

Lymington Amateur Rowing Club
Almansa Way, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 3PY

December 2021 Committee Meeting

Held at LARC

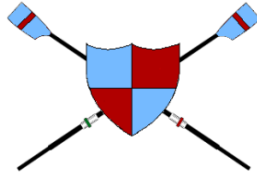
Present: Brian, Stan, Hugo, Pete, Ellie, Elysia, Alex, Kirsty, Fee

Apologies: Jane, Livvi, Fee, Callan, Terry, Emma

Date: 2 December 2021

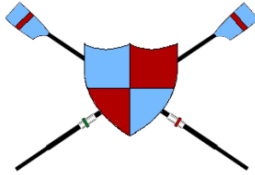
Review of previous minutes – draft notes for November meeting were approved

Matters arising and agreed actions	Responsible	Action/update by
Junior Rep – No matters arising this month		
Boats/Kit Discussed potential need for a new cox box for the 8+ as the current one is not working. There was a bit of a concern about the cost – approx. £600. However, given the 8+ campaign and the number of opportunities for getting 2 men's and ladies crews out and the positive effect this is having on bringing people together, it was agreed that this would be a good investment and was approved. Hugo advised that there is a second 8+ available, owned by Dave Mans. He paid £500 for it and has done a lot of work to it. It would need further work for us to fit out to our requirements but after discussion it was agreed that any investment should add value to the boat and hopefully could be sold later if not being used. Purchase approved by the Committee. Focus remains getting rid of the Trafalgar. Pete has sourced some strong pallets which could replace some of the broken trolleys. The cost is £75 and it was agreed that he should go ahead and purchase these.		



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<p>Coaching The subject of a paid coach for the club was briefly discussed but agreed to park this for now until there is more clarity about the size and shape of squads.</p>		
<p>Publication of committee meeting notes It was agreed that, once approved, these would be posted on the members section of the website going forwards</p>		
<p>H&D 2nd race officer Alex is no longer able to commit to this role and we need to find a replacement if we want to avoid a fine from H&D. Ellie expressed an interest and will discuss offline. In the meantime, Kirsty will advertise on the Whatsapp bulletin boards to see if a volunteer comes forward</p>	KM	ASAP
<p>Social Committee The social committee is up and running and were thanked for the recent club quiz night which was very successful. It was also noted that the H&D Dinner Dance was a great night and that Livvi did a fabulous speech. Also thanked Brian for not only providing but also decorating our clubhouse Christmas tree and Elysia for the club colour bunting. The social committee is planning a programme of events going forward, probably to include a few big events during the year punctuated by smaller, low touch events in between, with an aim of having something most months.</p>		
<p>Christmas Pudding Race After some discussion, it was decided that the best tidal window is 8:30-13:30, and that ideally we'd like to have some head to head racing if possible but that will depend on numbers. Agreed to establish the number of people available and any time constraints and then to finalise the format. The priority is to have a fun event with as many people involved as possible.</p>		
<p>Endurow Kirsty highlighted the Endurow indoor rowing challenge which will take place on 5 February 2022 in aid of The Para Rowing Foundation. It was agreed that the club should get involved to support this.</p>		
<p>Security Terry had raised a concern that doors to the boat house and pontoon had not been properly locked one evening the previous week. It was noted that more care needs to be taken in this regard.</p>		
<p>COVID Hugo raised the question of whether we should increase measures to protect against the spread of COVID. It was agreed that, for now, we should continue with asking members to test before events, wearing masks in the minibus and wherever possible training outside or with doors open if inside. This will continue to be kept under review.</p>		



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Posts on access drive		
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It was noted that there have been a few occasions with residents putting up the posts preventing access/exit if members do not have post keys. Hugo agreed to have a conversation with the resident who we think may have done this and explain the impact. Meanwhile Kirsty will get 15 more keys cut.		
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Reports

Captain's Report – Hugo

The Captain's Report was circulated in advance of the meeting and is attached below.

Treasurer's Report – Fee

The Financial Report was circulated in advance of the meeting and is attached below.

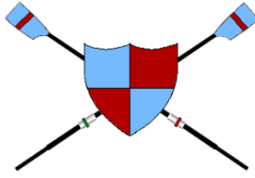
Overall, we are in a reasonable financial position despite the investments made over the last couple of months in new boats/ergs. Our cash balance is in excess of £16k which is significantly more than we would usually expect at this point in the season especially after the investments we have recently made.

Stan raised a question about the payment to Castleford which appeared too low but Fee explained this is only the payment made in October and not to charge for the full year.

Noted that the bus service and MOT is coming up in the new year.

Safety Report – Jane

Jane had circulated the BR safety report in advance of the meeting. There has been only one incident of a pair getting close to the ferry. There was no collision and a report was made to the Harbourmaster as is required.



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New Members approval

Fee circulated a list of members who have joined provisionally pending Committee approval. The following new members were approved:

Flora Bunce – J12

Eve Evans – J14

Jane Woolerton – Recreational

Andrew Richards – Gym/Recreational

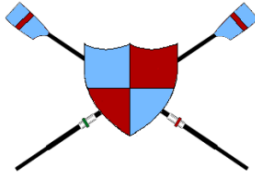
Alex Sheldon – Recreational

Will Swain Morrison – J16

The Committee welcomes all our new members.

F Brooker
Secretary
5 Dec 2021

Next Meeting: Thursday 6 January 2022 @ 8:00pm



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Captain's Report

November has seen the club getting stuck into the winter training and competing in Head races where possible. There has been good participation in the ergo sessions, particularly Men and Juniors where 12 ergos per session are often in action. We have also begun to get the 8 project rolling.

On 6th November we took our a big entry to Henley Sculls with everyone enjoying the chance to get racing on the historic course.

- Tim and Kenny once again were comfortable winners in Masters E
- Callan came a highly impressive 5th/25 in J16 sculls with Ellie 8th/13 in W1x.
- Elsewhere there were many other solid performances –Angus and George were 10th/12 in J16 2x, Jack 21st/45 and Seb 33rd/45 in J18 Sculls, Annabelle 24th/26 in J18 sculls, Pippa 13th/23 in J16 Sculls

Sadly, Burway Small Boats Head on 27th November, where we had a big entry at Junior Level as well as Ellie in 1x and Tim and Kenny in 2x was cancelled due to high winds.

However on the 28th November, 2 scratch eights (1 men and 1 women) competed at Wallingford Head where some 238 4s and 8s were competing.

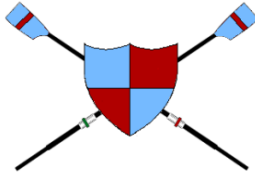
Both crews emerged from the water with big smiles on their faces despite the freezing conditions with the Men's 8 finishing 13th/22 in Open 8s Band 3 and the Ladies 8 15th/18. These performances were particularly noteworthy given that in some cases it was the 1st time they had rowed in an eight!

As we look forward into December, we have several of the J16-18 crews competing at Hampton Head on 4th December with some of the others and the J15s/14s doing BRIC. We also have a pair entered at Walton.

Aside from this the focus is on getting the 8 projects rolling with an ambition to being able to field 2 Men and 2 Women's 8s at some heads in the New Year.

We also have the Club Regatta on 18th December with scratch crews racing in the lagoon and Christmas Puddings for the fastest crew!

After Christmas as well as running the 8 project we will look to start building crews/squads for the Hants and Dorset season. I think it is important for everyone that we are clear on what we are looking to race but we should be competitive at most categories and it is important we plan for this accordingly.



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Equipment Update

We have made little progress on the equipment at the moment and continue to look speculatively for a 4-/x- and a 2-/x.

We still need to now focus on sorting out the storage at Brian Goodall's

- Winterising Skylarc
- Getting the Frank undercover and repair underway
- Getting the Eton down and up and running.
- Tidying up Trafalgar and selling.

Decisions Required – We have the opportunity to purchase a second 8 off Dave Mans for £500 which would need to be fitted out (Pete to provide a quote) but it would potentially enable us to run 2 8s for the 2022 season.

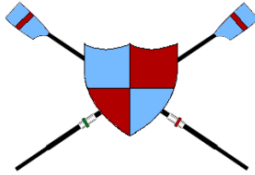
Purchase of at least 1 new cox box – the current one is intermittent at best and a working one is important.

Coaching Update

No progress has been made in this area since the question comes back to how this is funded. Secondly, at present it is difficult to be clear on what our specific needs given we are still bottoming out racing squads.

From my perspective, I would welcome input from the committee but personally I think we need to start putting a fund aside to support the recruitment of a coach for the long term if we want to maintain momentum with the club.

This may result in the short term of us having to hold off on further equipment purchases save points above. However, it would if done correctly underpin the club in the future thereby avoiding the usual cycle of coaches, enable us to look to partner with local schools and develop our club further.



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Finance Report for November 2021

November has been a quieter month on the spending front with our only significant expenditure being the purchase of one further ergo for £700 and the service of the RIB for £311.

Our cash balance was topped up by £3.4k from the GWR challenge - with £741 coming in from the sponsors and £2.6k from HIWCF.

Receipts and expenditure for social events relate to the H&D dinner and the Quiz night on 27 November.

	MONTH	YTD
<i>Opening cash balance</i>	<i>£14,639</i>	<i>£20,679</i>
Membership income	255	830
Race entry fees	0	31
Payments for social events	114	824
Merchandise sales	7	35
Sponsorship income	3,405	3,405
Sundry	110	110
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>3,891</i>	<i>5,235</i>
Purchase of rowing assets	700	7,780
Management fee	0	231
Maintenance of equipment	0	16
Utilities	30	55
Sundry	0	32
Insurance	29	29
Cost of social events	888	888
Trailer parts	7	7
Bus fuel	179	179
RIB service	311	311
H&D SCC sponsorship	100	100
<i>Total expenses</i>	<i>2,244</i>	<i>9,628</i>
<i>Closing cash balance</i>	<i>16,285</i>	<i>16,285</i>