned to have a professional photographer at the event with the facility to produced prints available to purchase shortly after pictures have been taken. No prices available for this service.**

Hot Food/Snacks

Facility for the purchase of hot food / snacks and drinks will be available from EDLS Lake Café' all day on the Saturday.

12th Under 16 Junior Regatta Raced in River boats (but with some Coastal boat events offered)

Due to start at 09:00, and finish at approx. 12:00 – 12:15 Note! Consideration is being given to presenting the Junior Prizes at the end of the Junior Regatta, dependant on BR's Celebrity guest timings. Also still considering whether to award 1st only or 1st, 2nd and 3rd medals to junior events. (Medal design was decided by a competition arranged for Junior members of all affiliated SCRC clubs, the winning design submitted by a member of Deal Rowing Club)

Championship and Open Events Regatta Raced in Coastal Boats only. 7 buoyed lanes available.

Due to start at 13:00 scheduled to finish approx.18:00hrs, Safety and Umpires boats available as per the Junior Regatta.

Please Note!

There will be no coaching from bicycles from the track alongside the lake in accordance with SCRC Rule 53 "Receiving outside instructions" Also the public have 'right of way' to this pathway and EDLS Health & Safety Rules prohibit this.

Also no crews may leave their appointed (drawn) lane during the race, contrary to SCRC Rule 47 "one clear length of clear water etc." This is an individually buoyed 2000 metre course which offers completely fair racing from any lane.

Prize Giving, scheduled for 19:30 – 20:00hrs (again dependant on BR's Celebrity Guest timings)

Followed by a Disco with a cash bar available until 23:30hrs.

Finally at this time, the Organising Committee are not aware of any Event being booked at Dorney Lake for Sunday 3rd September by EDLS, but clubs should arrange for an early exit on Sunday morning of any trailers left overnight.

Appendix 5. Agreed changes to the Rules.

- 1. Amendments to Hants & Dorset ARA Rules for Boat Racing. Section 4 The Start. (in Red and italics)**

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HANTS AND DORSET ARA RULES FOR BOAT RACING.

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.

4.2. Each boat must race in the position they are drawn. Any boat taking up a position other than as advertised in the programme or direction by the starter or umpire shall be liable to be disqualified.

4.3 The starter shall announce the race and *may* call over competing crews and lane numbers where clarification is needed.

4.4. The starter shall raise a red flag to notify crews to come under starters orders and any boat not at the start at the signal being given shall be liable to be disqualified or the race started in its absence.

4.5. When the starter is ready he shall lower the red flag and replace it by raising a yellow flag measuring at least 2' x 2' and the race shall be started by the dropping of the yellow flag which may be accompanied by a verbal "~~Set~~"—~~pause~~- "Go" the "Go" to coincide with the dropping of the flag which is the overriding signal.

4.6. Any boat failing to obey an instruction to get back behind the starting line from the starter or umpire or starting over the line or starting to row before the dropping of the yellow flag shall be liable to disqualification.

4.7. The starter shall have control of the start with the power to disqualify and if he considers the start false he shall at once recall the boats to their stations and any boat refusing to start again shall be liable to disqualification.

4.8. Once the race has started to the satisfaction of the starter the control of the race shall pass to the umpire or umpires.

4.9. If after the yellow flag has been raised the line shall become unsatisfactory or an obstruction shall appear on the course the red flag will be re-hoisted and the yellow lowered to indicate that the start is delayed and crews must obey any instructions given by the starter or umpire or may be liable to disqualification.

4.10. The raising of an arm by a crew member or coxswain on the start is an indication to the starter that the crew considers it is not ready to start for some reason but the decision when to start rests entirely with the starter.

2. Amendments to Hants & Dorset ARA Status Rules *(in Red and italics)*

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HANTS AND DORSET ARA STATUS RULES

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SWEEP OARSMAN.

1.0. NOVICE STATUS.

1.1. The Association will decide annually at its AGM if a single Novice win or two wins will be required before promotion to Junior status.

1.2. Novice Oarsman. *Single win before promotion to Junior status.*

1.2.1. A Novice Oarsman is one who has never won a Championship point in an open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice Oarsman wins a Championship point he becomes a Junior Oarsman.

1.2.2. He is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior, Junior Senior or Senior status and a qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Novice status for him.

1.3. Novice Oarsman. *Two wins before promotion to Junior status.*

1.3.1. A Novice oarsman is one who has never won or only won one Championship point in an open race with oars at a Regatta.

1.3.2. Single Championship points wins will be wiped clean at the end of the season, subject to no oarsman having a Championship point wiped clear twice (Note. This applies to sweep oar events only and not to Sculls where any win is carried over to the new season).

1.3.3. Immediately he wins two Championship points at Novice status (see rule 1.3.4.) he becomes a Junior oarsman.

1.3.4. He is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior, Junior Senior or Senior status and a *single* qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Novice status for him.

2.0. JUNIOR STATUS

2.1. Junior Oarsman. A Junior oarsman is one who has won a Championship point or points at Novice status or above (as specified under Rule 1.2. or 1.3.) at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status.

2.2. Immediately he wins two Championship points at Junior status ~~or above~~ (see rule 2.3.) he becomes a Junior Senior oarsman, but he may continue to row in Junior racing for the rest of the season in which he has won his second Championship point.

2.3. He is eligible to compete in races at Junior, Junior Senior or Senior status and a *single* qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Junior status for him.

3.0. JUNIOR SENIOR STATUS.

3.1. Junior Senior Oarsman. A Junior Senior oarsman is one who has won Championship points at Junior status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Junior Senior status.

3.2. Immediately he wins two Championship points at Junior Senior status ~~or above~~ (see rule 3.3.) he becomes a Senior oarsman but he may continue to row in Junior Senior racing for the rest of the season in which he has won his second Championship point.

3.3. He is eligible to compete in races at Junior Senior or Senior status and a *single* qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Junior Senior status for him.

4.0. SENIOR STATUS.

4.1. Senior Oarsman. A Senior Oarsman is one who has won two Championship points at Junior Senior status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Senior status.

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SWEEP OARSWOMAN.

5.0. NOVICE STATUS.

5.1. The Association will decide annually at its AGM if a single Novice win or two wins will be required before promotion to Junior status.

5.2. Novice Oarswoman. *Single win before promotion to Junior status.*

5.2.1. A Novice oarswoman is one who has never won a Championship point in an open race with oars at a Regatta. Immediately a Novice oarswoman wins a Championship point she becomes a Junior oarswoman.

5.2.2. She is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior or Senior status and a *single* qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Novice status for her.

5.3. Novice Oarswoman. *Two wins before promotion to Junior status.*

5.3.1. A Novice oarswoman is one who has never won or only won one Championship, point in an open race with oars at a Regatta.

5.3.2. Single Championship points will be wiped clean at the end of the season, subject to no oarswomen having a Championship point wiped clear twice (Note. This applies to sweep oar events only and not to Sculls where any win is carried over to the new season).

5.3.3. Immediately she wins two Championship points at Novice status (see rule 5.3.4.) she becomes a Junior oarswoman.

5.3.4. She is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior or Senior status and a qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Novice status for her.

6.0. JUNIOR STATUS.

6.1. Junior Oarswoman. A Junior oarswoman is one who has won a Championship point or points at Novice status or above (as specified under Rule 5.2. and 5.3.) at an open regatta and promotion to Junior status.

6.2. Immediately she wins two Championship points at Junior status ~~or above~~ (see rule 6.3.) she becomes a Senior oarswoman, but may continue to row in Junior racing for the rest of the season in which she has won her second Championship point.

6.3. She is eligible to compete in races at Junior or Senior status and a *single* qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as win at Junior status for her.

7.0. SENIOR STATUS.

7.1. Senior Oarswoman. A Senior oarswoman is one who has won two Championship points at Junior status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Senior status.

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF MASTERS.

8.0. MASTERS 40 STATUS

8.1. Masters 40 Oarsman/Woman. A Masters 40 Oarsman/Woman is one who has attained the age of 40 years on the day of the Regatta.

8.2. A Masters 40 crew must have a minimum age of 40.

8.3. Mixed crews are allowed and one member of a crew can be from another Club provided they meet the criteria of a Masters 40, but a composite crew cannot be awarded a H & D Championship point – the point being awarded to the first full Club crew to finish as long as two full club crews started the race.

8.4. If one Masters 40 crew member is from another Club the Crew shall take the name of the Club with most members.

8.5. If one crew member is from another Club he/she must be registered with the H& D ARA for that Club.

8.6. If one crew member is from another Club he/she should wear the racing colours of that Club.

9.0. MASTERS 50 STATUS

9.1. Masters 50 Oarsman/Woman. A Masters 50 Oarsman/Woman is one who has attained the age of 50 years on the day of the Regatta.

9.2. A Masters 50 crew must have a minimum age of 50.

9.3. Mixed crews are allowed and one member of a crew can be from another Club provided they meet the criteria of Masters 50.

9.4. If one Masters 50 crew member is from another Club the Crew shall take the name of the Club with most members.

9.5. If one crew member is from another Club he/she must be registered with the H& D ARA for that Club.

9.6. If one crew member is from another Club he/she should wear the racing colours of that Club.

9.7. Masters 50 races are not Championship events

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF SCULLERS.

10.0. NOVICE SCULLER STATUS.

10.1. A Novice Sculler. A Novice sculler is one who has never won or won one sculling Championship point in a sculling race at any open Regatta.

10.2. Immediately a Novice Sculler wins a second sculling Championship point (*see rule 10.3.*) he/she becomes a Junior Sculler.

10.3. He/she is eligible to compete in races at Novice, Junior or Senior status and a *single* qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) at any of these will count as a win at Novice status for him/her.

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 (see rule 11.3.)* 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 *single* qualifying win (see rule 16.0.) 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 two sculling Championship points at Junior status or above at an open regatta and promotion to Senior status.

STATUS OF CLASSIFICATION OF J16 OARSMAN/WOMAN.

13.0. J16 Oarsman/women. A J16 Oarsman/Women is a competitor who has not attained sixteen years of age before the first of September preceding the event.

Note: British Rowing J16 age qualification rule states (part relevant to J16 only) – Reference 3-3-2 Juniors.

c. A J16 is a competitor who had not attained the age sixteen years of age before the first day of September preceding the event.

13.1. J16 Crews can be mixed gender and composite crews are allowed

13.2. J16 races are not Championship events.

GENERAL STATUS RULES.

14.0. WINS AT A HIGHER STATUS.

14.1. Immediately an oarsperson or sculler wins two Championship points (see rule 16.0.) in a higher status to their current status they are immediately promoted to the status in which these points were awarded.

15.0. REINSTATEMENT TO LOWER STATUS.

15.1. Under no circumstances can an oarsman/woman be reinstated to a lower status after he/she has won a race which qualifies him/her for a higher status.

16.0. NO CHANGE TO STATUS.

16.1. If no Championship Points are awarded then there is no change to an Oarsman's/Oarswoman's status.

16.2. Event wins in Masters 40, Masters 50 and J16 (or under i.e. J15 etc.) races shall not affect an Oarsman's/Oarswoman's status.

17.0. EFFECTIVE START OF STATUS.

17.1. An oarsman/woman's status shall be in accordance with the classifications set out above and shall take immediate effect.

18.0. STATUS OF COXSWAINS.

18.1. Coxswains. There is no classification.

19.0. EFFECT OF SWEEP STATUS AND SCULLING STATUS.

19.1. The sweep status of an oarsman/woman shall not effect his/her status as a sculler or vice versa.

20.0. STATUS RULES ON NON-H&D ARA COMPETITORS.

19.1. The Associations Rules as to status shall apply to competitors from other associations competing in events held under the Rules of the Association.

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HANTS AND DORSET ARA CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE HANTS AND DORSET ARA CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES.

1.0. The H&D ARA Championship Trophies.

Listed in the order Championship event was added.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association Championship Cup for Senior Fours.

The Marie Fraser Cup for Junior Senior Fours.

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The Alderman Moulard Cup for Junior Fours.

The Westover Challenge Cup for Novice Fours.

The Southsea R. C. Bowl for Senior Pairs.

The Westover Lord Roberts Shield for Junior Pairs.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association
Championship Cup for Senior Ladies Fours.

The P. J. Sherwin Cup for Junior Ladies Fours.

The A. Fraser Cup for Novice Ladies Fours.

The Christchurch Regatta Cup for Senior Sculls.

The Frank Gillingham Cup for Junior Sculls.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association

Championship Cup for Senior Ladies Pairs, donated by Southampton A. R. C.

The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association

Coxswain of the Year Tankard (*and The Hants & Dorset ARA Coxswain of the Year Cap.*)

John Broom Trophy for Ladies Senior Sculls.

The Hersey Cups for Men's Novice Sculls Championship.

The Ladies Junior Sculls Trophy.

Ladies Novice Sculls - The Toby Trowbridge Trophy – (formally the National Championship Coastal Event Aggregate Trophy) donated by Christchurch Rowing Club.

The Veteran Fours Trophy. Donated by Itchen Imperial R. C. in memory of Alfie Flack.

The Hants & Dorset ARA Ladies Junior Pairs Championship Shield.

Hants & Dorset ARA Ladies Masters Championship Donated by Christchurch Rowing Club.

Additional Trophies -

The Archie Fraser Memorial Trophy for best performing Hants & Dorset Club in all events at the Southcoast Championship Regatta.

Championship Club – the R. S. O. "Hank" Carr Trophy donated by Barbara Carr in memory of "Hank"

The Daily Echo Trophy in memory of Arthur Chatfield. Awarded annually to an individual for Service to the Association and Coastal Rowing.

2.0. AWARDING OF TROPHIES.

2.1. The Trophies shall be awarded as grand aggregate prizes to be held for one year by the Clubs obtaining the greatest number of points in the respective championship races at regattas recognised by the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association for Championship points. A win shall count one point.

3.0. AFFILIATION OF REGATTAS.

3.1. The Trophies shall be competed for only at Towns where Regattas exist affiliated to the Association and whose regattas are held under its rules.

4.0. CONDITION OF TROPHIES.

4.1. The Trophies shall be returned in good condition, to the Hon. secretary of the Association at the Autumn Delegates Meeting or on a date decided by the Hon. Secretary.

5.0. OUTRIGHT WINNING OF TROPHIES.

5.1. The Trophies cannot be won outright.

6.0. DISPOSAL OF TROPHIES ON DISBANDMENT OF H&D ARA.

6.1. In the event of the Hants & Dorset A.R.A. ceasing to function, the trophies (other than the Senior Four Cup) shall be returned to the donors or heirs, to be held in trust until such time as the Association shall resume its activities.

7.0. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

7.1. The Trophies shall be presented to the winning Clubs as and where decided by the Association.

8.0. INSURING OF TROPHIES.

8.1. The Club winning a trophy shall bear the cost of insuring it for the ensuing year at the last valuation approved by the Association and in the event of any loss or damage shall bear the cost of reinstating or replacing the same including replacing any engraving of past winners.

9.0. ASSOCIATION TROPHIES.

9.1. All Association Championship trophies shall be under the control of the Association who shall govern the conditions subject to any overriding conditions laid down by the donor of the trophy.

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Appendix 6. Report from the Hants & Dorset ARA Race Officials Meeting.

Notes from the Associations Race Officials Meeting of 14th January, 2017 for the Hants & Dorset ARA AGM of 18th March, 2017 (an extract from the Minutes of the meeting).

Of the 29 Full and Assistant Race Officials on the H&D ARA Register 20 were in attendance at the meeting when the Chairman of the Umpires Committee, Andy Parsons, in the chair.

The meeting agreed that Pete Diffey of Poole who had not officiated or contacted the committee for a couple of years should be removed from the list as should Pete Lock of Lymington and Karen Fancett of Itchen Imperial – who had both indicated that they may want to withdraw their names. Their respective Clubs were asked to clarify the position of William (Bill) Dalby of Itchen.

It was noted that for 2017 Simon Canning would represent Bournemouth Rowing Club where he was now Captain and it was also noted that Westover & Bournemouth Rowing Club had changed their name and would now be known as Bournemouth Rowing Club.

The Umpires Committee Chairman, Andy Parsons, presented his Chairman's report and gave a report on the National Umpires Committee. Note - heartening comment from BR's Sport Committee Chair Andy Crawford – 'I think you in coastal rowing are doing a lot right and we should learn from you'. Interest from Paddy Ibbotson in how our rules are written so he can suggest how to improve FISA coastal rules and train FISA umpires to handle coastal events better.

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Membership of the Umpires Committee. The recommendation to the Association's Annual General Meeting is that the following be re-appointed and that the terms of reference for the committee should remain unchanged – Chairman - Andy Parsons, Coalporters Rowing Club: Committee 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 organise and allocate the Assistant Race Officials. **Approval from AGM required.**

The full official due to take their three-year exam – were Ian Hutchings, Pete Staddon and Alan Stewart – who was now available to officiate again.

Max Maxwell had completed his panel interview that morning and his promotion to full official confirmed. Ray Murphy's panel interview took place after the meeting and his promotion to full official confirmed – leaving Simon Canning's panel interview to be completed. **All subject to approval at the Associations AGM in March.**

An appeal for more assistants should be part of the AGM Notice – Simon Whiting was put forward by Poole at the meeting.

The number of times Race Officials Officiated and Reports Received was analysed and with regards to reports completed by Race Officials the meeting agreed that the current method of reporting should remain unchanged and officials were reminded that they should submit individual reports for all events they officiate at – including Head Races and Junior events – and that the combined de-brief report should continue. It was thought it would be useful if the location and approximate time of the de-brief could be agreed between race officials at the beginning of the regatta so everyone knew when and where it would take place and on the rare occasions that a de-brief does not take place because of the conditions or because the event runs late or Race Officials are not available then the lead Official will try and establish a de-brief document via an exchange of E Mails with his fellow officials.

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 2017. However the meeting was concerned about Southsea's attitude towards providing Race Officials – as they were the one club who did not appear to be making any effort in this direction – almost seeming to prefer to pay the fine. It was agreed that the Association Secretary should – and has - written to Southsea expressing the meetings concerns and warning that further measurers may be considered if it did not appear that Southsea making efforts to address the situation. One Assistant Official from Southsea. Asked

The analysis of race official's availability in the 2016 season means that Southsea and Westover – with no race officials should be fined £200 each and that Itchen, Lymington and Newport – with one - should be fined £100 each. It was noted that Simon Clements would represent Bournemouth in 2017 and that Worthing & Dolphin do not stage H&D ARA Permitted events so are under no obligation to provide Race officials. **Approval of AGM required.**

Race Officials availability forms had been received and event availability distributed to event Secretaries.

Race officials for 2017 South Coast Championships Regatta at Dorney Lake on the 2nd September, 2017 – the recommendation to the AGM was agreed as follows -
Championships & Open Regatta.

CHAMPIONSHIP UMPIRE – Martin Bradbeer, STARTER – Andy Parsons. JUDGE - John Adams. OPEN UMPIRE – Mark Viner. RESERVES – Ian Hutchings,

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Junior Regatta. Umpire – Max Maxwell. Starter – Andy Parsons. Judge – Ian Hutchings. Reserve – Keith Warland. **Approval of AGM required.**

The recommendation to the AGM regarding method of selecting the H&D Coxswain of the Year It was agreed that the current method, where race officials on the day nominate up to three coxswains in order should be continued – but a small adjustment to the points awarded was proposed as follows – 1st nominated 5 point + “Cox of the Day awards; 2nd nominated – 3 points; 3rd nominated – 1 point making a tie less likely. **Approval of AGM required.**

There were no existing rules where the meeting required clarification and no recommendations for changes to the Associations Rules and the recommendations from the Rules Sub Committee Ref. Rules for Boat racing and Regatta Rules and the Rule changes recommended at the Autumn Council Meeting were agreed including the amendment to the start procedure.

The meeting also discussed in some detail the way the existing rules should be interpreted and applied especially with regards to warnings to crews.

The meeting reviewed the Insurance of Race Officials via British Rowing Membership. The meeting approved a recommendation to continue to reimburse racing officials for the cost of a BR Silver membership at the rate of £29 – or any increased rate implemented by British Rowing - **should be put before the Associations AGM.**

The Safety equipment provided for Racing Officials was reviewed by the meeting – no changes needed & the Life Jackets had been serviced.

A “Monitoring” Power Point presentation produced by the National Umpires Committee had been circulated and it was thought that this might be a useful document to send to volunteer helpers and race officials at head races. Andy Parsons to action.

Steve Bull. Association Secretary.
For the H&D Umpires Committee.
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Appendix 7. Report from the Safety Committee and the Associations Safety Meeting.

Notes from the Associations Safety Meeting on Saturday, 11th February, 2017 for the Hants & Dorset ARA AGM of 18th March, 2017 (an extract from the Minutes of the meeting).

Prior to the meeting the Water Safety Commission members carried out a re-audit of the Safety procedures and facilities of the BTC Rowing Club.

The only H&D Rowing Clubs/Events not in attendance were Newport – for the 2nd consecutive year – and Christchurch and Coalporters although all three had sent apologies. The Chairman of the Safety Sub Committee expressed his disappointment and concern that three Clubs and Regatta’s had failed to send representatives to the meeting – it being difficult to believe that there was no one at the Clubs who was available to attend.

The Association Secretaries Report to the H&D Autumn Delegates Meeting and the Wessex Region AGM, was approved by the meeting *as was* a 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). The importance of ensuring that the Club Safety Adviser contact with BR was correct was stressed.

The Meeting was then briefed on the recently launched revised British Rowing Row Safe – and the Coastal Section which was considered in more detail. This section is predominantly based on the

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submission the H&DARA Safety Committee made to the NSC around a year ago – after consultation throughout the region - and as suggested it relates to what we have termed “Inshore Coastal Rowing” as opposed to Offshore – FISA, Gig etc. where the Row Safe section has still to be produced.

The revised BR Club Safety Audits, launched in September, was discussed. The RRSA gave his report on last year’s audits – stating that All Wessex Clubs audits have been accepted except Southampton University Medical School Boat Club – who have never responded and Southampton University Boat Club who have failed to upload any Risk assessment. Four Clubs missed the 31st December deadline for submission and acceptance and were briefly suspended by BR for failure to comply. Seven Club Audits were initially not accepted – due to missing /incorrect responses, failure to upload risk assessments or “host Club issues”. Southsea – were incorrectly classified as being a Wessex South Coast Club by BR – so their audit was sent to Phil McCorry who accepted it. Solent University Boat Club do not appear on any list – and I can only assume they are no longer affiliated to BR and neither do SWAC – who status within BR has never been very clear. Reasons for non-acceptance of Audits were detailed and discussed.

BR had provided RRSA’s with a spreadsheet of the results for their region allowing some analysis to take place although analysing this in a meaningful way is still very difficult. However, the RRSA has been able to extract, as he has in the past, a list of the questions that receive the most “still to address” responses - which were considered at meetings in the past in the hope of providing collective solutions.

On Line Incident Reporting – analysis of seventh year. Some National statistics were available and discussed. The RRSA had also asked BR for two improvements – that have yet to be implemented. 1) All Clubs mentioned automatically get a copy. 2) BR to develop an Incident Report Ap. for smart phones.

Safety Incidents Reported by H&D (& Wessex) Clubs in 2016 in the Wessex Region, excluding CARA/Wessex South East Coast there were 137 incidents recorded in the region – of which 12 came from CARA Clubs, leaving 125 from H&D/Wessex Clubs of which 4 were linked/duplicated – leaving 121.

4 of these were for H&D ARA Boat Inspections, leaving 117 incidents of which 34 were simple capsizes. When broken down by Club Lymington and Dolphin appear very safe having recorded no incidents in the year – in contrast Christchurch had recorded 59 – when most other clubs record between 1 and 9. 101 of the incidents reported were in training – 16 at events – with 13 at HDARA event and 3 from non-H&D events. Capsize at 49 was the most common incident with collision at 40 next. 30 of collision incidents were on the River Stour involving Christchurch, Bournemouth Collegiate Schools or Bournemouth Rowing The meeting looked in more details at a few of interest or significance and lessons could be learnt. The incidents considered in more detail were -

7249/7668. Christchurch/Bournemouth Clash – as insurance issue raising the subject of anonymity of reports and who can have copies –. 6644. Southsea Regatta – summary of report from First Aiders – an example of good practice. 5527. Incident on Itchen involving 10 boats & 3 launches. Itchen/BTC/Southampton University – dangerous maneuver – of which only Itchen reported. 6468/6441/6483. Good example. Capsize incident at Newport Regatta – reported by Race Officials, Regatta Safety Adviser and Scullers Club. 6578. The Cardiac arrest at Southsea Regatta.

The incident at Southsea Regatta this year – and Poole Rowing Club last year led to a debate on the use and availability of Defibrillator units. Following the Southsea incident – a survey was undertaken within the region to establish the availability & location of DEFIBRILLATOR’s at Clubs and events – which had been circulated – although may now need an update – for example it was known the Coalporters now had their own unit. After some discussion, the meeting agreed with a suggestion made by the RRSA that – that we recommend that – **ANY HANTS & DORSET ARA EVENT THAT IS ISSUED WITH AN ASSOCIATION PERMIT SHOULD HAVE A DEFIBRILLATOR AVAILABLE ON SITE** or

HAVE A FIRST AID PROVIDER WHO HAS A DEFIBRILLATOR – and this should be added to the Event Water Safety Audit as one of the questions. In addition, **a proposal was made that the Association should purchase a Defibrillator to be passed from event to event along with the Race Officials Safety Kits and Life Jackets.** Some concern was expressed about maintaining and checking the unit – but Brett Bader from Bournemouth and Steve Woods from Dolphin both had experience of these units and were prepared to undertake this role and to facilitate the purchase of the unit by identifying a suitable model. It was thought that if the Associations affiliated clubs were prepared to contribute around £60 per club then a suitable unit could easily be funded. The Clubs in attendance were all in agreement with this proposal and it was agreed that this should go forward to the Associations AGM for consideration along with the recommendation regarding the availability of Defibrillators at event. It was accepted that this may lead to two units being available at an event but this was appropriate. **Decision/agreement required from H&D ARA AGM.**

A further point of discussion with regards to the incident at Southsea Regatta was at what point an events First Aid Provision should be available and **it was agreed by the meeting to recommend that safety cover should be available at least an hour before the start of the event.**

Safety incidents Reported by H&D (& Wessex) Clubs in 2016 at Hants & Dorset Events. There were 17 events – excluding 1 Head Race & 1 Regatta that were cancelled – and counting Newport's two-day Regatta as two events with H&D Event Permits awarded in 2017 (16 last year). Summary of incidents at an event were received from Ryde, Shanklin, Swanage and Southsea Regatta's and 8 Incident reports were received. H&D race officials reports noted 14 safety related incidents – significantly less than the 33-recorded last year. Assuming H&D Officials recorded all safety incidents on their reports this also implies that the under reporting of incidents at H&D events has reduced.

H&D Safety Committee Boat Inspections undertaken in 2016 and the plans for 2017. Unannounced and random boat inspections were undertaken by the H&D ARA Safety Committee at four H&D events during the season – Coalporters, Swanage, Woolston and BTC Regatta's. A total of 88 boats of all types were inspected with 27 (18) faults found – some boats having more than one fault. The number of boats inspected was slightly more than last year (2015 - 84) and the number of faults found had also increased over 2015 when there was only 18 – but comparable to the 29 recorded in 2014 – so a little disappointing. As ever the largest fault found was heel restraints – at 14 – around half, with missing or unsecured bow balls next with five faults and the missing boat ID with four. A full heel restraint check on every boat present was undertaken at Woolston Regatta – with 49 boats checked – and seven faults found. A full inspection of Coxswains Life Jackets was undertaken at BTC Regatta where 18 Life Jackets were inspected (25 in 2015). 10 Faults were found around - 56% - against 70% last year but both figures are misleading as some Life Jackets had more than one fault. After each boat inspection, a BR incident report was raised recording the Club with a failure which was detailed in the report, submitted and opened for comment - an approach that has been adopted by British Rowing National Safety Committee as an example of best practice.

Three Clubs – Ryde, BTC and Newport - went through the inspection process with no fault found during any of the inspections – and have received an award in recognition on this. The meeting agreed that the process should remain the same for the 2017 season. [see attached Appendix E].

Regatta/Event Audits received and a report on last season's audits and for 2017. The RRSA reported that 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. All H&D Events except Newport use the BR Public Liability insurance scheme – Newport use another provider – and they have been made aware of the Association Safety Committees concerns regarding their cover.

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The policy in 2016 had been that – re-audits would only be undertaken where requested or where concerns were raised and on an occasional random basis. The meeting agreed that this policy should continue but it was also **agreed that the three Clubs who had failed to send a representative to the meeting – Christchurch, Coalporters and Newport should have their events re-audited in 2017 by the H&D safety Committee.**

The Association Safety equipment was discussed including its status after 2016 season. All eleven Race Officials Life Jackets had been serviced and all had passed Service cost to the association - £186.19. The three kits had been checked – and were in reasonable condition except for the three first aid kits – all of which would be replaced – along with a more waterproof container for them – as all were damp – and the Loud hailers needed new batteries but were all functioning.

Format of the Hants & Dorset Water Safety Commission. 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.** John & Alan.

The Venue for 2018 Meeting. The meeting agreed that the venue for the 2018 Meeting, to be held in February 2018 on a date yet to be decided, would be on the Isle of Wight. The visit to the IW will complete the second full cycle of Club visits – meaning that these H&D ARA Safety Meetings will have taken place for 20 years. A new sequence will therefore begin in 2019 and at that point the newly affiliated Dolphin Rowing Club need to be added to the rota – and will probably be the venue for 2019.

Any other business. There were two items of any other business discussed -

- 2017 South Coast Championships Regatta – to be hosted by the Hants and Dorset ARA at Dorney Lake, Eton – 2nd September, 2017 – where an appeal was made to Club RWSA's to join the designated boat inspections teams that would-be set-up to inspect all the boats prior to them going afloat.
- The “new” BR “Gap Analysis” document – that had just been published by British Rowing – the RRSA encouraging all Clubs to make use of this document to test and check their safety procedures and to produce an action plan to resolve any issues.

Steve Bull. Association Secretary. February, 2017.
