

**WESSEX REGIONAL ROWING COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

**Attending:**

Colin Eales (Chairman & Southsea RC), Chris Foad (Itchen Imperial ARC), Tim Bull (Wessex Treasurer & Lymington ARC), John Bailey (Southampton & H&D), Steve Bull (Ryde ARC & Hants & Dorset Hon. Sec), Penny Glazzard (Secretary & Coalporters ARC), Rachael Wooldridge (ARA Wessex Regional Team Leader), Alex Sweeney (Southsea RC), Justin Smith (Coach Education), Pip Lewendon (Southsea RC & Recreational Regional Rep)

**Apologies:**

Kay Hume (BTC ARC), Mike Green (Div 22 Rep & Christchurch ARC), Colin Fagan (Lymington ARC), James Lee (Bournemouth University);

**Venue:** Southsea ARC

Meeting commenced: 19:00

**Item 1: Minutes of last meeting – Matters arising**

- AS has the prices for RYA Powerboat Level II courses and will circulate to all regions clubs.

**Item 2: ARA Strategy**

- CE attended the National Development Meeting where Rosemary Knapp presented the first draft of the 5 year strategy plan for 2009 – 2013. All Div Reps have been sent a copy prior to the Council meeting. The Nat Dev meeting agreed for the plan to go forward to the council for vote.

**Item 3: Regional Team Leader Report – Rachael Wooldridge**

- RW reported that both Club Coaches have begun work in both Dorset and Hampshire regions.
- Southampton City Council wanted to thank the the clubs and rowers from the region which took part in the Olympic handover event at the end of August.
- Cotswold Rowing Club would like to thank the clubs which have donated equipment for the newly started club – Southampton, Canford and Newport have both donated equipment. If any clubs have unwanted equipment which they would like to donate to the Cotswold rowing club, please contact RW.

- Level II course commences in October on the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> November – so far 6 candidates have applied to be on the course.
- The Mentoring Workshop will take place at Coalporters on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 6 – 9pm. This is for any club members wishing to become a mentor for candidates going through the Level II course. RW will be sending out details shortly.
- Henley Stewards have agreed to donate £1,000 towards a Junior training day / camp for next year.
- RW will arrange a meeting with all Junior Co-ordinators to agree what kind of training day / camp to organise along with setting out Junior Regatta status events and running. This meeting will be held end of October or beginning of November – RW to contact all Junior Coordinators.
- The Club Conference will be hosted by the ARA to include child protection, new water safety code, forward plan presentation and Clubmark workshops. RW to arrange for it to be held in Feb '09.
- RW has been contacted by a parent in Southampton region with a 13 year old daughter with cerebal palsy who would like to try rowing – the parent is also keen to try the sport to help aid their daughter in participating. John Bailey said Southampton would welcome the daughter and her parents to try rowing.

## **Item 4: Coaching Development**

### ***Junior Coaching Commission – Chris Foad***

- Chris Foad will be arranging a meeting with Mike Green and Pete Lock to discuss the way forward for the GB Junior Talent programme within the region – to report back at next meeting.

### ***Senior Coaching Commission – Justin Smith***

- JS reported that a new National Coaching Commission booklet for parents / helpers on the sport of rowing will be coming out shortly. It is available to clubs to offer to parents / helpers to introduce the sport, what is involved etc.
- JS recommends that assessment dates for candidates of Level II is set at the end of the course so candidates will be told when their assessment will take place rather than trying to arrange assessment dates once the course has completed.
- Level III course costs will now be costed on a course by course basis – it is estimated that the course cost will be in the region of £1600. The WRRRC members discussed that Level III should be advertised that the course is designed for those coaches wishing to coach at a higher level / potential career path rather than just an additional course to Level II which is sufficient for all club coaching.
- MG is running and piloting an internal Voluntary Club Coach course for Christchurch in the next week. WRRRC felt this was an excellent idea and could be something the region would look at as a whole as this would sit under Level II qualification. WRRRC asked MG to report back at November meeting on how the course went, what was involved and outcomes.
- JS reported that an Applying British Rowing Technique seminar may be available shortly, will keep region informed of any details.
- JS reported that Level I & II Indoor Rowing courses should be finalised by the end of October.
- Level II course in October will be £291 or £313 for non-ARA members.

- JS asked clubs to nominate to WRRC their choices for the region club of the year awards – categories include Young Coach (under 25 years of age), Junior Coach, Senior Coach and Coaching Team of the Year.
- JS is trying to arrange a GB Physiotherapist to come and give a seminar for coaches and athletes on winter training.

## Item 5: Funding

- TB confirmed that 50% of funding for Level III candidates have been paid, the remaining 50% funding will be paid on completion of the course.

Funding bursary remaining:-

£11,972.04 total in the fund of which:-

- £4,000 is allocated to trailer driving course bursary's
  - £1,500 to the Club Coach scheme
  - £2,168 allocated to the completion of Level III candidates
  - £4,304.00 remaining for Level II bursaries.
- Currently, WRRC have approved 4 x Lymington Coaches for 50% funding for Level II courses back in January – however, the course never took place and the candidates have not applied to go on the October Level II course.
  - Three candidates on the October Level II course, Joe Fuccio, Beth Symmonds and Mal Kelly have all applied for funding. **Agreed to fund the three named candidates 50% of funding of £145 each**
  - An additional candidate, Liam Oliver, will be on the October Level II course and will submit application form – **Agreed to funding 50% of £145**
  - It was agreed that the Level II funding will be reviewed at the November meeting to see what funds are left, however, the four candidates which were agreed funding in January, if they do not undertake the course by November, they will have to reapply for funding.
  - The trailer testing bursaries was agreed to pay candidates funding in three parts due to the longevity of the courses (dependant on candidate). The funding will be paid on completion of each section outlined and on receipt of invoice from the candidate:-
    - Medical
    - Theory test
    - Practical test.
  - The trailer towing bursary will be capped at £400 per candidate.
  - **Agreed £200 trailer towing bursary for Bournemouth University which has been already taken and passed.**

## Item 6: Any other business

- AS reported that one of the Wessex Virus blades has been broken. It was agreed not to replace as club sculls can be used in virus's.
- Pip discussed with club representatives their clubs thoughts on recreational rowing as a number of the regions clubs are on the recreational rowing club finder list. Many clubs encourage members who wish to row and not race.

Thanks to Southsea Rowing Club for the use of their facilities.

*Meeting closed 9.00pm*

**Next meeting dates**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008 (AGM) – Southampton ARC

*Please note that all meetings will commence at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated*