

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

September 2023 Committee Meeting

Held at LARC

Present: Hugo, Fee, Terry, Kirsty, Imogen, Sophie, Sue (new Junior Lead)

Also present: Shirley Reid and Keith Hutton

Date: 7 July 2023

Review of previous minutes – draft notes for the July meeting were approved, there having been no meeting in August due to holiday absences.

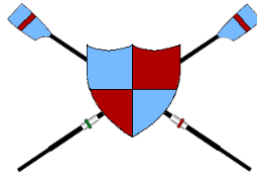
Apologies were received from Emma, Alysia, Ellie, Livvi, Jane

Matters Arising	Responsible	Action/ update by
Junior Section There were no matters to report from the Junior section		
Pontoon Gate It was agreed to wait another month before deciding whether to do the extension to the pontoon gate in view of the recent absence of intruders.		

REPORTS

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

1. Pontoon – we have progressed the discussions with Ryan (LHC) and Tony (LTSC) and have a draft 3 year license agreement from LHC for £450 plus VAT subject to agreement on how best to anchor to the existing pontoon. It was agreed that we (Fee, Hugo and Kirsty) should have a meeting with Tony to discuss (1) possible charges to LTSC for use of the pontoon (2) boat storage on the pontoon (3) timetable for progressing.
2. Evelyn Faulkner is still awaiting fitting for quad riggers. Kirsty kindly volunteered to drive her to have this done asap. It was agreed NOT to refurbish her as there are higher priorities
3. Broken sculling blade replacement – it was noted that the replacement has not yet arrived. Fee agreed to chase.
4. Rowing blades- it was agreed that we need and should look out for a set of second hand rowing Concept 2s



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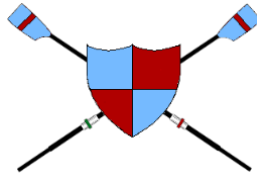
5. Wintech double – it was agreed that the club will buy Hugo and Pete’s double for £2,000. This is at cost to them and does not include anything for all the work Pete has done to refurb it. They would otherwise have marketed it for £2,750 so if we decide that it is not being well used further down the line, it can be sold possibly at a profit. It will become our top-end boat for racing.

Finance Report – Fee circulated the report prior to the meeting. The following items we discussed:

1. It was noted that we have reasonable cash reserves at the moment with £3k remaining the Love Rowing coaching fund and £5k in the Boat Fund (being the donation from Leon Crouch Foundation). It was agreed that the purchase of the Wintech double (above) is affordable and fits with our boat priorities and should go ahead. Fee is to liaise with the Foundation to invite them to visit and see the club and possibly get out on the water either in a quad with some experienced rowers on in a RIB alongside a training crew. Kirsty offered to ask Bill McCabe if we might borrow his RIB for this as it is dry!

Safety Report – No incidents noted.

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AGM – it was agreed to hold this on the evening of Thursday 19 October. Fee will publicise and post up the nominations form for committee/non committee positions.	Fee	
Membership fee proposal – the membership fee proposal circulated by Fee was discussed and agreed. Fee will work up the narrative and circulate to members in advance of AGM for their consideration.	Fee	
Racking – there was a long debate about allocation of racking for private boats, in particular (1) whether members should be allowed to have more than one boat stored given the scarcity of space and apparent limited use of some private boats and (2) whether club boats should have priority over private boats for inside storage. By majority it was agreed to put this on hold for now until racking fees rates have been agreed for next year. It was noted that the significant increase in racking fees might lead to some private boats being removed from the club in any event. To be revisited after the AGM.		
End of season club party – it was agreed we should have a simple end of season party at the club. Possibly to tie in with one of the Rugby World Cup matches. Hugo agreed to chat to Mike and confirm he is OK with this proposal	Hugo and Alysia	
Volunteers – It was noted that a number of junior parents (Ian Granne, Chris Bunce and others) are willing and able to assist with boat maintenance. It was suggested that Terry tries to get them together to form the club maintenance team.	Terry and Fee	



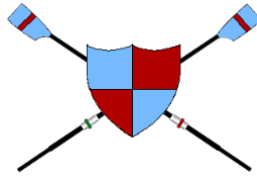
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Rob Scott has been identified as a possible for the club development role. Fee will follow up with him.		
Lymington Afloat – Fee agreed to liaise with the organisers to see what the options for sponsorship/supporter are and to report back but in principle it was agreed that we would want to be involved.	Fee	
Capsize drills – Kirsty reported a very successful evening of capsize drills. Most of the juniors/new members have been covered. Kirsty will let Hugo has a list of those outstanding to follow up with a view to doing a sweep up on the Sunday after SCC	Kirsty and Hugo	
Beach Sprints taster session – Kirsty reported that we have the opportunity to enter 8 youngsters in a taster session on the last weekend of October. Kirsty has had expressions of interest from a number of juniors. Kirsty and Hugo to agree most appropriate candidates.	Kirsty & Hugo	
Colin Fagan Head – It was agreed that we would like to try to run this again. Hugo to confirm possible appropriate dates for tide	Hugo	

Prepared by Fee Brooker

Next meeting Thurs 5 October 2023 @ 20:15

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Captain's Report

Committee Meeting July 2023

5th Sept 2023

Rowing Update

August was a quieter month with high winds meaning that Southsea was cancelled for a second time and that Woolston Regatta where we only had the Masters 40 4+ competing turned into a battle for survival.

On the 2nd September 2023 with the majority of people back from their holidays we had a big entry across 15 races at Poole Regatta in beautiful conditions.

We saw comprehensive wins from

- Senior Men's 4 of Dave Mans, Angus Pollock, Callan Wallis and Max Mills coxed by Livvy Bull – what made it doubly poignant was that the last time the club won this regatta at Senior was 21 years ago and Dave was also in that crew!
- Masters 40 crew meaning they finished a clear 2nd in the championship and will be racing at South Coast Champs in Folkestone on 16th September.
- Boys J14 Quad

We saw solid 2nd places from our Junior Ladies (current Hants and Dorset Champions), J16 boys and J14 girls quads.

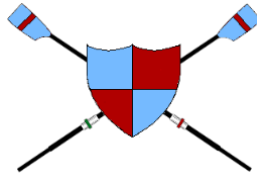
It was also great to see our Junior Men's 4s coming 3rd and 4th in the final and encouraging performances from our Novice Men and Women.

So to summarise, it has been a good Hants and Dorset Season with the greatest depth of crews racing since I joined the club. On top of this it is great to see some younger crews winning the Championships – of particular note our Junior Ladies crew but also our depth of talent was shown by us winning the Novice Men's championship and but for having to borrow a sit in at Milford we would have been candidates for the Ladies Novice as well! On top of this Livvy should be nailed on for Cox of the Year.

If we can keep this momentum we should be well positioned to compete at Senior, Junior and Novice Ladies next year and we currently have the ability to put out 3 Junior Men's crews.

Looking forward we have 2 crews competing for the South Coast Championship at Folkestone (Junior Ladies and Master 40s) as well as several crews in the Junior/Open events. The traditional end of the season for the Juniors at Itchen Junior Regatta promises to have our largest entry to date as well.

Outside of the Hants and Dorset, it was great to see Sol Chamberlain making the semi-finals in the U19 at the English Beach Sprints and for him to be named as a non-travelling reserve. Given he has 2 more years he is well positioned to try and make the team in the future.



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Strategic Update

As is to be expected with a busy racing season and people away on holidays, it has been a slow grind to make progress.

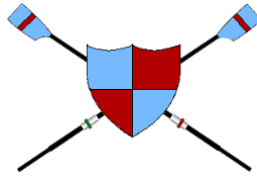
- The Pontoon agreement has now been received from the Harbour Master and it looks like it would work for us **(to be discussed tomorrow)**. The Harbour Master has stipulated that it must be anchored and not attached to the pontoon otherwise we will require a permit and we are currently awaiting authorisation on this.
- Focus is now on trying to encourage more people to join the committee!

Equipment Update

- I have picked up the stern section of one of the Janousek 4s which means that we now have two operational quads/4s for the Junior squad.
- Evelyn Faulkner – there was a move to look at getting quad riggers for it. The boat needs to be driven over to Neaves to be measured in order to get a quote, thus far no one has had time to do this.
- Boats at the Farm – there is a Pair which belongs to Pete Lock and also the Rebecca 8 which we have been unable to sell. My proposal is that these need to be stripped down and scrapped/burnt.
- We are also still awaiting a sculling blade from Wintech to replace one of C90s.

In terms of equipment priorities:

- Coastal Boat refurbing
 - o We need to look to have the Spartina repaired following the Swanage crash.
 - o Evelyn Faulkner – do we look to refurb this over the winter and try and increase its life expectancy or is it deemed a waste of money to do so?
- Blades
 - o With a growing rowing fleet I am wondering whether we look to try and get another set of rowing blades. We have a cracked blade in the red set which is fine for training but I would be concerned about it breaking.
- Boat Purchases
 - o Further to my Whatsapp – there is an opportunity to purchase the Wintech pair/double that Pete and I bought with a view to race. In the current circumstances this is unlikely. We are offering it at £2k which is cost for us and worth highlighting that Pete spent some time tidying it up. As a reminder the club currently has 2 old Ayling pairs and a Janousek Pair/Double scull. This boat would be prioritised for our faster J18 or Men/Ladies racing crew. **DECISION REQUIRED AS TO WHETHER TO BUY.**
 - o Coastal Pair remains a priority and ultimately probably another coastal 4 – but grants/funds to be raised for this.



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Finance Report – for the month of August 2023

We had income during August of £2.5k which was made up of £1.3k of membership income largely from summer LTR conversions, a donation of £500 from our lifetime member, Eric Smith, and £345 of income from the pulled pork fundraising/social event. We also received £200 from the Harbourmaster as a contribution towards the heightening of the pontoon gate which has yet to be done.

It has been proposed that the donation from Eric and fundraising income of £845 in total be put towards the cost of the defibrillator.

On the expenditure side, we had only routine operating costs. The club financed the deposit for the forthcoming club go-karting evening and will be reimbursed by those attending.

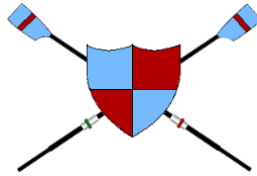
We closed the month with a cash balance in our current account of £11.2k.

The Dave Stafford account still has a balance of £3.4k which will fund future schools/talent coaching. The boat fund account has a balance of £5k.

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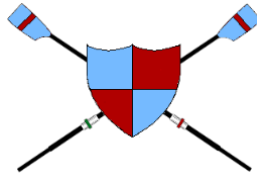
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	August 23	Year to date
Opening cash balance	9167	9167
INCOME		
Membership income	1270	26426
Sponsorship income		
Milford on Sea Regatta income		6543
Pontoon membership income		2183
Rowing equipment sales		1000
Members contributions to social events		765
Other	200	205
Learn to row courses	64	265
Racking fees		325
Transfer from bar account/bar sales		114
Merchandise sales	71	1530
Fundraising and donations	845	1052
Premises room hire		714
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	2450	43283
EXPENDITURE		
Boat and equipment maintenance	265	6194
Rowing equipment purchases		3475
Cost of social events	392	1203
Race entry and transport costs	64	2529
Insurance		4003
Pontoon license costs		2400
Cost of river licenses for pontoon members		356
Bus and trailer costs incl fuel		806
Coaching costs		2242
Management fee for premises		1252
Merchandise stock	45	1693
Miscellaneous		582
RIB costs including fuel	52	1966
Utilities	109	5062
H&D, BR affiliation and SCC sponsorship		745
Website hosting and domain fees		288
Bar license		70
TV license		123
Milford on Sea Regatta costs		4360
First Aid course & supplies		652
Dorney/JIRR costs/gym hire (circuits)		598
Retirement gift		350
Cleaning	90	90
Total expenses	1017	41195
Closing cash balance	11255	11255



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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