

Hants & Dorset Rowing Association Annual General Meeting

Saturday 27th March 2021 at 10:00am via Zoom

Attending

Apologies:

Bob Sivier, Gary Walters, Matt Chalmers, Daryl Jenner, Denis Woodford, Ted Shergold

Confirmation of minutes of 2019 AGM – matters arising

- Item 4: Executive Officers remained in place until 2020
- Coalporters & Christchurch hadn't submitted members figures but they now have
- Poole Regatta proposed to move to 10th July
- Coalporters to move to 14th August
- Wessex & SE Region held an AGM

Proposed by Henry Adams, Seconded by Martin Bradbeer

Secretary's Report

- ADD STEVE'S REPORT

Proposed by John Purkess, Seconded Mike Coffin

Treasurers Report

- Auditor felt that all accounts were in order and explained. The only thing that was not in the accounts was the items that Keith holds such as championship medals. Pete Staddon asked for the list to be sent over
- 3 caps, 1 polo shirts, 1 sweater
- Donation of £25 for old kit
- £10 for an umpires hat
- 2 x cox of the year award hats - £35 each
- 165

Very little movement, all affiliation fees apart from Ryde School Boat Club which Sue will chase

Ryde Lyso Soton HRR permits paid but this will roll over to 2021

Sue has paid BR refunds

£390 refund from the Umpires Boat which never arrived at Swanage

£1100 sponsorship for 2021 South Coast Championships

Proposed Gary Joyce, Seconded Mike Coffin

Election of Officers

Pete Staddon can remain in office until 2024 and happy to stay in place as Chairman of Association

President of Association. A big thank you to Jeff who has been in office for three years due to lockdown this was extended but is standing down. Proposal of Steve Bull as President

Proposed by Martin Bradbeer, Seconded John Adams

Steve wanted to thank Jeff Watling for fulfilling of the role for an unprecedented

Treasurer – Sue is prepared to remain in office as treasurer

Proposed Pete Jacobs, Seconded Jane Bailey

Secretary – Penny Budd

Keith wanted to thank Steve Bull for his service to Secretary for 30 years and his help when Keith was in positions

Proposed Sue Southcott, Seconded Paul Newman

Auditor – Keith Warland

Proposed John Purkess, Seconded John Adams

Life Vice Presidents

Nominate Jeff Watling as a new Life Vice President – all in favour

Thank you to Jeff

Trustees

John Bailey and Ian Hutchings still in place but with the passing of Mike Green, Steve Bull is happy to take on as the third Trustee – all in favour

Paul Newman asked if in the H&D constitution allows an officer to hold the position as Trustee. Gary Joyce had a look at the constitution during the meeting and this is not in the H&D constitution so Steve can hold position of President and Trustee.

Association Registration & Results Officer – Gary Joyce

Association Public Relations Officer – Andi Davies

Penny to speak to Andi about

Secretary's Honarium – Penny to decide on whether to accept it at end of the year

Handbook

This year handbook will hold historical information and photos and hoping for publication in early May with held from Jimmy Jewel and Adam Ratcliffe.

Adam awaiting Southampton, Lymington, Southsea and Shanklin for historical content and photos

SCC Levy on entry fees - £1 per seat

Looking to start racing from the earliest of 21st June due to Lockdown so the levy will pick up around the same amount as normal years.

Proposed and accepted to keep the SCC Levy of £1. All in agreement

Subscription

£60 handbook x 2 minimum per club

£2.50 per registered member – all in favour

Regatta permits at £20

Entry fees - £5 per seat + £1 SCC levy. Total £6 per seat exception coxswains

Regatta Dates 2021

Still awaiting advice on competitions from BR on competitions. All HERR cancelled and May events. Ryde, Shanklin and Christchurch.

We also believe that the June regattas of Milford and Coalporters need to be cancelled as current government 21st June.

Regatta dates revised:

Pete Jacobs noted that the British Masters event will take place on the 12th June which is slightly in conflict with the guidance so it is felt that it is being as a revised format. Everyone will get two races and stay on the water between races with competitors only able to enter 1 category. Jeff also feels that this cannot be undertaken based on the guidance.

Jane Bailey, to avoid any confusion, Shanklin would have loved to stage a regatta in August but this will not be feasible due to the height of the summer season. So Shanklin will not be able to reschedule. Steve has pencilled in 7th August but Ryde are in the same situation and the council may not accept Ryde to hold the regatta then. In addition, there are Southern Water works taking place directly outside the club and this will also mean that they cannot run the regatta.

Christchurch will not be able reschedule.

Swanage are not prepared to give a decision at this moment and are concerned about the amount of beach we take up. They have asked if we can reduce our footprint on the beach and possibly reduce entries just to fours entries? Adam Ratcliffe agrees that we need to do whatever format so we can get some regattas on.

Paul Newman asked if the association would look at running 'double-headers' over a weekend. Bryony asked is Swanage would allow fours on a Saturday and small boats on a Sunday? Julie Clarke from Newport wondered if for the future we look at holding more double headers rather than a regatta each weekend which would allow people to have more availability.

Ask for regatta's which are due to be cancelled to look at and advise if they can reschedule on any of the other available dates. It is felt that there will possibly be less entries due to lockdown effect.

John Purkess floated out the idea that if Southampton City Council about the use of Weston Shore for other regatta's who cannot hold it on their normal course.

Milford have discussed the rescheduling of the date but are reliant on the council allowing the land next to the seafront.

Gary Joyce raised the point that regattas advise the association what races they can host due to rescheduling/covid protocols. H&D Exec happy

Swanage

Steve Bull to continue to coordinate the regatta with the existing team including Sue Southcott and the clubs which take on roles such as Southampton controlling the trailers and Southsea doing litter pick up.

South Coast Council Report – Colin Eales

Have had Zoom meeting and this years AGM on 24th April via Zoom. There has been dialogue regarding medals on the type of medals and how many the association requires.

Steve Bull advised that we have sufficient number of championship medals (135) but we have to purchase the Open/Junior medals. We are committed to purchasing the medals which would work out at £2500 per association. The other decision will be for a hook or bar for the ribbon attachment. The agreement will be for the loop attachment.

Andy Williams and all delegates are happy to be more flexible in terms of rules this year in order to get the championship away but from our association it looks as if H&D will get three regattas away.

All suspensions and fines were put on hold from and will be voted on the 24th April. It is looking likely that CARA are supporting the roll-over of the suspension for the 2021 championships. Final decision will be made on the 24th April.

H&D are strongly supporting that the Poole competitor have their two year ban not rolled over as this was a voluntary suspension by the club. Jimmy Jewel said that WEARA who have their AGM this afternoon, did not fully appreciate the Poole situation until Sue had explained it but there are now more favourable to having Poole not roll the suspension over.

Fines have not been asked for yet (for example Exeter not attending club captains meeting). Andy Williams

South Coast Council Rules

Jeremy Holmes from Deal has proposed dynamic or fixed time championship races.

Any rule changes for changes to SCC rules, the timeframe has been amended to two weeks rather than four. No proposed changes from the H&D.

Election Racing Officials for SCC 2021

ADD RACING OFFICIALS LIST

All in favour.

Venue and Organisation of South Coast Championships 2021 – John Purkess

Organising Committee have been meeting on a monthly basis all via Zoom but anyone is welcome to join. Progressing well with plans. We have booked the Chapel at RVCP for the Friday Championship reception and draw along with Saturday presentation evening. A good relationship with the Netley Sailing Club for use of their facilities. Planning to start racing at 9am with a high tide in the morning and finish around 6pm dependant on entries. Umpires launches and start boats are in place. If the weather is bad, the alternative course will be on the River Itchen. A course inspection was undertaken last Thursday to depth gauge the course for the events. Many thanks to Lee Rayment from Itchen for the use of his boat to undertake this. Hoping for support from the four Southampton clubs to set up on the Friday.

Change of Association Rules

These rule changes have been through several times and they have been approved by the Autumn Delegates meeting and Race Officials Meeting.

Proposal to accept these rule changes

Proposed Gary Joyce, Seconded Sue Southcott

Review of Novice wins to remain the same. Accepted

Election of Racing Officials 2021

Umpires Commission all were happy to remain on the commission. All in favour

LIST OF COMMISSION

Propose to retain £100 fine Bournemouth, BTC, Southsea

Racing Officials

ADD LIST

Wessex & South East Regional Report – Colin Eales

Very little has happened apart from the AGM via Zoom in December. Colin Eales has to stand down as Chairman for the region. Colin is still attending BR Chair Forum meetings, mostly to review Covid guidelines and feels that they have been proactive. But they have conflicting information provided from Sport England to Government guidelines and they have struggled at times to get clarification. Wessex & SE will have another meeting shortly which Jeff Watling will organise. The Chairman's Forum what are BR doing for clubs.

Jeff has pencilled in 13th April all Zoom meetings apart from the AGM

H&D donation of £300 to help with Wessex & SE Region to help with the Junior / Coaching. All in agreement.

Safety Committee and Association Safety Meetings

Steve had summarised the safety report.

Voting on block safety committee – all in favour

Prize Presentation

Paula Williams had provisionally booked the Novotel on Saturday 13th November. Even if the season is disrupted, we will still go ahead for a dinner

Pete Staddon new trophy in memory of Mike Green. Funded by Christchurch Rowing Club in honour of Mike Green. Coach of the Year award Pete is going to show it to family and Christchurch

Return if cups. If Woolston does not go ahead, Gary Joyce has offered Itchen.

SCC to return at Southsea.

Any other business

Wendy Hartland 9th October for rescheduled Southamton HRR

Jane Bailey – public liability regatta for regatta's needs to be £10million and were regatta organisers aware of this? Club needs to check their own club insurance for public liability cover amount

Martin Sturgess asked what the H&D Insurance liability. Regatta's are covered by the individual event insurance, all officials are BR insured

Newport will be incorporating into a Limited Company

Keith Warland raised a question about news which has come out about international lightweight. Pete said that this was an issue for Wessex. Colin Eales feels that BR are very good with governance and would investigate any athletes concerns.

Sue Southcott reported that the membership for Poole through ClubHub is working really well from an administrators point of view. Jeff Watling reminded that lapsed members need to be taken off so that they are not included in affiliation numbers.

