



NOTED BY Council 28/11/2009

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTYSIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BRITISH ROWING**  
held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 at the De Vere Conference Centre, Wokefield  
Park, Reading at 10.00 am.

### PRESENT -

**Directors:** Mrs. D.M. Ellis (Chairman), M. Blandford-Baker, G. Harris, C. Jenkins (Chairman WARA), A. Johnson, C. Llewellyn, P. Lorenzato, R. Mallett, M. Morrice (President Scottish Rowing), Miss K. O'Sullivan, Mrs A. Phelps, R. M. Paterson, M. Stallard, W.C. Thomson, S. Ward, M.D. Williams.

**Company Secretary:** J.R. Allsop.

**Members:** C. Anton, J.E. Biddle, M. Blandford-Baker, M. Brandon-Bravo, M. Carr, Mrs S. Cassidy, J. Clayton, S. Darnbrough, J.C. Davies, C. Eales, A.J. Evans, Miss A. Faiers, P. Fenoulhet, C. George, M. Green, B. Hawden, T. Hewitt, N. Jackson, A. Johnson, Mrs B. Millns, P. Moore, R. Murray, R. Phelps, Ms F. Rennie, Mrs P. Sondheimer, H. Trotter, A. Weekes, A. West, R. West.

**In attendance:** Mrs. R.E. Napp, Mrs P. Randolph, P. Baldwin, A. Bryant, P. Clements, A. Crawford, C. Eales, C. Killick, J. Lee, B. Margetts, Ms J. Perry, M. Phillips, J. Purkess,

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The Chairman asked the meeting to stand to remember in silence the following members of the rowing community who had recently died: Joan Filkins, Savings Bank, Weybridge Ladies RC and one time Secretary of Women's ARA, Andy de Quidt, Community Coach with London Youth Rowing, Ian Thompson, Honorary Treasurer Cambridge University Boat Club, Harry Harvey, past Divisional Representative, Regional Chairman of East Midlands and Chairman of the Veteran Commission.

### 1. CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Chairman said she was pleased to extend a warm welcome to everyone to the first AGM under the name of British Rowing. This first year of an Olympiad had been an extremely busy period with a number of working parties looking at various parts of the sport, staff developing new programmes and a number of volunteers working hard on the three international events that the UK will host in the next three years.

It has been another successful year on the water with comprehensive wins at the Home Countries, GB France, Coupe de la Jeunesse. The World Juniors and World U23s produced three medals from each event and the World Seniors won 10 medals, six Olympic class, one non-Olympic and three Paralympic, a promising result for the first year of the Olympiad.

Financial support from Sport England and the CCDP has been of huge benefit to clubs in terms of minor and major rebuilds of their premises besides refurbishments and



sorting out tenure problems. Caversham continues to provide a challenge in terms of rates which will be impossible to sustain in the longer term. The support from the Henley Stewards' Charitable Trust for the scholarship scheme across the UK is invaluable and it was rewarding to see the young coaches sharing their experiences with Sir Steve Redgrave, our Honorary President, and Lord Rosser from the Parliamentary Fellowship Scheme at the regatta. For our international team the excellent news of renewal of the Siemens sponsorship and the continuation of lottery funding via UK Sport provides the security necessary if we are to retain and improve on the success of the last Olympiad.

Rowing was extremely grateful to AstraZeneca and Brand X for their support through the market research and branding exercise for our change of name and the data produced which helped contribute to the new Explore Rowing programme.

On behalf of British Rowing, the Chairman thanked the Treasurer and Financial Controller for their prudent management of our accounts, the National and International Managers, the staff and all of the volunteers present for what they did to make Rowing such a successful sport and to keep it ahead of the game, be it coaching, competition, development, child protection, anti-doping or running clubs and regions.

#### **Medal of Honour – for outstanding service to the sport of rowing.**

In recognition of three people who have given almost a lifetime to the sport it was the Chairman's pleasure to announce the names of those considered for the award and who would, with the meeting's ratification, be awarded this year's Medals of Honour:

**Margaret Adams** – Women's Rowing, umpiring nationally and internationally, and events.

**Simon Goodey** – Adaptive Rowing, nationally and internationally, Paralympics.

**Peter Smith** – Club and regional work.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

M. Adams, R. Bayliss, T. Edwards, B. Foster, R. Hatton, M. Martin, R. Noakes, D. Tanner, J. Veats, T. Williams.

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

#### **3. To approve the Minutes of the Twentyfifth Annual General Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2008**

The minutes were approved and signed. Proposed by M. D. Williams and seconded by R. West.

#### **4. The Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

Together with the reports of the Executive Committee and Auditors, the accounts were presented to the meeting. It was noted that the company had continued to trade under the name of Amateur Rowing Association until this weekend but as a matter of law was registered as British Rowing after the June 2009 meeting. The Treasurer went through the accounts giving some brief background. The Chairman said that while the International surplus might seem quite high, it was largely due to sponsorship income and it was important to remember that International funding had



to be looked at in the context of the four years of an Olympiad. Next year, for example, the GB squad would have to travel to New Zealand to take part in the World Championships. The situation with the rates at Caversham also continued to be a drain on resources.

R. Phelps asked if British Rowing's cash reserves were being spread among the different banks as a risk measure. J. Allsop said that four bank accounts had been opened and money had been transferred over the course of the last twelve months but that the reserves were currently back with one bank as the financial situation had settled.

The Accounts had been approved by the Board and the Chairman thanked the Treasurer and the Financial Controller for their hard work in preparing them.

#### **5. The appointment of *haysmacintyre* as Auditors of the Company**

The meeting was asked to approve the appointment of *haysmacintyre* to hold office until conclusion of the next General Meeting at which Accounts are laid before the Company and to authorise the Executive Committee to fix their remuneration.

The appointment of *haysmacintyre* was approved.

Having concluded the formal business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.

10.35 am