

Lymington Amateur Rowing Club
Almansa Way, Lymington, Hampshire, SO41 9PX

July 2023 Committee Meeting

Held at LARC

Present: Hugo, Fee, Pete, Terry, Livvi, Kirsty, Imogen, Ellie

Date: 7 July 2023

Review of previous minutes – draft notes for the June meeting were approved.

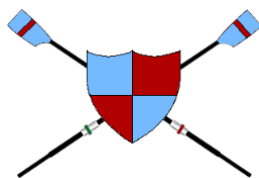
Apologies were received from Emma, Alysia, Sophie

Matters Arising	Responsible	Action/ update by
Junior Section There were no matters to report from the Junior section		
Pontoon Gate Fee advised that we have permission from Redrow to increase the height of the gates on the pontoon to deter intruders. It was noted that we haven't recently experienced any issues and decided to wait until next month when schools will have broken up to decide whether we feel it necessary to do this. In the meantime it was agreed to put up a "Private" sign on both sides of the gate so that when they are open it is still clear that the pontoon is private property.		
Clubhouse cleaning There was general consensus that the rota system is working well enough and agreed to continue with this for now.		

REPORTS

Captain's Report – Hugo circulated his written report prior to the meeting. The following items were discussed:

1. Pontoon – Tony (LTSC) will speak to the Harbourmaster about the outline plan to seek his approval. A key question is how best to anchor it and whether a ramp or step down from the main pontoon is more desirable. We are aiming to have a firm plan within the next couple of weeks.



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2. Volunteer Day – Hugo and Fee reported back on this and the somewhat disappointing attendance. It has been agreed that we will write up all the areas where we feel more help is needed which can be socialised around the whole club and invite volunteers to come forward.
3. Fundraising – sponsored row to Lepe and back (one leg for each rower) has been agreed for 2 September. To be open to all members. Minimum sponsorship commitment for each seat £100. If we can fill 4 coastal 4s that will raise £3,200. Fee and Hugo to get out communication next week. Kirsty can help with the webpage. Fundraising to go towards “Kit fund”
4. Boat priorities – Coastal pair; coastal four; refurb Evelyn Faulkner; new set of rowing blades

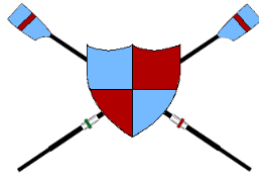
Finance Report – Fee circulated the report prior to the meeting. No matters of note

Safety Report – only one incident of a boat collision at Swanage regatta. One off accident and no wider implications for safety.

AOB		
Small RIB engine – Terry reported that the engine on the small RIB is too powerful for the boat and ideally would be replaced. To keep in mind going forwards.		
Riggers for Bruce – these are a bad need of replacement and it was agreed that this should be done		
Lentuna Seat – wheels and carriage need replacing. It was agreed that this could be done.		
MoS dates for 2024 – we need to put in our request by the end of July. Preferred dates are 11 May and 18 May. Fee to request.	Fee	
Membership fees for 23/24 - it was agreed that Fee will rework the benchmarking exercise to include local rowing clubs and also other leisure facilities. She will bring some initial proposals to the August meeting to start the discussion.	Fee	

Prepared by Fee Brooker

Next meeting Thurs 3 Aug 2023 @ 20:15



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Captain's Report

Committee Meeting July 2023

5th July 2023

Rowing Update

The last couple of months have been busy with a focus on Hampshire and Dorset regattas with crews racing at Itchen, Coalporters, BTC and a strong entry as always at Swanage Regatta where the club won its 1st Championship since COVID, many congratulations to the Ladies Junior 4+ and Tim.

A summary of the results (top 3) is detailed in the Appendix but in June we continued to see a dominant performances from the Ladies Junior 4+, solid performances from the Masters 40 4+ where we were consistently second to a strong BTC crew and encouraging performances from our emerging Junior squads (both Men and Women).

Swanage was the highlight of the month with a large entry particularly from our J16 squad showing that momentum is building with a second Boys J16 crew winning Novice as well as J16 Fours and our J15 girls comfortably winning both J16 and Novice 4s. Our J15 quad also saw an emphatic win in J16 quads. We hope to see this momentum continue to Poole where we will once again have a strong entry.

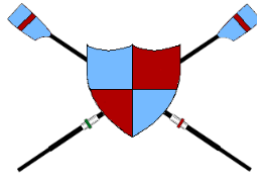
Elsewhere, at Henley the club saw 2 of its members putting in memorable performances with Callan and his crewmates in the Shiplake 1st VIII narrowly losing out in a nail-biting race to St Paul's in the semi-final of the Princess Elizabeth Challenge. However, Max and his Oxford Brookes eight proved unbeatable in the Temple Challenge where they had to overcome Harvard, Washington and Syracuse to win.

Looking into July we will have Tim and Kenny competing at Henley Masters in the 2x as well as crews racing at Southsea and a large entry again at Poole.

Strategic Update

The focus over the past month or so has been to continue to try and prepare the club for the next phase. I summarise below some of the recent initiatives we have tried.

- After a delay on the pontoon due to work commitments, we now have a design courtesy of Chris Bunce and he and Ian Granne who are helping to work through this with LTSC and the Harbour Master hopefully in the next week. We still have yet to establish the cost to us of putting the pontoon in. Once we have this we will agree a rate with LTSC.
 - o Volunteer Morning – we held our volunteer morning which had a disappointing turnout although there were some ideas offered
 - Fundraising – it was very clear from the discussion we need to be more clear in our fundraising and crack on with this. Whilst we have made some progress this year it is clear that we need to have a dedicated individual



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leading this not a committee and my suggestion would be trying to persuade Imogen's dad Rob given his background. As a committee I do think we need to be clear on where the money is going (see below).

- Committee roles - outline of roles that are available and what is done in that role
- Junior Parent Meetings ○ Good Engagement but now we need to push through and ensure that we are clear on who is doing what. Proposed approach to try and break down the squad into groups of c.6 kids but this will depend on Junior Lead who am hoping to recruit!

Fundraising Priorities

The downside of the club's success in growing is that we are breaking more kit, the ribs are getting more use and proving less reliable. On top of this we have significant coaching gaps in the transition from L2R to Novice squad.

So bottom line is in my mind we have competing demands (Race squad vs Rec vs Juniors);

- Coaching
 - Junior Parents are looking for coaches to support the development of their children ○ L2R adults need support to transition.
- Kit ○ Rec and Jun Devpt want another coastal quad ○ Race – reality is we need more coastal pairs and coastal 4

Bottom line is by the end of the week I want to be advertising the Lepe row but what are we raising money for. I think that we may be able to get some financial support but it comes with provisos – e.g. Junior Coaching.

I realise I am guilty of probably muddying the water but we need to make some clear decisions as a committee and then we need to really crank up the fund raising, grants, etc.

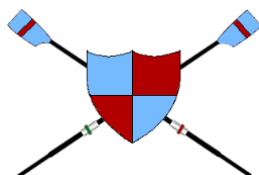
Equipment Update

The John Edwards is now at Peter Hepworth being repaired. I still need to chase down a replacement C90 at the moment.

Other Points

The other concern from my side is that we need to properly document all the systems in the club in terms of risk assessment, safeguarding approach etc. Much of this is done but we need to have a focused push to get it across the line. I appreciate that for many of committee/members this is not a concern but the reality is at 130+ members we need to be increasingly professional in how we manage this particularly given the size of the Junior Squad.

I have been talking to 2 people who I hope might be able to help in the background – Notably Anne McCann (head of South Baddesley) and also Tony Evans (LTSC Captain) who whilst both are busy

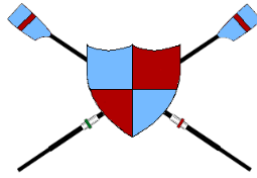


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have said they could potentially help in the background. This is likely to be a short – medium term project and I am happy if need be to be involved in this as I am coming off the committee.

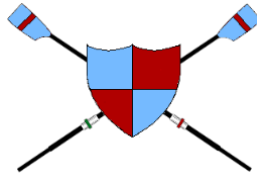
Appendix 1 - Summary of Results (Top 3 only)

Regatta	Position	Event	Crew
Itchen Regatta	1st	Junior Ladies 4+	Amelia, Ellie, Elysia, Annabelle - Cox Tim B.
		Novice Men	Alex Bellion, Patrick McCabe, Sol Chamberlain, Toby Hamilton, Alex Breeze
		J16 Girls	Rebecca Wilkinson, Jess Moir, Izzy Wakely, Zara Gray Cox Tom Bellion
	2nd	Masters 40 Men	Dave, Waddy, Hugo, Leon – Cox Tim B.
	3rd	Coastal Double	Alex Barnes & Tom Bellion
Coalporters	1st	Junior Ladies 4+	Amelia, Ellie, Elysia, Annabelle - Cox Tim B.
	2nd	Masters 40 4+	Dave, Waddy, Hugo, Mike – cox Livvy
	2nd	Senior Sculls	Alex Barnes
	3 rd	Jun Men 4+	Chris B, Chris W, Jake, Lukas – cox Livvy
BTC	2nd	Masters 40 4+	Luke, Waddy, Hugo, Mike – Cox Livvy
	3rd	Junior Ladies 4+	Sophie, Ellie, Elysia, Annabelle – Cos Livvy
Swanage	1st	Novice Men 4+	George Balfour, Tom Bellion, Rufus Rose, Izaak Butchers – Cox Livvy
		Novice Ladies 4+	Rebecca Wilkinson, Jess Moir, Izzy Wakely, Zara Gray Cox Tom Bellion – Cox Livvy



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		J16 4+	George Balfour, Tom Bellion, Rufus Rose, Izaak Butchers – Cox Livvy
		WJ 16 4+	Rebecca Wilkinson, Jess Moir, Izzy Wakely, Zara Gray Cox Tom Bellion – Cox Livvy
		J16 4x+	Brage Wallis, Zac Granne, Alex Bellion, Tom Williams – Cox Finn Morant
	2nd	Ladies Jun 4+	Amelia, Ellie, Elysia, Annabelle - Cox Livvy Bull.
	2nd	Mixed J16 4x+	
	3 rd	Jun 2-	Sol Chamberlain & Toby Hamilton



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Finance Report – for the month of June 2023

A relatively quiet month on the finance side. We received just over £1k of additional membership income this month – a combination new members plus the monthly payments from members paying by instalments.

The major expenditure item in June was £2.1k on the renewal of our boat/kit insurance. In addition, we spent £330 on the repair of the rib ignition and £156 on the service of our heating/air con system.

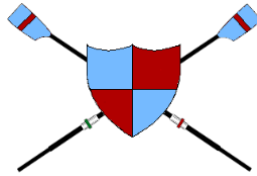
We closed the month with a cash balance in our current account of £11.1k.

The Dave Stafford account still has a balance of £3.4k.

Prepared by: Fee Brooker, Hon Treasurer

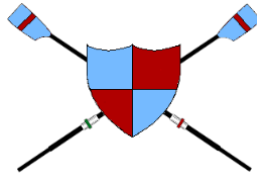
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	June 23	Year to date
Opening cash balance	14742	9167
INCOME		
Membership income	1037	24244
Sponsorship income		
Milford on Sea Regatta income	245	6543
Pontoon membership income		2016
Rowing equipment sales		1000
Members contributions to social events		765
Other		5
Learn to row courses		201
Racking fees		325
Transfer from bar account/bar sales		114
Merchandise sales	27	1356
Fundraising and donations	18	167
Premises room hire	25	652
Coaching levy		405
Race entry fees		619
Members payments for circuits		60
Members contribution for Dorney/JIRR		597
Insurance claim		300
Members contribution to first aid		180
Total Income	1334	39549
EXPENDITURE		
Boat and equipment maintenance	596	4465
Rowing equipment purchases		3475
Cost of social events		811
Race entry and transport costs	508	1823
Insurance	2185	4003
Pontoon license costs		2400
Cost of river licenses for pontoon members		356
Bus and trailer costs incl fuel	50	806
Coaching costs	375	1987
Management fee for premises		1252
Merchandise stock	164	1612
Miscellaneous	164	582
RIB costs including fuel	495	1872
Utilities	276	4864
H&D, BR affiliation and SCC sponsorship		745
Website hosting and domain fees		288
Bar license		70
TV license	41	123
Milford on Sea Regatta costs		4360
First Aid course & supplies		652
Dorney/JIRR costs/gym hire (circuits)		598
Retirement gift		350
Total expenses	5010	37650
Closing cash balance	11066	11066



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Financial Result

INCOME	2023 final	2023 final	2022	2022
Entry fees		1790		2,611
Sponsorship income		1650		2,000
Food & Drink sales	3009		2,369	
Food & Drink expenses	-1499		-1,375	
Pizza van commission	95		70	
Food & Drink profit	1605	1605		1,064
TOTAL INCOME		5045		5,675
EXPENSES				
Cups/prizes	1296			1,248
H&D event license	20			20
NFDC event license				21
Insurance	112			121
PA hire	250			250
Critical care ambulance	660			660
Radio hire	71			53
Fuel	95			124
H&D levy	357			421
TOTAL EXPENSES		2861		2,918
EVENT SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		2184		2,757