

**WESSEX REGIONAL ROWING COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 18th MARCH 2008**

Attending:

Colin Eales (Chairman & Southsea RC), Chris Foad (Itchen Imperial ARC), Tim Bull (Wessex Treasurer & Lymington ARC), Mike Green (Div 22 Rep & Christchurch ARC), Kay Hume (BTC ARC), Colin Fagan (Lymington ARC), James Lee (Bournemouth University), Penny Glazzard (Secretary & Coalporters ARC), Rachael Wooldridge (ARA Wessex Regional Team Leader), John Bailey (Southampton & H&D), Alex Sweeney (Southsea RC), Marion Framton (Poole ARC)

Apologies:

Steve Bull (Ryde ARC & Hants & Dorset Hon. Sec)

Guests:

Alastair Keir (Lymington ARC)

Venue: Lymington ARC

Meeting commenced: 19:00

Item 1: Minutes of last meeting – Matters arising

- AK informed the WRRC that London will be commencing a low emissions charge for all commercial vehicles (including minibuses) from 2010. This will affect crews going into London with towing vehicles if they do not come in line with the low emission count (it starts at the end of the M3, you can see the green 'C' signs). WRRC to look into.
- AS said that Southsea were looking into a small bus permit for their minibus as they charge people to go on the bus as this may have an impact on insurance. CF suggested that all clubs look at their transport policy, especially if they have their own minibus.
- The trailer driving courses are more than initially expected and are actually £300 per person (initially estimated at £200 per person).
- CF reported that he hasn't been able to contact Swanage and Weymouth Gig clubs – he will action this by the next WRRC meeting. RW has met with them and said that they are keen to be involved in the WRRC but are not sure where they may fit in?

Item 2: ARA Strategy

- MG reported that there was little discussed at the Council meeting which would have any bearing on the region, the main point of discussion was around the GB trials. The next meeting in June will have a debate on the 2009 Coastal FISA Championships which MG will report back on.

Item 3: Regional Team Leader Report – Rachael Wooldridge

- Club & Coach Programme – all clubs have sent feedback. The Dorset regions focus is on Christchurch region with 12 hours coaching per week and Christchurch ARC will be putting funding towards the scheme. RW and TW will be interviewing the candidates for the programme in a practical assessment. The Hampshire programme will be based on 20 hours per week and in the 1st year, Lymington, Newport, Shanklin and Solent University will be the main focus. Ryde did also express an interest but as they have been involved in the Community Coach scheme, they are not eligible to join in at this point. BTC have also expressed an interest in taking part. This is a 3 year post and has the flexibility to move around the clubs based on demand. The coach will be looking to coach athletes and crews of 16 years + and to also increase participation in rowing within the region. RW to update the WRRRC at next meeting.
- There has been no Wessex newsletter due to lack of information coming in from clubs – please send reports, news and articles through to RW.
- In Jan & Feb, 400+ schoolchildren took part in indoor rowing competitions in the Hants & Dorset region. Reports, results and photos are on the Wessex section of the ARA website. It was the biggest competition held in the region so far with 8 schools taking part. RW said that due to its popularity, clubs should really be promoting themselves at the events next year.
- RW will be running quarterly I.O.W meetings with Newport, Shanklin and Ryde clubs from now.
- RW pointed out that www.sporthampshireiow.co.uk holds lists of all sports clubs and some rowing clubs are not on there. Suggested that all clubs look to see if they are listed and if not, get their details on, free listing.
- The Hampshire Youth Games are taking place on the 21st June 2008 at Aldershot. We have been taking ergos up every year (Nick Chmarny has run it for several years) and RW is looking for volunteers for this year – please contact RW if you can help.

Item 4: Coaching Development

Junior Coaching Commission – Chris Foad

- The Junior Inter Regional Regatta entry fee is £700 whether you have a full team or not attending. Wessex are only 3 boats short of a full team this year. MG will send invoices out to the clubs involved as soon as the team is confirmed. Confirmed as £10 per head and payment is required by 12th April 2008. Cox's do not pay.
- 5-7th April is the Wessex Junior Training Camp – RW is chasing up attendees and Junior Coordinators. Deadline for people to confirm that they are attending is 23.03.08
- Training Day at Canford Incident was discussed by the WRRRC. SB as Water Safety Advisor for the WRRRC had written to Ian Drysden at Canford and obtained a full incident report which SB was happy with. SB also wrote to Jackie and Mike Chester, however, did not feel that the incident report from Ian was his property to forward on so has suggested that they contact Ian directly to obtain a copy. After a long discussion on ways to improve training days and learning from the incident to ensure it won't happen again, CF and

SB to put together guidelines for hosting Wessex Training Days for the next meeting.

Senior Coaching Commission – Terry Wilson

- Level II course – 8 candidates have taken part in the course but have not completed their practical assessments. Candidates to contact TW to arrange.
- Level III course – all theory has been completed.

Item 5: Any other business

- It was agreed to not renew the Wessex Club affiliation fee as it has not been used for many years.
- Graham Elliott has asked for volunteers to help with Bryanston Regatta on 08.06.08.

Thanks to Lymington Rowing Club for the use of their facilities.

Meeting closed 9.40pm

Next meeting dates

Tuesday 20th May 2008 – Coalporters ARC

Tuesday 15th July 2008 – Christchurch ARC

Tuesday 16th September 2008 – Southsea RC

Tuesday 18th November 2008 (AGM) – Southampton ARC

Please note that all meetings will commence at 7.00pm unless otherwise stated