



Minutes of the
Annual General Meeting
of
Goring Gap Boat Club

22nd November 2006 at 7.30pm

Goring Social Club

Committee Present:

Chairman	Neil Derbyshire
Honorary Secretary	Fenella Harbridge
Honorary Treasurer	Tim Gill
Captain of Rowing	Richard Bowsher
Membership Secretary	Don Harrison
Regatta Chairman	Anita Hunt
Social Secretary	Bexy Butcher
Members	Hedley West Pete Greaves Bruce Evans
Commodore	John Wills

Membership Present:

Ian Smith, Geoff Horne, Tim Greaves, Susan Allen, Nev Llewellyn, Andy McKenzie, Keith Marr, John Sutcliffe, Steve Anidjah, Pete West, Philippa Jones, Stuart Hunt, Chris Coburn, Malcolm Fry, Emrhys Barren, Mike Colinson, Mike Cheeseman, Jo Clements.

Apologies received:

Zoe Dinsdale, Laura Forrest, Vanessa Mundy.

The meeting commenced at 7.45pm and was opened with an introduction from the chairman, Neil Derbyshire. He briefly outlined the format of the meeting and mentioned the rule changes that had been proposed and would be voted upon during the meeting. He added that since the proposed rule changes had been sent to the membership with the AGM notification, that two further changes had been received by the secretary seven days prior to the meeting.

He stressed that the rule changes had been proposed by a sub-committee of the boat club committee and had been broadly agreed by the committee prior to the AGM. He engaged all present to familiarise themselves with the proposals prior to item 6 of the agenda.

There followed a short presentation of a tankard from Neil Derbyshire to John Sutcliffe for his sterling work as a starter in supporting the Goring & Streatley regatta.

Business of the Meeting

1 Minutes of the 2005 AGM and EGM

The minutes of last year's AGM and EGM were agreed.

2 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Andy McKenzie proposed that the minutes were a true reflection of the last AGM and EGM;

Neil Derbyshire seconded.

The minutes were approved.

3 Chairman's Report (Neil Derbyshire)

For a full report, refer to Appendix 1.

Neil Derbyshire thanked various committee members for their efforts over the last year including:

Anita Hunt as Regatta Chairman

Richard Bowsher, for his sterling efforts as Captain of Rowing, his Learn to Row course and the website.

He thanked those members who had worked hard on the committee but for various reasons had stepped down over the year.

He stressed to the membership that the current committee, under the rules of the club, would step down tonight and although there were members who had shown an interest in standing for the committee, anyone could put themselves forward.

Following the chairman's report, there was a short presentation to Don Harrison, stepping down as membership secretary, who had been a committee member since the club's inception.

Neil Derbyshire concluded by saying that he had agreed to take on the responsibility as chairman for one year and wished his successor all the best.

Tim Gill formally recorded a vote of thanks for Neil's Work in steering the new committee over the year. The vote of thanks was proposed by Tim Gill and seconded by Fenella Harbridge.

4 Captain of Rowing Report (Richard Bowsher)

For a full report, refer to Appendix 2.

Richard Bowsher stated that the year had been successful. He said that whilst some progress had been made to improve safety, a lot more was required and that more improvements would be required over the coming year. He stated that affiliation to the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA) required specific roles to be undertaken including Welfare and Safety Officers.

He suggested that the next five years should be used to identify a permanent location for the club.

Richard then briefly summarised the equipment that had been purchased over the last year. He also focussed on the repairs required for maintaining existing craft. He stated that there were opportunities to build racking required to store the club's boats. He suggested that there may also be opportunities to apply for grants to purchase new boats and other equipment.

He informed the membership that he had undertaken a coaching course.

Richard then discussed the successes of members competing in various events over the year including Angers, Paris and local ARA head races; also the social events such as the round the island head and the dolphin centre.

He thanked Anita for her efforts in putting on another successful regatta, but stressed that more people need to be involved with regatta training. He said that it was his opinion that the regatta could generate more income.

Richard then spoke of the L2R course indicating that the aim was to generate income for a new boathouse. It had also generated an additional 12 new and very keen members.

On the website, Richard asked the members to contribute by providing articles.

He concluded by thanking everyone for their support.

Regatta

Neil Derbyshire then deviated from the agenda and asked Anita Hunt to provide a few words on the regatta.

Anita Hunt Regatta Chairman

Anita said that she would like to use this occasion to thank everyone who make the regatta happen. She reiterated Richard's plea for more help with regatta training. She encouraged anyone who had not done so before, to get involved saying that, despite the hard work, it is very rewarding.

She wished her successor good luck.

5 Treasurers Report (Tim Gill)

For a full breakdown of the accounts, refer to Appendix 3.

Tim began by thanking Carol Ball (not present) for preparing the accounts.

He stated that the club's financial year was changed last year; this year was therefore a transitional year of 13 months and should therefore be considered when making

comparisons with last year's accounts. The financial year now runs from 1st October to 30th September.

Boat Club Accounts:

- 1 36% rise in subscriptions
- 2 Social events had generated less income, in part due to the smaller dinner dance occasion
- 3 Income generated from the loan of boats to Wallingford pub regatta is for two years.

There was an enquiry regarding the Awards for All grant of £5000. Richard Bowsher answered the question detailing that the grant originated from lottery funding for small clubs and schools to support a specific project; in this case the learn to row course in purchasing the launch craft. It does not prevent the club from applying for other grants.

Regatta Accounts:

- 1 Profit was down by 11% on the previous year but had exceeded other years. Specifically, income generated from the gate and entries was down.
- 2 The Gazebos had been an excellent success thanks to the hard work put in by Nick Bubb.
- 3 There appeared to be differentials in coding used for sponsors and advertising; however program printing was more costly this year than the previous.
- 4 Expenditure for equipment and logistics had increased by 10%
- 5 No other significant points

Balance Sheet:

- 1 Increase in fixed assets of £6000 as a result of new equipment, despite depreciation
- 2 There is a better balance between the current and deposit accounts which will result in a better rate of interest.
- 3 The club's total assets had increased over the year by 19% (from 60.5k to £72k)

A question was posed regarding the number of people who came through the gate. Tim
| recollected that it had been approximately 3000 people.

Neil Derbyshire proposed that the accounts were accurate and should stand.

John Wills seconded this.

The accounts were accepted as a true reflection of the club's income and expenditure.

6 Proposed Rule Changes

Please see appendix 4 for details.

i) Sub-committee Rule Change Proposals

Neil Derbyshire informed those present that the sub-committee had been formed from the boat club committee and that the committee was broadly in agreement with the proposed changes. He asked whether there were any questions or clarification required.

Tim Gill briefly outlined the background and methodology used, describing the format of the document presented to the membership. He stated that, there were other rules that had not been considered necessary for amendment.

Andy McKenzie asked for clarification regarding rule 18 on junior membership. Tim pointed out that this was included under another rule. Richard Bowsher stated that the objective had been to tidy up the rules so that there was no duplication.

Stuart Hunt suggested that the membership year could be changed to start following the regatta to catch all enthusiastic post regatta members and asked whether this had been considered by the sub-committee. Discussion on this point ensued. Neil Derbyshire said that it could be considered next year but for the purpose of this AGM, only those proposals put forward should be considered.

Tim went on to draw attention to the changes in rule 21 regarding the constitution of the committee and the five members to be elected without portfolio. There was some discussion regarding the responsibilities of these members. Neil Derbyshire

said that responsibilities could be discussed at the first meeting of the new committee.

Neil Derbyshire identified the problems encountered regarding 5b, supervision of junior members. He stated that advice had been sought from the ARA who were not particularly prescriptive. The wording agreed was considered a compromise.

ii) Two Additional Rule Changes Proposed

- 1 Proposal by Tim Gill regarding Rule 20, allowing committee members to stand for a term of 3 years. Tim proposed an extension to 5 years. There was discussion regarding the merits and drawbacks of this rule.
- 2 Proposed by Richard Bowsher regarding the water safety code

iii) Voting on the Rule Changes

Sub-committee Proposals

Proposed by Neil Derbyshire seconded by Don Harrison

Majority membership in favour therefore carried

Rule 20 change to 5 Years

Proposed by Tim Gill seconded by Anita Hunt

Majority membership in favour therefore carried

Water Safety Code

Proposed by Richard Bowsher seconded by Fenella Harbridge

Majority membership in favour therefore carried

7 Membership Fees

Neil Derbyshire informed the membership that the committee had proposed the following increase in annual club membership:

Category	Current	Proposed
Full	£40.00	£50.00
Junior	£20.00	£25.00
Social	£20.00	£25.00

The membership fee increase was proposed by Neil Derbyshire and seconded by Bexy Butcher.

Membership in favour therefore carried

8 New Committee Election

The current committee stood down.

Chairman

Fenella Harbridge proposed **Tim Gill**, seconded by Stuart Hunt

Membership in favour therefore carried

Honorary Secretary

Anita Hunt proposed **Stuart Hunt**, seconded by Neil Derbyshire

Membership in favour therefore carried

Honorary Treasurer

Tim Gill proposed **Fenella Harbridge**, seconded by Stuart Hunt

Membership in favour therefore carried

Captain of Rowing

Neil Derbyshire proposed **Richard Bowsher**, seconded by Anita Hunt

Membership in favour therefore carried

Captain of Boats

Phillipa Jones proposed **Pete Greaves**, seconded by Steve Anidjah

Richard Bowsher proposed **Pete West**, seconded by Stuart Hunt

A ballot was undertaken. The vote counters were Jo Clements and Sally Reeve.

The result of the ballot by a small margin was that Pete Greaves would take office.

Social Secretary

Fenella Harbridge proposed **Bexy Butcher**, seconded by Stuart Hunt

Membership in favour therefore carried

Membership Secretary

Pete Greaves proposed **Tim Greaves**, seconded by Anita Hunt

Membership in favour therefore carried

Regatta Chair

Hedley West proposed **Ian Smith**, seconded by Stuart Hunt.

Membership in favour therefore carried

5 Additional Members

Member	Proposed by	Seconded by
Roger Moore	Andy McKenzie	Nev Llewellyn
Pete West	Hedley West	Don Harrison
Anita Hunt	Neil Derbyshire	Richard Bowsher
Susan Allen	Fenella Harbridge	Nev Llewellyn
Hedley West	Don Harrison	Tim Gill
Zoe Dinsdale	Fenella Harbridge	Richard Bowsher
Vanessa Mundy	Fenella Harbridge	Nev Llewellyn
Michael Colinson	Tim Gill	Anita Hunt
Neil Derbyshire	Richard Bowsher	Fenella Harbridge

Susan Allen provided a short briefing on her background at Wallingford rowing club, her recent coaching for the GGBC L2R course, and her intentions regarding taking an active role in the committee and how she thought she would be able to undertake more coaching within this role.

A ballot was undertaken. The vote counters were Jo Clements and Sally Reeve.

Ballot Results:

Michael Colinson, Anita Hunt, Pete West and Susan Allen had the majority votes and were duly elected on to the committee.

There was a tie for 5th position between Neil Derbyshire and Roger Moore.

A second ballot was undertaken to determine the 5 member.

The 5th member elected on to the committee was Neil Derbyshire.

9 AOB

1 Save our Waterways

Chris Coburn gave a short presentation regarding the Save our waterways campaign and encouraged all present to attend the nationwide protest this coming Saturday. There would be a boat blockade at Goring lock, press in attendance.

2 Vote of Thanks

Neil Derbyshire expressed a vote of thanks to Hedley West who has been a long serving member of the committee and an active member in supporting the clubs activities.

Neil Derbyshire closed the meeting by reminding everyone who the new committee are and thanked everyone for attending

Close of Meeting: 9.50pm