



Durham Amateur Rowing Club 1860 Limited Annual General Meeting

Thursday 14th July 2022

**Durham Amateur Rowing Club 1860 Limited
Company Number 12532589 / Charity Number 1196614**

Held at: Durham Amateur Rowing Club, City Boathouse, Green Lane, Durham, DH13JU

Attendees	<p>Presentation Table: Barry Hudson MBE (President), Hannah Grace Gravatt (Secretary), Paul Rutter (Chairman), Beth Holmes (Captain), Mark Bell (Club Manager), Kate Sowden (Treasurer).</p> <p>Members present: Linda Forward, Charlotte Johnson, Joyce Collett, Rebecca Chilcott, Meghan McCarthy, John Appleby, Charly Curtis, Dan Lockey, Stephen Kay, Nicholas Baird, Ash Carter, George Adair, Richard Mortimer, John Roxborough, Adam Lambert, Sarah Rutter, Tim Morris, Gabrielle Moore, Gabrielle Maxfield, David Rutter, Rachel Wilson, Lillian Muskett, Mick Seed, Derrick Gordon, Roger Stainforth, Lyn Pain, Katie McDaid, David Beeby, Ray Dominy, Francesca Whitfield, Anna Golightly, John Watkinson, Carole McCarthy, Fe Ashton.</p>
Minutes	Gabrielle Moore, Assistant Secretary

#	Agenda Item	Minutes	Actions
Intro	Welcome	<p>PR welcomed the members to the AGM and declared there were sufficient members present to make a quorum.</p> <p>PR thanked the Rowing and Coaching Committee for getting the club back on the water after the pandemic and thanked the staff for doing a great job running the club.</p> <p>CC told the members of the passing of Duncan Lomax who was responsible for the original build of the DARC clubhouse on the current site. CC also spoke of Ian Shepherd's wife Penny who died several months ago. A pause for silence was respected by all.</p>	

1	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Proxy Voting</p>	<p>Fiona Ashton, Ray Dominy, Jim Dulling, Roger Dunn, Anna Golightly, John Lyons, Carole McCarthy, Gary McCarthy, Sharon Richardson, Ian Shepherd, Nigel van Zwanenberg, Francesca Whitfield, John Watkinson.</p> <p>Beth Holmes for Ray Dominy</p> <p>Daniel Lockey for Roger Dunn,</p> <p>Gabrielle Maxfield for Francesca Whitfield</p> <p>Katie McDaid for Anna Golightly</p> <p>Paul Rutter for John Watkinson</p> <p>Hannah Gravatt for Carole McCarthy</p> <p>Meghan McCarthy for Fe Ashton</p>	
2	Minutes from previous AGM	Minutes were approved with one correction. CC asked that the death of Phil Metcalfe be added to those deceased and remembered.	
3	<p><i>Secretary's report</i> <i>Hannah Gravatt, Secretary</i></p>	- The Secretary talked through the Secretary's report.	

		Report can be found here .	
4	<i>Business and Finance Report Mark Bell, General Manager Kate Sowden, Treasurer</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The General Manager gave a verbal account of the Business and Finance Report. - Report can be found here. - Accounts can be found here. - The Treasurer gave a summary of expenditure. Explained that costs are increasing. Lighting cost have increased by 49%. Discussed that we need to stick to the budget. Retain our members. Volunteer and help with learn to row. Suggestions from others were to be welcoming and allow new members to move into the squads. It's also important to retain our current members. 	
5	<i>Captain's report Beth Holmes, Club Captain</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Captain gave a verbal update of Report. - Report can be found here. 	
6	<i>Election of Officers</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President - Barry Hudson MBE was elected. - Chairman - Paul Rutter was re-elected. - Treasury - Kate Sowden stood down. Positions remain open, with an offer from Linda Forwood from Jan 2022 - Secretary – Hannah Gravatt was re-elected. - Captain - Beth Holmes stood down. Anna Golightly was appointed. - Vice-Captain (men) - Dan Lockey was re-appointed. - Vice-Captain (women) - Rebecca Chilcott was re-appointed. - Assistant Secretary position – Gabrielle Moore was re-appointed. - Junior Co-ordinator - Adam Lambert was re-appointed.. This role is part of the Rowing and Coaching team. - Executive Member positions – Members who attended the AGM and Proxy voted for the three Executive Members positions. The candidates were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Appleby, Charly Curtis, Ray Dominy, Katie McDaid and Rachel Wilson. - Members who were elected to be our Club Executive Members were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - John Appleby, Ray Dominy & Katie McDaid. - Voting was counted by John McCudden (non-voter) and George Adair. 	
7	<i>Election of Vice- Presidents</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice-Presidents - Mark Bell, Charly Curtis, Jim Dulling, Geoff Graham, Phil Metcalfe, Tim Morris, Lynn Pain, Paul Rutter, Fred Snowdon, Martin Tyler, Don White, Vicky Jackson, Nicola Field, Stephen Kay, Alison Danforth and Ian Shepard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newly appointed Vice-Presidents are George Adair proposed by Sarah Rutter and Beth Holmes. 	

8	<i>Appointment of Welfare Officer and Water Safety Advisor</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welfare officer – Sam Black stood down. Sharon Richardson and Charlotte Johnson were elected. - Please note, British Rowing advises clubs to appoint two Welfare Offices. - Water safety – David Beeby was re-elected. 	
9	<i>Appointed Officers</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regatta Secretary - Carole McCarthy & Gabby Maxfield - Press Officer - Open - Coaching Co-ordinator - Tim Morris - Volunteer Co-ordinator - Open - Boat Warden- George Adair volunteered to take this position. Proposed by Sarah Rutter. - Social Co-Ordinator - Open 	
10	<i>Appointment of Accountant</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appointment of Accounts Examiners – The firm Ribchesters. 	
11	<i>Annual Subscriptions</i>	<p>The Executive Committee recommends that Senior-racing membership should increase from £28 per month to £30 per month, with boat storage fees increasing to £14 per month.</p> <p>-</p>	
12	<i>AOB</i>	<p>Joyce Collett asked if there could be clear marking of car parking spaces available to DARC members because of the reduced number of spaces.</p> <p>Joyce also asked that the club purchase lockers which may be used by individual members on a more permanent basis as Tyne Utd. This had already been discussed at management meetings after Joyce requested previously.</p> <p>The weeds in the river were discussed. PR asked if Nick Baird would get a team together to help with this problem.</p> <p>The Dredging of the river was discussed. Richard Mortimer informed the members that the cost would be approx. £100K.</p> <p>George Adair suggested that people be more vocal in the media to try to get help with this problem.</p>	

		Linda Forwood requested a 5 year plan for the hospitality venue. GM asked that members consider that many businesses became bankrupt during/after the pandemic whereas DARC are functioning fully.	

Meeting closed	21:20
Date of next meeting	TBC